

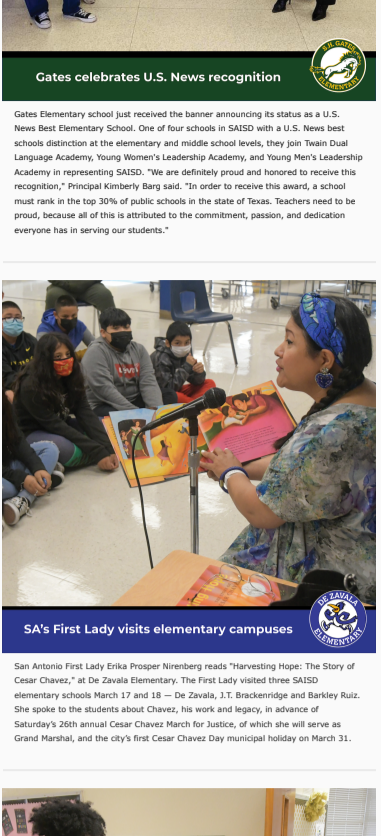


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THE LATEST NEWS AND EVENTS FROM SAN ANTONIO ISD

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CAMPUS NEWS



Gates celebrates U.S. News recognition

Gates Elementary school just received the banner announcing its status as a U.S. News Best Elementary School. One of four schools in SAISD with a U.S. News best schools distinction at the elementary and middle school levels, they join Twin Dual Language Academy, Young Women's Leadership Academy, and Young Men's Leadership Academy in representing SAISD. "We are definitely proud and honored to receive this recognition," Principal Kimberly Bagg said. "In order to receive this award, a school must rank in the top 30% of public schools in the state of Texas. Teachers need to be proud, because all of this is attributed to the commitment, passion, and dedication everyone has in serving our students."



SA's First Lady visits elementary campuses

San Antonio First Lady Erika Prosper Nirenberg reads "Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez," at De Zavala Elementary. The First Lady visited three SAISD elementary schools March 17 and 18 — De Zavala, J.T. Brackenridge and Barkley Ruiz. She spoke to the students about Chavez, his work and legacy, in advance of Saturday's 26th annual Cesar Chavez March for Justice, of which she will serve as Grand Marshal, and the city's first Cesar Chavez Day municipal holiday on March 31.



Schenck Elementary starts new recycling program

The special education department at Schenck Elementary is giving back to the community through a new recycling project. Special education teachers partnered with Facilities Services to bring the single-stream recycling program to the school.

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Hawthorne students enjoy new 'Mini-DoSeum'

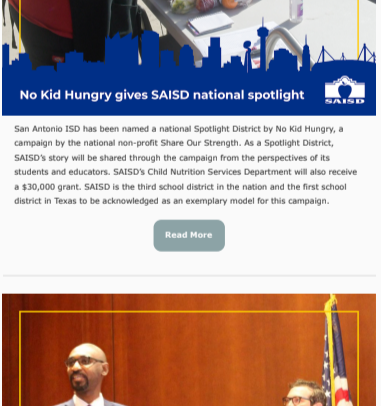
The waiting game is over for students at Hawthorne Academy. Students finally got to experience the school's newest learning space with a familiar name: the Mini-DoSeum. Instructional Coach Sara Zapata says it was her dream to bring that kind of learning experience offered by the children's museum on Broadway to Hawthorne students. Funded through an Innovative Grant by the SAISD Foundation, the room had its grand opening March 16.

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Nelson students perform at Woodlawn Theatre

Students from the three- and four-year-old classes of Ms. Martinez and Ms. Estrada at Nelson Early Childhood Education Center performed on the big stage at Woodlawn Theatre last week. Their program, called Nelson's Adventure, featured a compilation of songs from "Encanto" and "Vivo," including, of course, "We Don't Talk About Bruno." This performance was under the supervision of Woodlawn Theatre Youth Program Director Lizel Sandoval with instructors Nora Martinez Rodriguez and Sarah Davis. The performance was part of a pilot program that Woodlawn Theatre (Academy for the Performing Arts) has with Early Childhood/Head Start age students. The City of San Antonio Head Start, SAISD Early Childhood Education Department and Dell Technologies made this opportunity possible.



Arnold student wins Best of Show in art contest

Arnold second grader Miley Herrera's art was chosen from the 38 first place winners as the Best of Show in the San Antonio Symphony's Paint to Music contest. Artwork for the 2021-2022 Paint to Music Contest was inspired by three selections of classical symphonic music: "Forest Murmurs" from the opera Siegfried by Gustav Wagner, "Jupiter, the Bringer of Jollity" from the orchestral suite The Planets by Richard Holst, and "Grand Teton" from The American Scene, Suite No. 5, by William Grant Still. Herrera was one of six students recognized at Arnold in the Symphony contest. Their art teacher is Monique Valero.

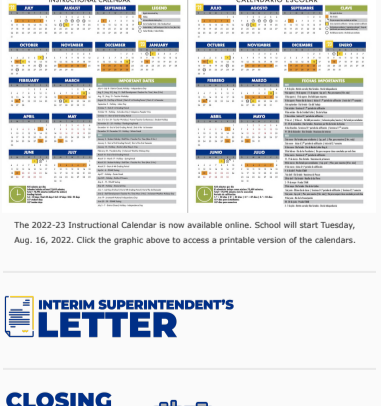


SAISD, Libya students solve global challenges

Through the Culturingus Global Social Entrepreneurship Journey virtual exchange, high school students create a social enterprise idea that solves a United Nations Sustainable Development goal, developing critical 21st century skills including cross-cultural collaboration and innovation. Throughout the program, students build bonds of friendship through food, heritage, and language.

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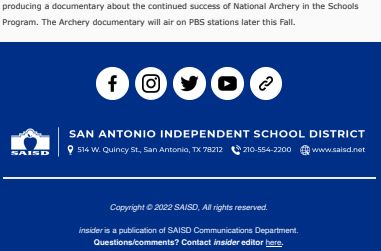
NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT



There's still time to support the SAISD Foundation

So far through United Way, payroll deduction, and recurring web donations, 1,388 San Antonio ISD employees have given or pledged more than \$82,000 to the SAISD Foundation this school year, funding valuable teacher grants, scholarships and student supplies. For those employees who missed the opportunity to make a gift this year through the United Way, there's still a chance to donate and get some cool Foundation gifts to show off their support.

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Trustees honor work of SAISD Foundation director

The San Antonio ISD Board of Trustees honored Judy Geelhoed, Executive Director of the SAISD Foundation, with a You Make a Difference Award at the March 21 meeting, recognizing her outstanding commitment and dedication to SAISD and its students, faculty and staff.

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No Kid Hungry gives SAISD national spotlight

San Antonio ISD has been named a national Spotlight District by No Kid Hungry, a campaign by the national non-profit Share Our Strength. As a Spotlight District, SAISD's story will be shared through the campaign from the perspectives of its students and educators. SAISD's Child Nutrition Services Department will also receive a \$30,000 grant. SAISD is the third school district in the nation and the first school district in Texas to be acknowledged as an exemplary model for this campaign.

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SAISD receives award at Texas Energy Summit

San Antonio ISD received the Outstanding School District Award at the Texas Energy Summit March 3. Each year, the Summit recognizes individuals and organizations that have demonstrated outstanding or unique contributions to clean air through energy efficiency and renewable energy actions or programs.

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THE 2022 SAISD FIESTA MEDAL IS HERE!

Supplies for this festive Fiesta keepsake celebrating our students, staff and district are limited, so get yours before they're all gone!

SAISD Fiesta medals will be on sale starting **March 23** from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Medals are **\$10.00** Includes tax (CASH ONLY) Proceeds benefit SAISD

Available while supplies last only at: **CENTRAL OFFICE PRINTING SERVICES**, 514 W. QuinCY St., San Antonio, TX 78212

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After a two-year break, SAISD Fiesta medals are back! Stop by Printing Services on the first floor of the Central Office building to get this year's *lotería*-themed medal for \$10 cash. Past medals are also available.

REMINDERS

CAST Tech offers free tax preparation

CAST Tech High School is hosting a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site on its campus to help households making a \$65,000 or less file their income taxes for free. CAST Tech students in Principles of Business, Entrepreneurship, and Practicum of Business classes do the data entry, while supervised by tax experts. The site is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and the next two Fridays from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information and dates, click the link below.

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2022-2023 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR

Month	Start	End
August	Aug 16	Aug 16
September	Sept 13	Sept 13
October	Oct 11	Oct 11
November	Nov 8	Nov 8
December	Dec 6	Dec 6
January	Jan 3	Jan 3
February	Feb 1	Feb 1
March	Mar 1	Mar 1
April	Apr 1	Apr 1
May	May 1	May 1
June	Jun 1	Jun 1
July	Jul 1	Jul 1

2022-2023 CALENDARIO ESCOLAR

Month	Start	End
Agosto	16	16
Septiembre	13	13
Octubre	11	11
Noviembre	8	8
Diciembre	6	6
Enero	3	3
Febrero	1	1
Marzo	1	1
Abril	1	1
Mayo	1	1
Junio	1	1
Julio	1	1

The 2022-23 Instructional Calendar is now available online. School will start Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2022. Click the graphic above to access a printable version of the calendars.

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

CLOSING SHOTS

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department brought their camera crew to SAISD on March 15 to showcase one of the teams in the district that is almost always on target. The Fox Tech High School Archery team has been under the direction of coach Janiced Cuccia since the program was established nearly a decade ago. "I think Archery has succeeded at Fox Tech because it's unique," Cuccia said. "The kids come out and it's something different. It's not like what they've always played since elementary school. And they LOVE it!" The TPWD is currently producing a documentary about the continued success of National Archery in the Schools Program. The Archery documentary will air on PBS stations later this Fall.

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