The latest news and events from San Antonio Independent School District

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Three outstanding educators were honored last night at SAISD's 2020 Distinguished Teachers of the Year ceremony. They are Christina Leal, special education teacher at Advanced Learning Academy (PK-3); Marie Marks, Spanish teacher at Young Women's Leadership Academy; and Adriana Abundis, mathematics teacher at Lanier High School. These outstanding educators will be considered as nominees for a variety of outside honors throughout the next school year.

Distinguished Teachers of the Year selected

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Thanks to a collaboration between San Antonio ISD and University Health

System (UHS), SAISD students and staff can seek medical attention for a variety of minor health conditions close to home. The Health Center West at Tafolla Middle School opens with full-time hours on Feb. 18.

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Longfellow Middle School has been named an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School for the Middle Years Programme. An

IB education is acclaimed worldwide because its active and engaging framework prepares students for college, and primes them to excel as lifelong learners in our global society. **READ MORE**

San Antonio ISD's Bilingual, ESL and Migrant Department is hosting its

Dual Language Summit

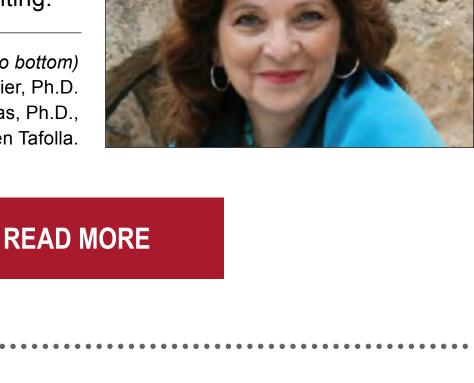
open to parents, teachers

first-ever Dual Language Summit on Feb. 28 and 29, 2020. While many conferences are geared for teachers, the department is also encouraging SAISD parents and community members to attend. "This first Dual Language Summit is a much needed event to not only to showcase our dual language

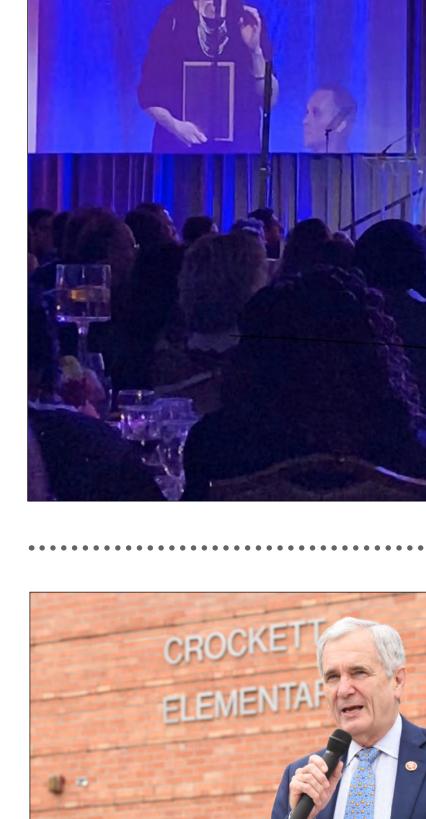
teachers, but also support and embrace our parents," said Dr. Xóchitl Anabel Rocha, bilingual/ ESL coordinator. "The summit is happening in conjunction with EPIC Saturday, and many of our teachers from the District will be presenting." Presenters (top to bottom) Deborah Palmer, Ph.D., Virginia Collier, Ph.D. & Wayne Thomas, Ph.D., and author and poet Carmen Tafolla.







Teacher honored in Washington, D.C. Andrea Greimel, Carvajal

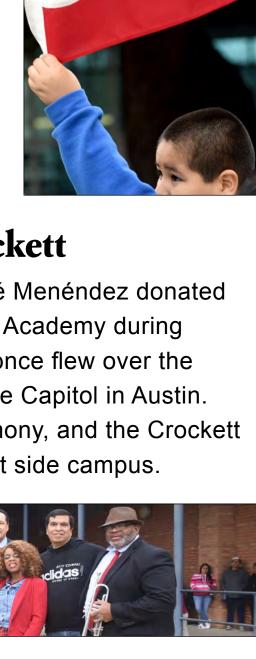


Head Start teacher, was honored last Friday by the National **Education Association (NEA)** as Texas Teacher of the Year

Elementary School dual language

during the association's Salute to Excellence in Education Gala. She and the other state winners were acknowledged in Washington, D.C., at the annual celebration where the organization celebrates educators, applauds students and shares more about the excellent educators who they honor.





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Living history demonstration The Bexar County **Buffalo Soldier** Association visited Longfellow Middle School LOTC students

from 1866 to 1890.

earlier this week. LTC

SAISD's director of

Army Instruction, was

one of the role players

demonstrating some of

the weaponry used by

the cavalrymen during

the Indian War period

(Retired) Jerry Cheatom,



2-hour evening workshop on

Thursday, Feb. 20 from 5:30-

7:30 p.m. for teachers to recruit

program ambassadors who will

support Watt Watchers of Texas

at their campuses. Participating

educators will receive two hours

of Continuing Professional Education

credits. Click here for registration information.

2020 Blue Ribbon 2020 Force

Applications for Blue Ribbon Task Force being

accepted through Feb. 18 San Antonio ISD is still accepting applications from interested individuals who would like to serve on the 2020 Blue Ribbon Task Force for the District. The 24-member task force will provide feedback on SAISD's facilities and educational needs assessments, provide input on priority projects, engage community input, and present a long-range plan Creation of the task force was approved by the SAISD Board of Trustees

This weeks closing shot

Glow-in-the-dark celebration for attendance

Students at Highland Hills Elementary School who had perfect

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on Jan. 21, 2020, to inform and advise Trustees in matters relating to a

recommendation to Trustees.

potential Bond referendum on Nov. 3, 2020.

attendance so far this semester were treated to a glow-in-the-dark dance on Monday. Glow sticks, necklaces and face paint were staples of the event, and students had a chance to socialize in the com for the hour-long event.

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