insider

The latest news and events from San Antonio Independent School District

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Class of 2019 Dell Scholars

Six SAISD seniors have been selected to become part of the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation's 2019 Dell Scholars cohort. Travis Early College High School's Judge-Anthony Rios, Nayeli Arias, Regina Rivas, and Zion Minor along with Young Women's Leadership Academy's Angela Hernandez and Emily Garcia are among the 500 students from across the nation selected for this life-changing opportunity.

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Carvajal teacher receives 2019 Trinity Prize for Excellence in Teaching

Andrea Greimel, a bilingual early childhood teacher at Carvajal Early Childhood Education Center, has been awarded the 2019 Trinity Prize for Excellence in Teaching during a ceremony on March 22, 2019, on the Trinity University campus. Greimel, and Fort Sam Houston ISD's Katie Michna, were selected from a pool of 19 distinguished educators who were nominated by area school districts. The prize, which comes with a $2,500 cash prize and a crystal apple, honors motivated and dedicated educators in the San Antonio region.

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SAISD celebrates its library workers

Spring is the perfect time to celebrate all things libraries! April is National School Library Month as designated by the American Association of School Librarians, with April 4 designated as National School Librarian Day and April 9 as National Library Workers Day.

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PPCD Olympics brings students together

Hundreds of enthusiastic students, cheering parents and colorful game stations filled the SAISD Alamo Convocation Center last week for the 26th Annual Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities (PPCD) Olympics. The PPCD Olympics gives children enrolled in the PPCD program, as well as PreK through kinder classes that participate in at least half day inclusion with PPCD students, a chance to get together and work on their fine and large motor development in the form of individual and collaborative games.

Fine arts program receives national recognition

SAISD has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. This is the first year the District has been awarded the designation.

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Fairy Tale Ball at Advanced Learning Academy

As a culmination of Advanced Learning Academy's PreK Fairy Tale unit, students participated in a "Fairy Tale Ball" where they had the chance to visit activity stations including crown making, croquet, nail and face painting, fairy tale food tasting and dancing. Students were invited to dress up as a Fairy Tale character for the event.

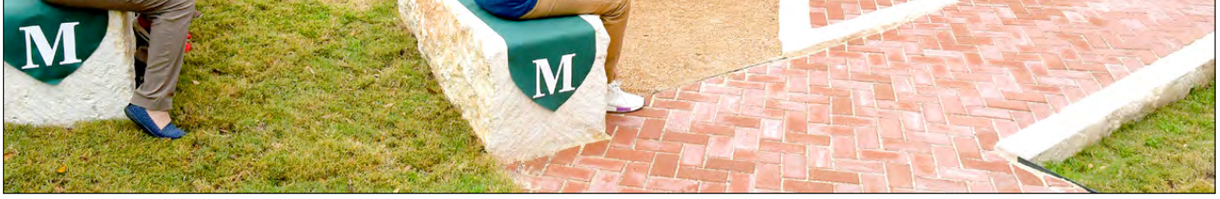
Silver and Black Give Back at Hirsch Elementary

Silver and Black Give Back surprised teachers and staff at Hirsch

Elementary School when the nonprofit of Spurs Sports & Entertainment made over the school's Staff Lounge as part of the group's "30 Acts of Kindness in 30 Days." The Spurs Coyote helped reveal the makeover to the staff on April 1.

Students receive Academic Achievement Award

Congratulations to Young Women's Leadership Academy senior Mia Saucedo and junior Devyn Moore who received the American Psychological Association's Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools (TOPSS) Academic Achievement Award. The award is chosen based on academic achievement, positive attitude, habits of inquiry, work ethic, and improvement over time.

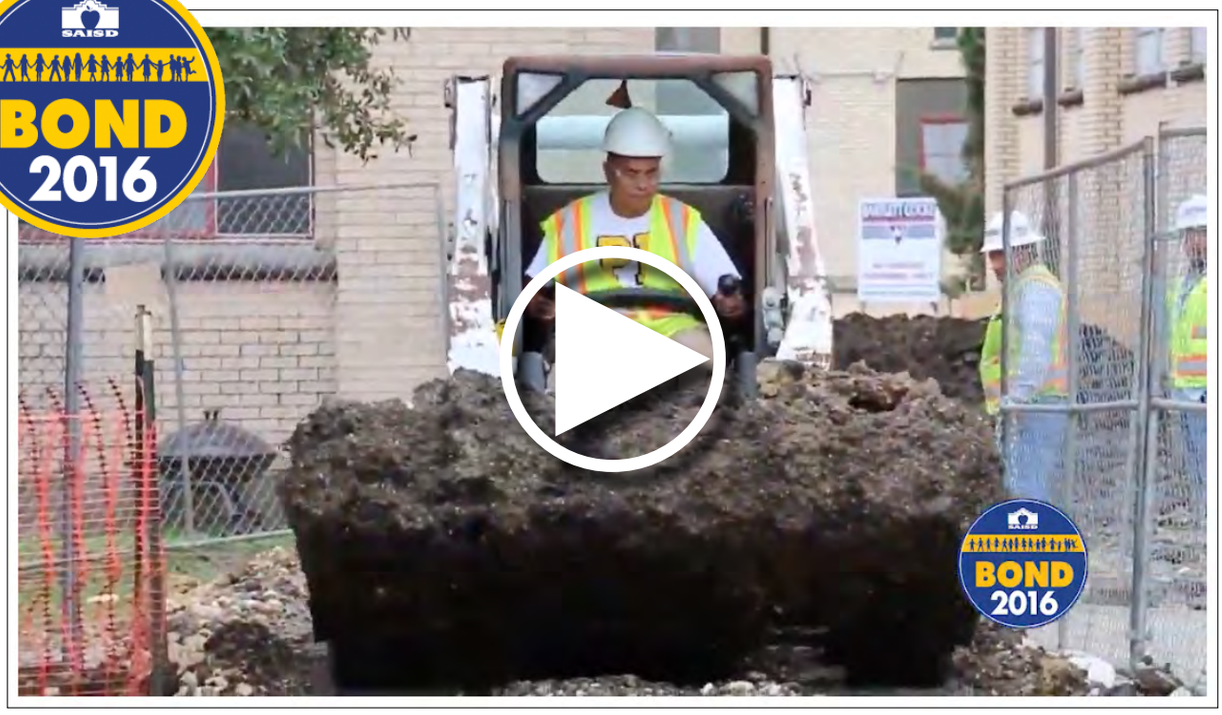


New outdoor learning environment at Maverick

This morning, Maverick Elementary School celebrated the grand opening of the school's new outdoor learning environment, which was funded entirely with prize money earned by the school's participation in PepsiCo recycling competitions the past four years. The school worked with local architects and as well as architecture students from Jefferson High School to identify the best location for the outdoor learning space based on campus drainage, water runoff and land grade in order to create the best plan possible for the area. Teachers will be able to use the area to hold class outside and the school will use the area for family-friendly events.

Tresses to treasure

School librarian Araceli Lavet and several students from Ball Academy have been growing their hair out since last summer in preparation to make a donation. And this week, the long-haired volunteers stepped up and cut at least 8 inches each of their own hair to donate toward wigs for the organization Children With Hair Loss. The group creates wigs for children with cancer or alopecia.



Bond 2016 Project Series: Jefferson High School

Preserving history while modernizing learning spaces.

LEARN MORE ABOUT BOND 2016 HERE

Project Prom Dress

Ashley Johnson, application analyst clerk with SAISD Child Nutrition Services and the founder and president of Project Prom Dress, poses with formal dresses that will be distributed to San Antonio seniors and juniors this weekend in preparation for prom season. Project Prom Dress was founded in 2014, and to date, has collected thousands of dresses, shoes, and accessories that are given to San Antonio area teens who are in need of formal wear for various events, including proms. Teens are notified by word of mouth and social media to apply online during prom season. All items are free of charge to them and their families. In 2016, Project Prom Dress obtained 501c3 charitable status and now the group has expanded to assist teen boys with suits. Please help spread the word and let students in your life know about this amazing organization.

AVAILABLE NOW!

2019 SAISD FIESTA MEDAL

Supplies for this festive future keepsake celebrating our students are limited, so get yours before they're all gone.

SAISD Fiesta medals are now on sale

Mon - Fri.
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
While supplies last

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Saturday, April 13
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

SAISD Convocation Center
110 Tuleta Drive, 78212

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- Free immunization checks

HELP YOUR CHILDREN

- Free books and resources
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HAVE FUN

- Free food and drinks
- Free face painting
- Inflatable games
- Student Entertainment
- Win door prizes (Including an iPad and bike!)

FREE TRANSPORTATION

Every 30 minutes, starting at 8:30 a.m. at the following high schools:

- Brackenridge HS
- Burbank HS
- Edison HS
- Fox Tech HS
- Highlands HS
- Sam Houston HS
- Jefferson HS
- Lanier HS

For more information, contact the
Family and Community Engagement Department at:
(210) 554-2210 familyengagement@saisd.net

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THE FIRST 500 FAMILIES WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL GIFT!

This week's closing shot

Congratulations to SAISD's JROTC teams that competed this past weekend at the 2019 Army JROTC National Drill Championships in Richmond, Virginia. There were 103 drill teams from 83 schools that participated in the event. This past weekend's competitors were the finalists out of 1,731 JROTC programs from around the world. SAISD teams had outstanding performances, click **here** to view full results. Below are a few highlights from SAISD teams: The **Highlands High School Male Color Guard** placed fourth in the Armed Color Guard category, while **Brackenridge High School's Armed Color Guard** placed 10th. **Brackenridge** placed 13th in the **Armed Overall Championship**, with **Highlands** coming in 16th in the category. **Jefferson High School's Unarmed Drill Team** placed third in **Unarmed Regulation** and eighth in the **Unarmed Overall Championship**. **Jefferson's Armed Drill Team** also competed and finished in the top 20 percent of that category. In addition to competing, the students had the opportunity to visit Washington, D.C. Above, a number of SAISD JROTC students are reflected in the Korean War Veterans Memorial.

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