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Student Leadership Conference @ TEPSA

Representatives from Rosemont Elementary and Middle School Honor Society attended TEPSA, the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association, this fall. Schools from all over DISD participated in this year's event.

Students were presented with a variety of challenges, including a game where they were given the opportunity to make new friends. In addition, they created a play where they learned that members of a group can hold different offices with very important roles and responsibilities. At the end of the day, each school wrote a song representing leadership to perform at the talent show.

Not only did TEPSA teach them that a leader has to believe and trust in themselves, but a great leader will always have great responsibilities. All in all, it was a fun-filled day where students learned the true meaning of leadership.



By Adriana Sanchez

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ROSEMONT'S PRINCIPAL MR. BARKER

Marco Barker, our new principal at Rosemont Elementary and Middle school, was born in San Andres Island (Columbia) where he received his early childhood and high school education. After he moved to Dallas in 2000, he attended Paul Quinn College and completed his undergraduate work in Business Administration. He later attended Southern Methodist University, where he received a Master's degree in Education Administration.

Before becoming a principal, Mr. Barker was a teacher for nine years and started his career at Tom W. Field Elementary. For the past five years of his educational career, he has been in administration. In his previous assignment, he was principal at Clinton P. Russell Elementary. Mr. Barker stated that he is looking forward to serving the Rosemont community and having a very successful 2018-2019 school year.



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL MS. PACE

Chara Pace is a native of Dallas, Tx. After she graduated from Skyline High School, she went on to attend Baylor University in Waco, where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. Throughout her teaching career, she obtained her Master's Degree in Educational Administration. Before becoming an Assistant Principal, she was a teacher for seventeen years, where she served ten years in the classroom and seven years as an instructional coach.

Ms. Pace was born into a family of educators. Her parents loved pouring into the lives of their children, therefore, education seemed to be the obvious career path. When asked what she enjoys most about being an educator, she replied, "Seeing the smiling faces of children each day." Furthermore, she expressed that teaching is a career you pour your heart into.

A great teacher is one who is a life-long learner and willing to adapt to changes, face adversity, and celebrate success!



By Cristina Esquivel

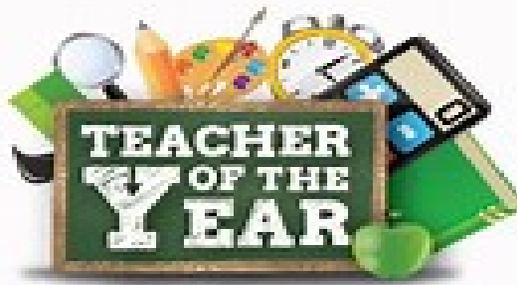
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL MS. LANDIN

Lucilla Landin grew up in Dallas, Tx., where she attended North Dallas High School. After graduation, she attended Southern Methodist University where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and in Criminal Justice. She also holds a Master of Education in Educational Leadership from SMU and a Master of Arts in Urban Affairs from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Before becoming an Assistant Principal, Ms. Landin was a teacher for twenty years. When asked why she chose education as a career, she responded, "I chose education as a result of working in social work. I felt I was better equipped to facilitate change through education." Furthermore, she added that the most rewarding part of her job is the constant contact with the students.



By Araceli Bartolo

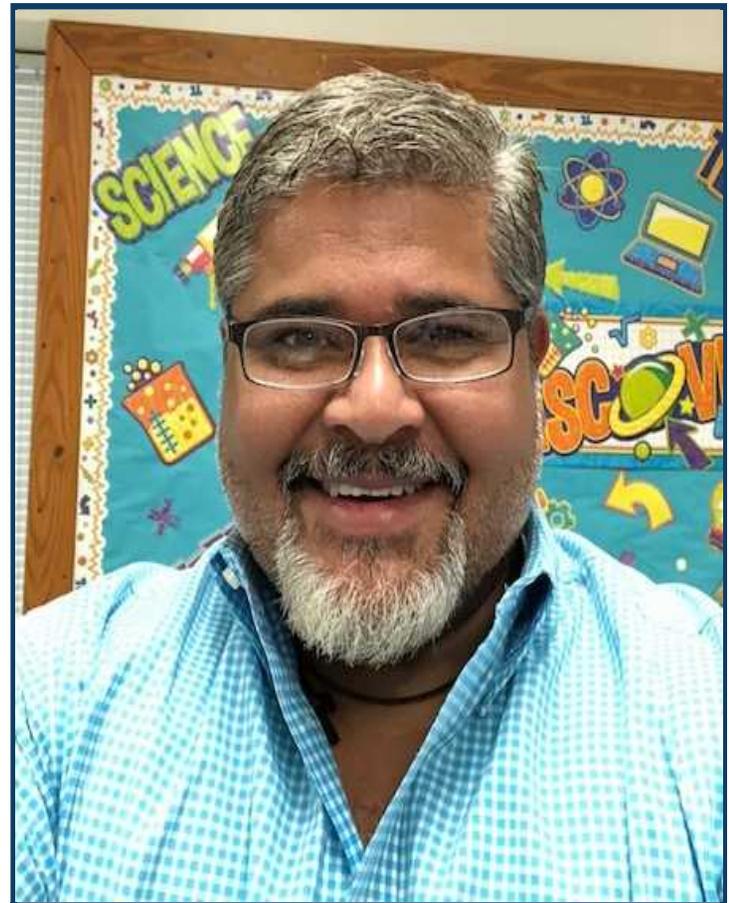


Maria Martinez grew up in Dallas, Tx. where she attended South Oak Cliff High School. Upon graduation, she attended the University of North Texas in Denton, Tx., where she earned a degree in Education. Currently, she is pursuing a Master's Degree from the University of Texas at Dallas.

Mrs. Martinez has been teaching Science/Social Studies for 7 years. She chose Rosemont because she likes the community. When asked what she enjoys most about teaching, she replied, "The best thing about being a teacher is that every day is different." In addition, she mentioned that a hands-on approach is vital for students to make a connection. When the light bulb finally goes on, this is what teaching is all about. She further added that she expects her students to put forth effort, enjoy life, and be confident.

Mrs. Martinez enjoys making a positive difference in the lives of students. She looks forward to many more years at Rosemont.

By Cristina Esquivel



Mr. Miguel Pichardo grew up in Laredo, Tx. After graduating from J.W. Nixon High School, he worked in the family business for several years. Since moving to Dallas, where he met and married his wife while pursuing his Associate's Degree, he has been working in the educational field for the past 22 years.

Mr. Pichardo has been serving Rosemont for the past 16 years, where he wears many hats. When asked why he chose education as a career, he responded, "Education is a true calling. It is an honor to be here and impact the lives of children." He further commented, "It is truly amazing to see students learn and acquire the knowledge and skills for success in the future and know that I was a part of their journey." He further added that he looks forward to serving the Rosemont community for many years to come.



Kindle Rollout



This year, 38 schools in Dallas received Kindles for third through fifth grade students. Students gathered in the gym for the "reveal", where groups of students were challenged with various activities, including a word scramble telling students they were receiving an Amazon Kindle to use in the classroom. Each classroom teacher received a Kindle, along with training, to supplement instruction.

W. E. Greiner Jazz Band

Robert Hackett



The Jazz Band from Greiner performed for Rosemont students this fall. We had the privilege of hearing some of our former students play for us.





**KINDLE
CLASSES**

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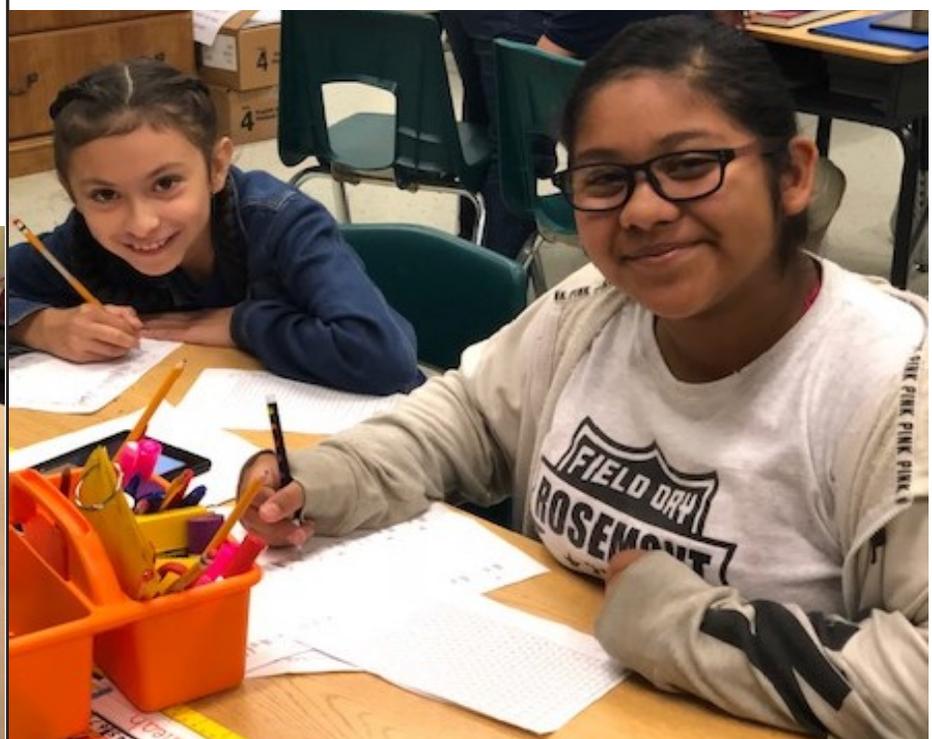
Using their Kindles, students from Mrs. Bowery's class are working on reading comprehension by completing a sequencing activity. This is one of the many ways the Kindles are used to enhance instruction in the classroom.

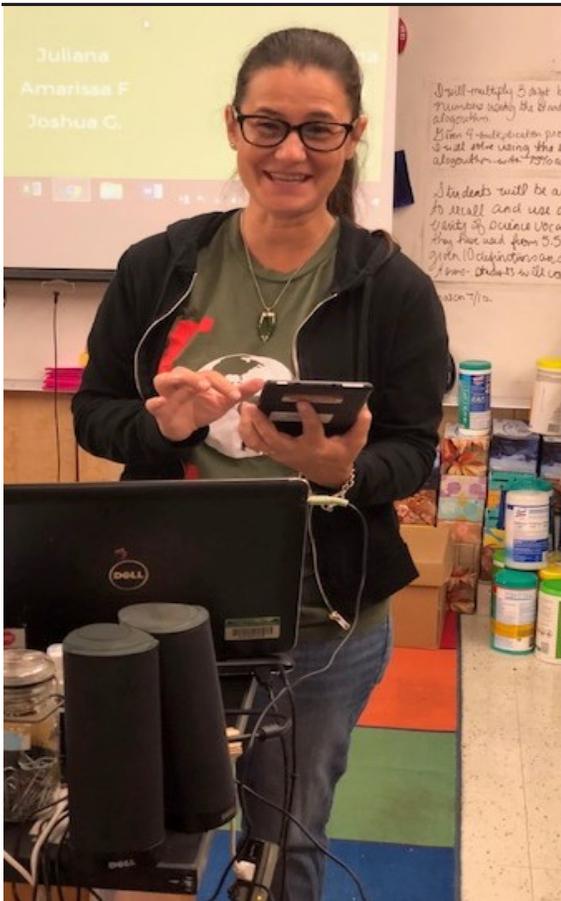


**MRS. DENICOLA
GRADE 4**



Mrs. Denicola's class is motivated about multiplication. Using various different apps to review math facts, students experience a challenging way to boost math skills and their confidence as well. This is a win-win situation because hands-on lessons keep them engaged.





Mrs. Houston's math class is solving problems, involving decimals, by participating in an engaging activity called Scavenger Hunt. Students move around the room as they solve problems, thinking and sharing ideas about math. Students use their kindles as a follow-up to the lesson to reinforce their understanding of decimals.

**MRS. HOUSTON
GRADE 5**

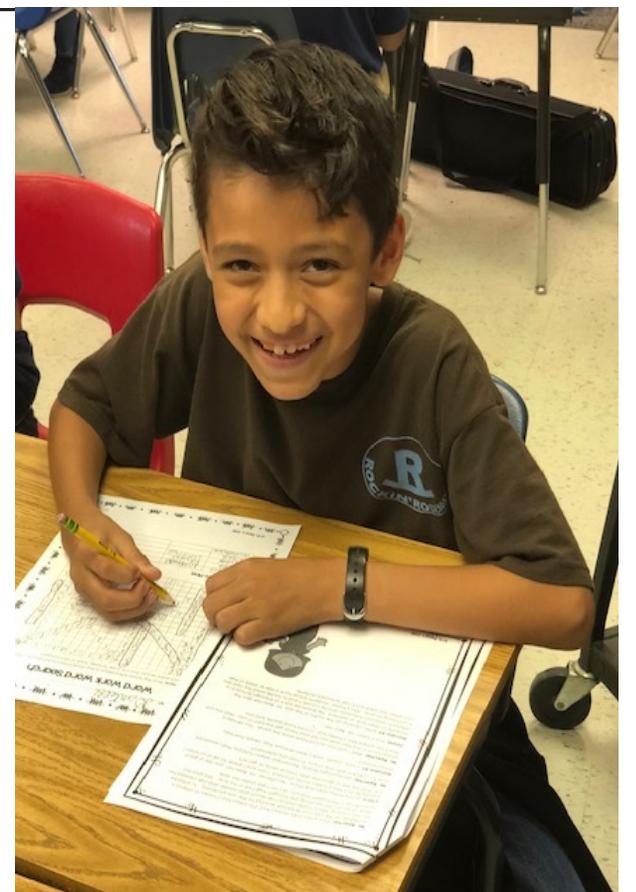
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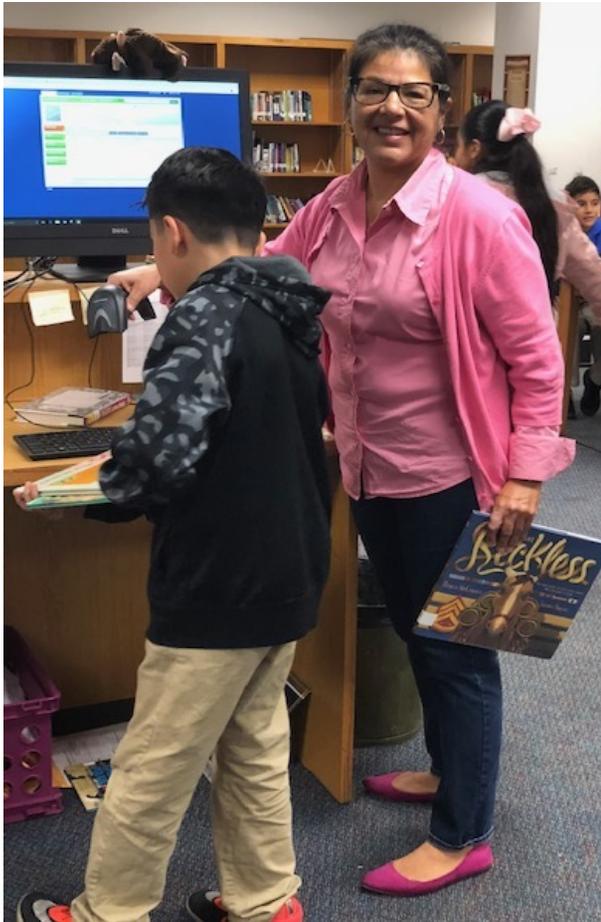
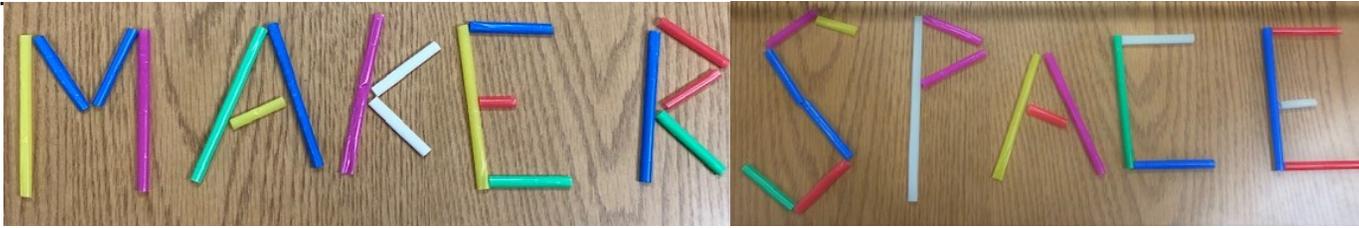
MRS. HILL GRADE 5



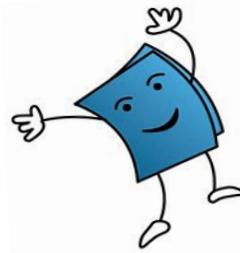
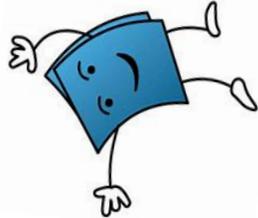
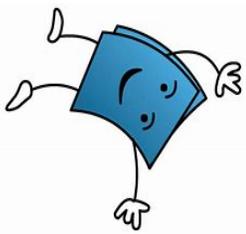
Writing poetry is one of the most enjoyable forms of creative writing. When Mrs. Hill's class was learning the art of poetry writing, the focus on this particular day was how to write a Limerick, which is meant to be funny and entertaining. One of her students, Daniel Galindo, composed the following:

There once was a cute little bunny,
Who talked and was really funny!
One day she fell down,
But she never had a frown.
Just like the sky she was sunny.





Rebecca Lopez, the school librarian, services students in third through eighth grade on a rotating basis. She is always on the go, whether she's teaching students how to use the computer to check in/out their own books, showing students how to access the library catalog to read an ebook or having them listen to an audiobook using the Kindle tablets. In addition, she supervises students at the various MakerSpace stations throughout the library, including Legos, K'nex, Strawbees, and Goldiblox, which provide opportunities for creating and building structures. Integrated stations all reflect and reinforce skills that students are currently learning in the classroom.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



CONGRATULATIONS

Will Price and William Jurak

This year's winners of the Rosemont Spelling Bee



FUN

Running takes your body, mind, and spirit to a better place. The simple act of putting one foot in front of the other and moving forward can make you healthier, happier, and more confident. The Rosemont Run 4 Fun club, led by Nurse M and Mr. Gutierrez, is focused on developing physical literacy in kids. The club has been geared toward long-distance running with the goal of being able to run the Oncor Mayor's Race in December. The running club has a partnership with the New York Road Runners, who provide incentives for students when they achieve running milestones.



Congratulations to all of the students who have participated in the TMSA competitions this fall. Several of our students have placed individually and as a team. A Big SHOUT OUT to Mr. Gutierrez and Mr. Soto for preparing our students. All students worked very hard and we are proud of you. Rosemont students continue to shine by going the extra mile. Thank you for making us ROSEMONT PROUD!



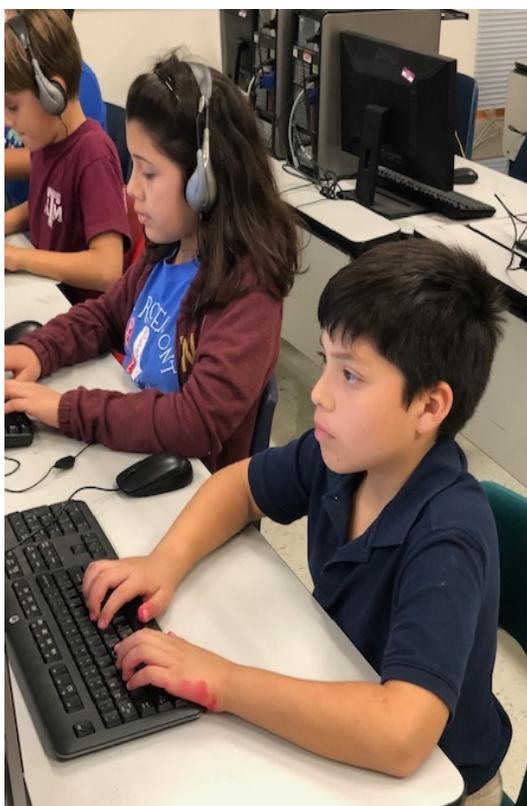
LITERACY PARADE

Rosemont's annual Literacy Parade was a huge success. All of this year's participants, students and staff alike, really came through by showing their true Rosemont Spirit. There was so much diversity and real "out of the box" thinking on everyone's part, which was creatively displayed in a variety of ways through vocabulary words and costumes.

What a fantastic way to
**CELEBRATE
LEARNING!**



COMPUTER CRAZED



In today's society, most jobs require some degree of computer work. Keyboarding is essential for our young students to ensure their future success.

In Ms. Wilson's computer class, keyboarding skills are a continued practice as students transition from the lower to the upper campus. As students complete lessons with an emphasis on technique first, then they are tested for speed and accuracy. As students reach their goal, they continue to practice by playing typing games, which are a great way to work on skills while learning takes place in a fun environment.



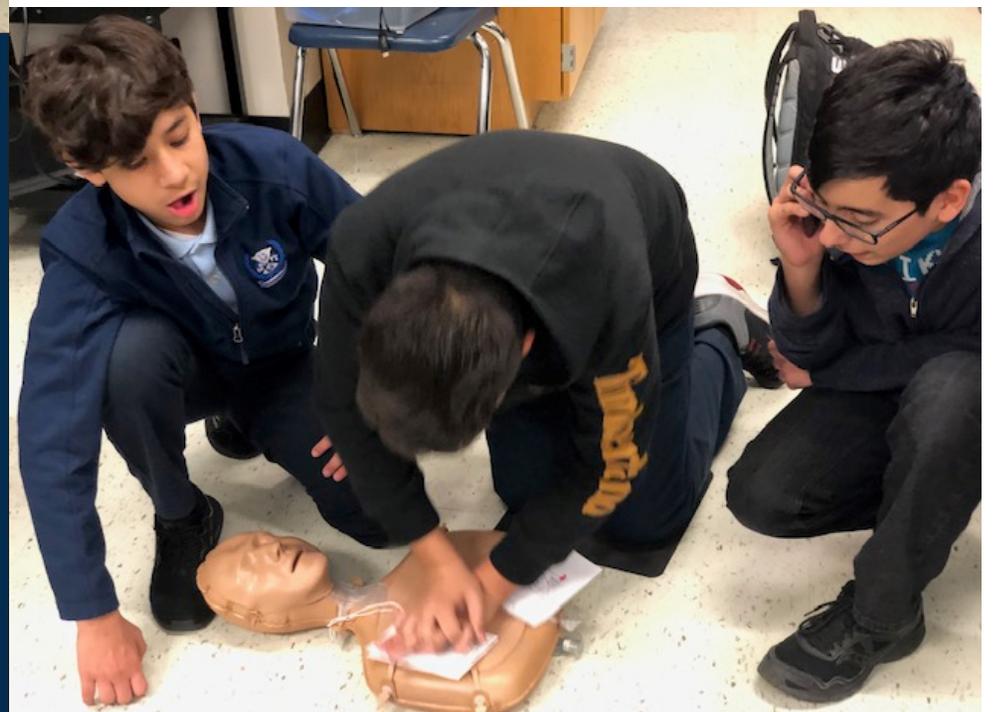
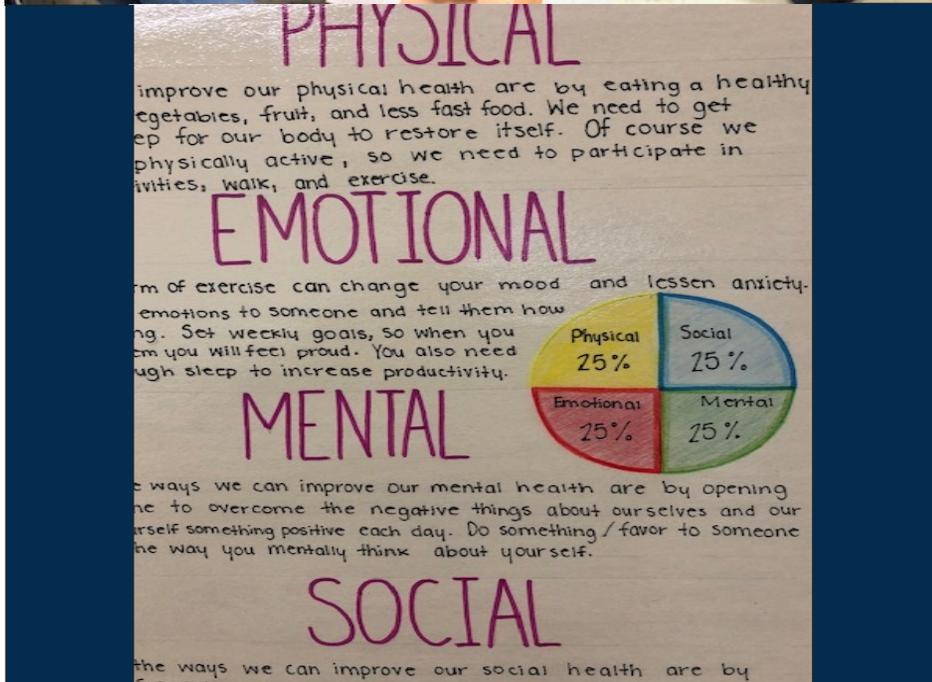
It's True What They Say About an Apple a Day

This year's middle school students are learning the true meaning of Love Your Selfie. In Ms. Wilson's health class, students have covered a wide range of topics this semester. The main focus is on Health & Wellness, with an emphasis on Stress/Conflict Management. Students learn everything from how to handle negative peer pressure using refusal skills to how to use effective communication skills during a conflict. Interactive role play is an essential part of the curriculum to reinforce the concepts learned along the way. Other methods of assessment include games, various different projects, hands-on activities, and journal writing, all in an effort to promote a meaningful learning experience.



Part of the curriculum involves an interactive lesson where the students learn the lifesaving skill of CPR, or cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Using a mannequin, students practice the proper technique for performing Hands-Only CPR.

As part of the lesson, a class discussion about the impact of good nutrition combined with physical activity on one's health is reinforced.



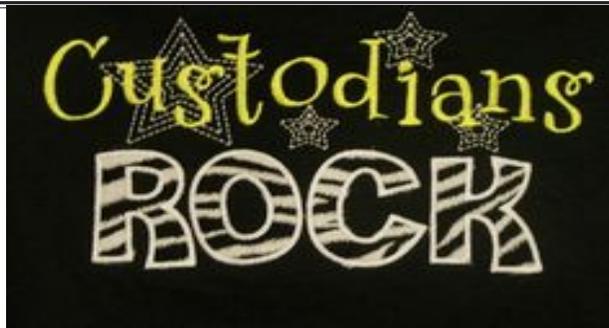
Carolina Leija



Front: Sonia Castaneda
Back: Lorena Rodriguez

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Gilbert Miranda, our lead custodian, grew up here in the heart of Oak Cliff. He has been proudly serving Rosemont for the past 13 years.

While mainly responsible for the maintenance and care of our building, Mr. Miranda has a wide range of responsibilities and duties. He is proficient with handling minor repairs that include everything from replacing light fixtures and handling plumbing issues to keeping heating and cooling systems operational.

For a behind the scenes type of guy, you certainly keep us moving forward. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all that you do.



Our lunch ladies play one of the most important roles at our school. They are the first to arrive each morning and work back to back to prepare nutritious, hot meals for our students so they are ready for learning throughout the day.

We salute you for all of your hard work and effort that you continue to provide for our students year after year.



Front: Antonia AlaTorre
Back: Adriana Sanchez

All I want for Christmas is...

slime, snow, and fake nails

- Naima 

squishies and nail polish

- Aliyah

Monopoly Cheater's edition -

Joshua

All my grades to be 100!!

Aiden

the animals in shelters to be with families, to become a veterinarian when I grow up, and NOT to be allergic to cats!

Samantha



guacamole with flautas

- Ricardo



a UCLA varsity jacket

- Vanessa

to spend time with family

- Esli

a Gucci belt - Vanessa

an American Girl doll -

Joselyn



Happy Holidays



20 dogs and a mansion - Karen

Socks w/out holes! - Mr. Man



Chicken wings - Jaycol



My family's well-being and happiness - Gaby

Bruno Mars poster & a Fat Hamster - Briana

an Amazon gift card - Ruby



Yo lo quiero en Navidad es una tablet para enseñarle videos a mi ermanito que va a hacer - Sheylin

A good time with my family - Diego

TAKIS - Sophia & Abigail



A life that is not so chaotic - Anonymous

All I want for Christmas is...

My students homework to be turned in on time! - Ms. Denicola



lots and lots of pizza

- Victor



to build a snowman and throw snowballs at my mom and dad - Jeremiah



some roller skates - Emory

my family to be safe and healthy - Abigail

a gold cross to represent God's protection over my family - Julieanna



EVERYTHING!
REALLY!! - Marvin

a camera so I can take really cool pictures - SanJuana

an Elmo puppet - Omar



Happy Holidays

a baby brother - Ianh



a week-long vacation to somewhere warm with water, sand, food, and a hammock
- Paid for by SANTA
- Ms. Houston



a Hermit Crab
-Chloe



an Accordion
- Amy



another dog so my dog won't be so lonely when I'm at school
- Deyanira



a Bunny - Georgia

to see the ELF movie
- Jeffrey & Cashis



a Monkey - Hector

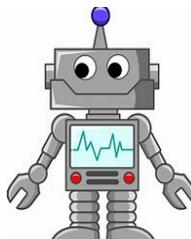


my 2 front teeth
- Braunwyn



a bag of candy to eat with my two front teeth - Lola

A robot that does everything for me - Ryan

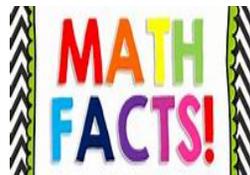


A Weiner dog wearing a hot dog suit - Aren



a Science Kit - Anthony

Sixty-one kids to memorize 144 facts! - Mrs. Conan



to see Santa eat all those cookies!
-Bob



a remote control airplane
- Brandon

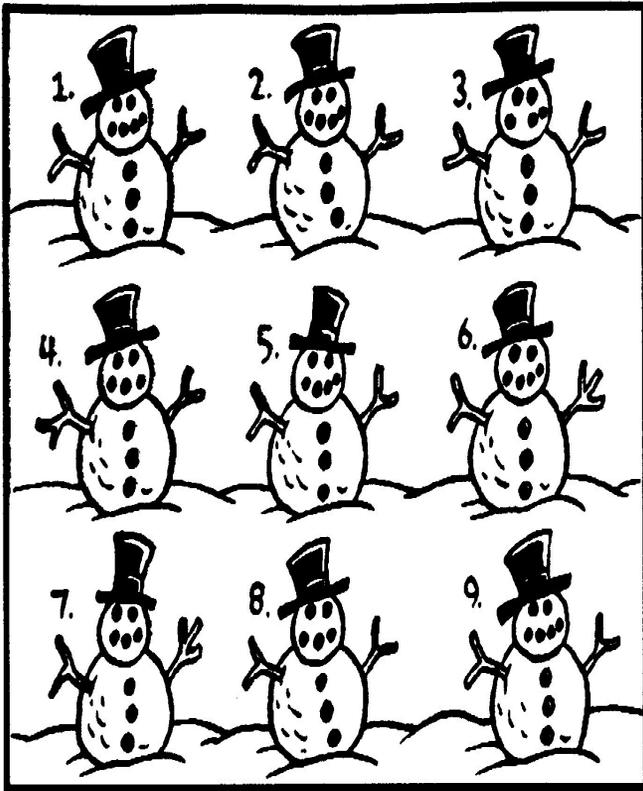


Spirit of Giving

This year's Canned Food Drive is one of the many ways to remember those families who are in need, especially during the holidays. Rosemont students always come through and generously give to those who need some extra help. This year we collected over 1000 canned goods to help those in our community.

As we go through the holiday season, let us take the time and be thankful for the good things in our lives. While a simple act of kindness cost you nothing, it can mean the world to someone who needs an extra boost. Remember to show your appreciation to family and friends each and every day throughout the year.





Illustrated by David Coulson

A CHILLY GATHERING! You have 15 seconds to spot two identical snowmen.

Answer: Snowmen 1 and 9.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

A STAR IS BORN?

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ROCK
SOCK
SOAK
SOAR
STAR

While this grungy garage guitarist is working on his first gold CD, see if you can solve these five Ladder Puzzles in less than five minutes. In this type of problem, you are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move, you must change one letter in the previous word so as to form a new word. In our example, we changed ROCK to STAR in four moves. See if you can change the following words in four moves each.

1. BARN to DOOR
2. TAIL to COAT
3. DULL to WISE
4. FARE to WELL
5. MARK to DOWN

Answers:
 1. BARN, BORN, BOON, BOOR, DOOR.
 2. TAIL, TOIL, COIL, COAL, COAT.
 3. DULL, DILL, WILL, WILE, WISE.
 4. FARE, WARE, WALE, WALL, WELL.
 5. MARK, DARK, DARN, DAWN, DOWN.

A TEN-SECOND TEST!

Here's a quickie, students! If you divide 80 by one-half and then add 15 to the result, what will the total be?



Answer: No, it's not 55. Eighty divided by one-half is 160. Add 15, and your total will be 175.

LINK-UPS!

Here's a list of 12 short words, divided into two columns. Turn them into six longer words by linking them together. To do this, draw a line from one word in the left column to one word in the right.

1. NEST	ELL
2. PAD	IRE
3. OUTS	LED
4. RAMP	PLED
5. SAT	ARTS
6. TIP	DIES

Answers: Nested, paddles, outsell, ramparts, satire, tipped.

STICKELERS [sic]

by Terry Stickels

Here's a "trickledown" puzzle. The rules are simple; you merely change one letter on each line to make a new word and continue until you reach the final word.

Example: COAT

VASE

Ans: COAT

COST

CAST

CASE

VASE

TOOTED

SAILOR

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STICKELERS [sic]

by Terry Stickels

Below are four squeezer puzzles. Can you find the correct word to be placed in the middle of each to create two new words, one front-end, one back-end? Here's an example of how it works:

ever G R E E N horn

shark _ _ _ _ tight

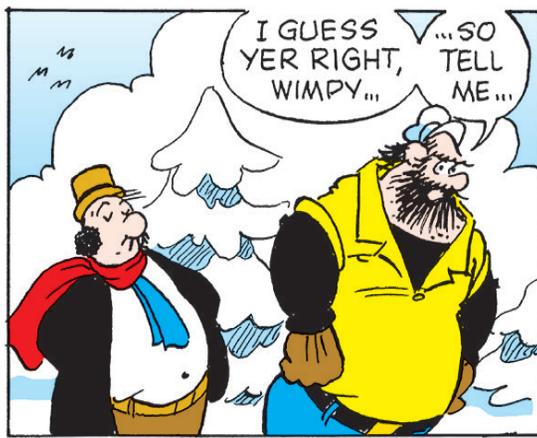
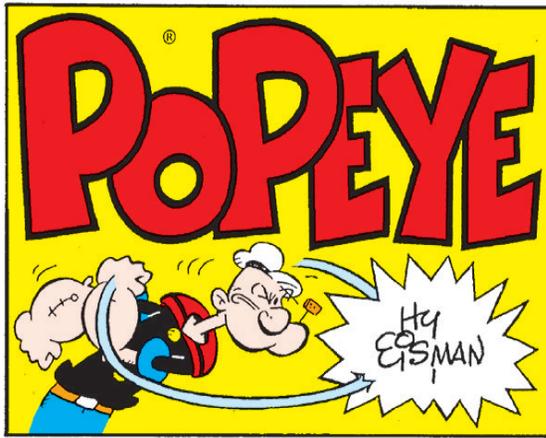
flip _ _ _ _ suit

work _ _ _ _ power

thumb _ _ _ _ ball

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BE THE FIRST TO SOLVE THE PUZZLES & BRING TO MS. WILSON IN THE COMPUTER LAB TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE!



CONGRATULATIONS!

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THE SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT YOU HAVE GIVEN US HERE AT ROSEMONT FOR THE PAST 9 YEARS. WE WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK ON YOUR NEW JOURNEY. WE WILL MISS YOU!

