

Education Extra

Point Isabel Independent School District



School Board Recognition Month

As citizens who serve children and represent their communities, individual school board members face complex and demanding challenges. Yet, few people fully understand the scope and far-reaching implications of board members' responsibilities. All Texans should recognize the vital contributions of these men and women and focus attention on the crucial role these elected leaders play in the education of our children. They truly make a difference every day.

Their job is to establish a vision for the education program, design a structure to achieve that vision, assure schools are accountable to the community, and strongly advocate continuous improvement in student learning. That job entails an endless string of meetings and school functions to attend; reams of reports, agendas, proposals, and other information to read and study; and a host of difficult decisions to make.

School board members come from all walks of life. They are secretaries, homemakers, teachers, business owners, professors, architects, and real estate agents, to name just a few.

While they wear many hats in the workday world, school board members put on a collective hat when they get down to the business of leading their school districts. Board members must pull together as a team toward a common goal—helping our students achieve. While they may individually disagree on certain issues, their role as a board is to consistently strive toward excellence.

In recognition of this service, January is designated as School Board Recognition Month and countless districts across the state will take this opportunity to say thanks to our trustees for giving so much to their communities. Make a special effort to tell each school board member that his or her hard work has been noticed and is truly appreciated.



History Alive!

The National Park Service at Palo Alto gave a presentation to all of the 8th grade Social Studies students. Mr. Daniel Ibarra a park ranger from Palo Alto, brought all sorts of artifacts including cannons, uniforms, weapons, and tents from the battle that started the Mexican-American War back in 1846. A huge thanks to Ms. Tracie Kroenert for making all of the arrangements with the park.



UIL Literary Criticism Team Takes First Place

Congratulations to the Lit Crit team for taking first place at the UIL meet at Weslaco East. The team was competing against students from across the valley and as a team they beat perennial powers from both Edinburg and Weslaco. Erica Kryzwonski led the way by taking first place in the entire valley. Kailea Robbins and Emily Ochoa were close on her heels both placing 8th in the veterans and novice divisions respectively.

Other UIL competitors placing included Coby Michell and Miranda Vogel 4th in CX debate, Benjamin Allgood and Diego Alcantar 8th in CX debate, Angel Albino 10th in Social Studies, Ione Rodriguez 10th in Feature Writing and 3rd in News Writing, Laura Perez 5th in Feature Writing and 9th in Editorial Writing, Alessa Fernandez 3rd in News Writing and 10th in Feature Writing, Kailea Robbins 4th in News Writing, Karen Garcia 10th in Editorial Writing, Hailey Williams 8th in Editorial Writing and 6th in Headline Writing, and James Taylor 10th in Headline Writing and 7th in Editorial Writing. Students competed against 5A schools.



Litter Force

The Don't Mess with Texas Litter Force superheroes paid a visit to Derry and Garriga Elementary Schools.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is now targeting even younger Texans with its litter-prevention campaign. The new "Litter Force Team" teaches elementary-age children about the perils of littering and how they can pledge to help "Blast the Trash" and protect Texas roadways from litter.

Parental Involvement Sessions

Parental Involvement and Project Puente, joined together to guide parents to get more involved with their student's education.

Every month they host different meetings and topics for parents.

We invite parents and community to attend their next meeting.

Tuesday, January 24, 2012 "Developing Trust Within Families" at 9:00 a.m. in the Parent Center at Derry Elementary.

If you have any questions please contact Jimmy L. Vela at 956-943-0602.

Stronger Families = Stronger Children

It was once said that "Nothing is so powerful as an idea whose time has come". The concept of resilience- the idea that under the circumstances children can bounce back from virtually any adversity is indeed a powerful and welcomed idea. Children and young people grow best and strongest when we work with their strengths. In this parent session, we will present and discuss the traits of a strong healthy family and it's protective factors; the traits of the resilient child, and what kids need most. Please join us for a powerful session with useful information and tools to help raise stronger children.

Friday, January 20, 2012 at the Garriga Elementary Cafeteria from 8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Door Prizes and Refreshments will be given. We invite all parents to attend!



Derry Elementary Project PUENTE Grupo Folklorico!

The Derry Elementary Project PUENTE Grupo Folklorico participated at the annual South Padre Island Christmas Parade on December 19, 2011.

On December 20, 2011 the City of South Padre Island recognized the best of the parade and the Derry Elementary Grupo Folklorico placed 1st in the Kids Under Age 12 category. The group was awarded a check for \$175.

The Folklorico dancers are 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students and are under the direction of Mrs. Elvia Rivera.

Congratulations to all students, parents and Project PUENTE!

E vents

January 14

Garriga & Derry UIL meet Lyford at 8 a.m.

ATSSB All-Region Middle School Band Tryouts at La Feria at 8 a.m.

28th Annual Longest Causeway Run/Walk at 8 a.m.

January 16

1st Day of Second Semester of Project PUENTE Starts

Garriga PTO Meeting at 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
District I DECA CDC Conference at UTPA at 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

January 17

Regular School Board Meeting at Central Office at 6 p.m.

High School Compass Testing at High School Library at 8:10 a.m.

January 18

English Classes at Garriga at 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Superintendent's Student Leadership Council meeting at Port Isabel High School at 11:30 a.m.

"La Crianza De Los Hijos y Una Carrera" at Garriga 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

January 19

PIISD District Spelling Bee at Inez C. Martinez Multi-Purpose Building at 6 p.m.

English Classes at Garriga at 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

January 20

TMEA All-Region Middle School Band Tryouts at Rivera High School at 8 a.m.

January 21

Garriga and Derry in District UIL at La Feria at 8 a.m. a.m.

TMEA All-Region Middle School Band Tryouts at Rivera High School at 8 a.m.

All Valley Jazz/Band Concert at High School Auditorium at 8 a.m.

January 24

Substitute Orientation at Staff Development Center 8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

January 26

100th Day of School

January 27

TMEA All-Valley Middle School Band Clinic and Concert at Donna High School at 8 a.m.

January 28

JH Silver Stars Competition at South Padre Island at 8:00 a.m.

TMEA All-Valley Middle School Band Clinic and Concert at Donna High School at 8:00 a.m.

E ventos

enero 14

Concurso de UIL de Garriga & Derry en Lyford a las 8 a.m.

Prueba de competencia de banda ATSSB All-Region Middle School en La Feria a las 8 a.m.

28a Caminata Anual Causeway a las 8 a.m.

enero 16

empieza 1er dia del segundo semestre de Project PUENTE

Junta de PTO en Garriga 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Conferencia DECA CDC Distrito I en UTPA 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

enero 17

Junta regular del Consejo Escolar en la Oficina Central de PIISD a las 6 p.m.

Examen Compass en la biblioteca de Port Isabel High School a las 8:10 a.m.

enero 18

Clases de Ingles en Garriga de 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

"La Crianza De Los Hijos y Una Carrera" en Garriga 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

enero 19

Concurso de Ortografía de Distrito de PIISD en Inez C. Martinez Multi-Purpose Building a las 6 p.m.

Clases de Ingles en Garriga de 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

enero 20

Prueba de competencia de banda TMEA All-Region Middle School en Rivera High School a las 8 a.m.

enero 21

Concurso de UIL de Garriga & Derry en La Feria a las 8 a.m.

Prueba de competencia de banda TMEA All-Region Middle School en Rivera High School a las 8 a.m.

Concierto de All Valley Jazz/Band Concierto en el auditorio de Port Isabel High School despues del ensayo.

enero 24

Orientacion para subtitutos de maestros en Staff Development Center de 8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

enero 25

Junta del consejo de liderazgo del Superintendente en Port Isabel High School a las 11:30 a.m.

enero 26

100a dia de escuela

enero 27

Prueba de competencia de banda TMEA All-Region Middle School en Donna High School a las 8 a.m.

enero 28

Competencia de JH Silver Stars en la Isla del Padre a las 8:00 a.m.

Clinica y concierto de TMEA All-Valley Middle School Band en Donna High School a las 8:00 a.m.



Mes de Reconocimiento del Consejo Escolar

Como ciudadanos que sirven a los niños y representan a sus comunidades, los miembros individuales del consejo escolar se enfrentan a desafíos complejos y exigentes. Sin embargo, pocas personas comprenden plenamente el alcance y las implicaciones de largo alcance de las responsabilidades de los miembros del consejo.

Todos los tejanos deben reconocer las importantes contribuciones de estos hombres y mujeres y centrar la atención en el papel crucial que estos líderes electos desempeñan en la educación de nuestros hijos. Que realmente hacen la diferencia cada día.

Su trabajo consiste en establecer una visión para el programa de educación, diseñar una estructura para lograr esa visión, aseguran que las escuelas sean responsables ante la comunidad, y son un fervoroso partidario de la mejora continua en el aprendizaje del estudiante. Su trabajo implica un sinnúmero de reuniones y funciones de la escuela que asistir, gran cantidad de informes, agendas, propuestas y demás información para leer y estudiar, y una serie de decisiones difíciles de tomar.

Miembros del consejo escolar provienen de todos los ámbitos de la vida. Son secretarías, amas de casa, maestros, empresarios, profesores, arquitectos y agentes de bienes raíces, por nombrar sólo algunos.

Mientras que usan muchos sombreros en el mundo de trabajo, miembros del consejo escolar se ponen un sombrero colectivo cuando llegan a la tarea de dirigir a sus distritos escolares. Los miembros del Consejo deben unirse y colaborar como un equipo hacia un objetivo común, ayudar a nuestros estudiantes llegar al logro. Mientras que individualmente pueden estar en desacuerdo en ciertos temas, su papel como consejo es esforzarse constantemente hacia la excelencia.

En reconocimiento de este servicio, enero es designado como el Mes de Reconocimiento del Consejo Escolar y los distritos innumerables en todo el estado aprovecharán esta oportunidad para dar las gracias a nuestros administradores por dar tanto a sus comunidades. Haga un esfuerzo especial para decirle a cada miembro de la junta escolar que su duro su trabajo se ha notado y se aprecia de verdad.

