

NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT

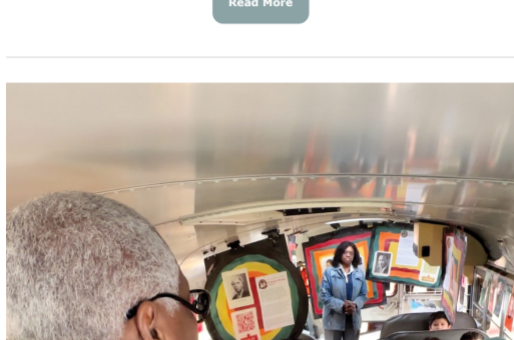


Fifth graders draft plan for outdoor learning spaces



Nearly 50 fifth graders at Bowden Academy made a presentation to the community Wednesday that could change the future of their school. They shared the designs they have been working on over the last five weeks for new outdoor learning spaces for the campus. It's a project that's been in the works for months after the students took a trip to Bamberger Ranch Preserve in Johnson City. "When we went to Bamberger Ranch, I got a lot of sunlight and it made me happy," student Adam Martinez said. "I had a lot less stress." The students have now been working to re-create that magic at Bowden by designing plans for three outdoor spaces of their own.

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Six Lego robotics teams tapped for regional contest

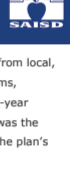


San Antonio ISD held its second annual FIRST Lego League Robotics Competition on Feb. 18 at Hot Wells Middle School. Students in grades 4-8 had the opportunity to participate in this robotics event to show what they learned through this year's theme, "Superpowered," which challenged students to improve the energy journey to their community. Last year, this event was open to only middle schoolers, but with growing interest in expanding STEM opportunities to fourth and fifth graders, the Career and Technical Education Department's STEM 6-12 program partnered with the Educational Technology & Design Department's K-5 program to expand the reach of this program to elementary students. A total of 21 schools participated. Pictured is Davis Middle School, one of six schools who qualified for the regional contest March 4.

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Black History Month bus visits district schools



The San Antonio ISD transportation department has been driving its Black History Month Pop-Up Museum to campuses across the district. Pictured are students from Herff Elementary enjoying the bus, which includes photos, brief bios, and a video link to compelling stories about district schools named after Black Americans. The bus has already visited 13 schools and plans to visit at least 15 more. "We expanded the program this year due to demand from the schools," Nathan Graf, senior executive director of Transportation, said. "This year we have double the number of schools participating. In fact, we had to expand the dates into March to accommodate the need."

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Local, national leaders give strategic plan input



Nearly 120 San Antonio ISD staff and students, along with representatives from local, state, and national nonprofits, governmental agencies, and education systems, gathered Feb. 10 to provide final input on the district's *Always Learning* five-year strategic management plan at the *Always Learning* Community Summit. It was the final step in a months-long composition and revision process leading up to the plan's final presentation to the Board of Trustees Feb. 27.

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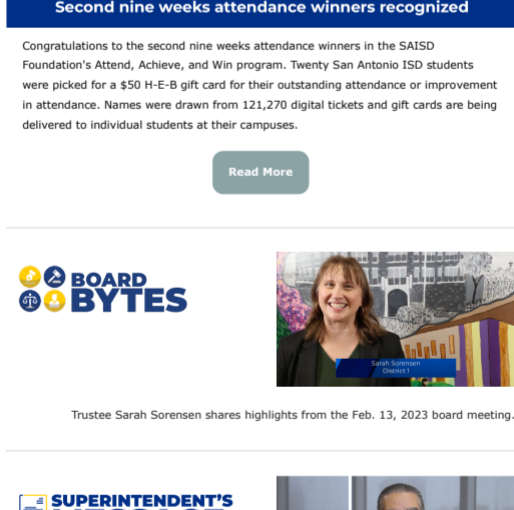


District reading teams prepare for city competition

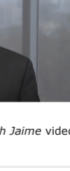


Twenty-five reading teams from across the district competed at Whittier Middle School Feb. 11 in the Battle of the Books and Book Battle Royale competitions for a chance to compete in city-wide competition. The first and second place teams from each contest qualified to compete at the next level. The district contests, sponsored by the Innovative Approaches to Literacy grant, featured 18 teams from 10 elementary schools for Battle of the Books (Grades 3-5) and seven middle school teams for Book Battle Royale.

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Groundbreaking kicks off Bond 2020 improvements



Rogers Middle School celebrated the kick-off of the SAISD 2020 Bond Feb. 17 with a groundbreaking for school improvements. The bond, approved by voters in November 2020, covers \$1.3 billion in improvements and new construction for 36 SAISD campuses. Improvements at Rogers Middle School include a new concept gym with PE and athletic spaces, renovated fine arts facility, renovated open-concept library and auditorium, and various site improvements. Campus leadership also announced the addition of a new college prep program to start the next academic year.

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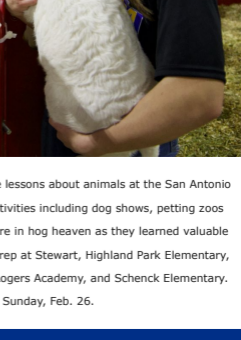


Second nine weeks attendance winners recognized

Congratulations to the second nine weeks attendance winners in the SAISD Foundation's Attend, Achieve, and Win program. Twenty San Antonio ISD students were picked for a \$50 H-E-B gift card for their outstanding attendance or improvement in attendance. Names were drawn from 121,270 digital tickets and gift cards are being delivered to individual students at their campuses.

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BOARD BYTES



Trustee Sarah Sorensen shares highlights from the Feb. 13, 2023 board meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



Watch the superintendent's latest *Quick Takes with Jaime* video.

CLOSING SHOTS

Students from all over the district have loved the lessons about animals at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo grounds. Taking in the activities including dog shows, petting zoos and the much-anticipated pig races, students were in hog heaven as they learned valuable lessons about science. Pictured are Democracy Prep at Stewart, Highland Park Elementary, the Advanced Learning Academy at Euclid, Will Rogers Academy, and Schenck Elementary. The San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo ends on Sunday, Feb. 26.

