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Arnold ES named recycling champs

Arnold Elementary School administration held an end-of-school-year Pep Rally for its students on May 29 – but it was no ordinary pep rally. As cannons shot confetti into the air, students were surprised with the news that their school placed first in their league for the 2018-19 PepsiCo Recycle Rally challenge.

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Rising Star Teachers honored

From left to right: Analaura Paez, kindergarten teacher at Advanced Learning Academy; Hannah Smith, special education teacher at Japhet Academy; Lloyd Pegues, LOTC teacher at Rhodes Middle School; and Caleb Loomis, computer science teacher at CAST Tech High School were named the 2018 SAISD Rising Star Teachers of the Year. They each received a glass plaque and a \$200 voucher for the Learning Zone.

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Students earn OSHA 30 certifications

Construction students at Sam Houston High School are ending the 2018-2019 school year by being the first high schoolers in the city to earn OSHA 30 certifications from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. The 10-hour training program can lead to many entry-level construction jobs and paid internships. The training opportunity was made possible through a partnership with the South Texas Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.



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Students respond to community need

Longfellow Middle School students Amory Fernandez and Araceli Rodriguez collected donations for battered and abused women and donated the items to a nearby women's shelter. Their initiative was part of the school's International Baccalaureate (IB) Community Project and AVID class. Longfellow is an official IB-candidate school in the midst of the multi-year authorization process.



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Guest principals head to the classroom

SAISD held its second annual Principal for a Day May 22. Fourteen schools welcomed guest principals, and here you see KENS 5 weather anchor Bill Taylor at Harris Middle School. This year, the program not only invited leaders in, but also sent our principals out into the world of their “guests” via an “exchange learning” component. The program assists our District principals in forging relationships with community and business leaders – the first step in creating champions and partnerships within our community.

This week's closing shot

Jefferson High School seniors walked the halls of Maverick Elementary School, inspiring the younger students to set their sights on their own graduation. The Class of 2019 graduation ceremonies will be [webcast May 30-June 8](#).

