

Woods' Kudos Page honored in D.C.



Kent Page, a science teacher at Carnahan ES, was able to experience science in person as he arrived in Washington, D.C. about the same time that a snow and ice storm closed the town.

He was in town to be recognized among almost 100 other elementary math or science teachers from across the country with the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). The honorees traveled by Metro and by foot through heavy snow to the White House, where they met with the President, the pinnacle of a three-day visit to the nation's capital.

Pictured is Page (center) with (from l-r) Dr. Cora B. Marett, acting director of the National Science Foundation, and Jamiene Studley, the acting undersecretary for the Department of Education.

Are you registered to vote?

The next opportunity to vote will be in the May elections. Election Day is Saturday, May 10 and Early Voting runs from April 28 until May 6. People wishing to vote in May must be registered 30 days prior, by April 10.

You can go online to register at <http://elections.bexar.org/Registration/registration.html>; however, the form must still be printed and mailed. You can also request that a voter application be mailed to you.

Raba Rattlers re-enact "the dream"

Students and staff at Raba ES celebrated Black History Month with a re-enactment of the civil rights March on Washington, D.C. and Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, and hosted a visit from a man who had a front seat to it all.



Dr. William C. Davis is a science professor at St. Philip's College, teaching in the science building that now bears his name, and personally knew and marched alongside Dr. King. Davis, a chemist, is also known for inventing instant mashed potatoes and soft-serve ice cream.

Speaking of the choir's performance, Davis stated, "The choir's re-enactment brought back many memories."

Pictured are (from l-r, front row) Gina Anderson, Social Studies chairperson; Linda Richter, choir director; Quiryran Jones, student who portrayed Dr. King; Dr. Davis; Principal Belinda Trevino; and ECT Cynthia Washington; and (back row) Bobby Blount, President of the NISD Board of Trustees. (Blount graciously consented at the last minute to substitute for an ailing choir member and portrayed the Spirit of Dr. King in the performance – thus the halo.)

Holmgreen welcomes a canine counselor



Meet the latest staff member at Holmgreen Center!

Maggie is a "pet partner" working with School Counselor Melissa Allen-Jones to provide animal-assisted counseling one day a week at Holmgreen Center.

Maggie is registered through Therapy Animals of San Antonio and has been working with children in the community for five years. She joins the counselor in elementary guidance lessons and small group and individual counseling at the secondary campus.

Maggie not only helps to motivate students, but this canine counselor also provides a calming influence, helps teach students the power of empathy, and loves to get belly rubs.

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NISD students Read Across the District

Elementary schools across the District celebrated the National Education Association's Read Across America by inviting guest speakers to visit, by holding parades, and celebrating the birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel (aka Dr. Seuss). Here are a few examples.

Timberwilde ES

Timberwilde ES celebrated Read Across America with personnel from Lackland Air Force Base. Guest readers also included Dr. Brian Woods and Great Northwest Librarian Cari Raley. They also celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday by having guest readers visit their classrooms. To quote Dr. Seuss, "You are never too old or too wild to pick up a book and read to a child."



Raba ES

Students at Raba ES combined Dr. Seuss's birthday and the National Education Association's Read Across America for one giant school-wide celebration. During the week-long literacy celebration, students participated in a poster contest, book parade, poetry contest, and pledged to read more everyday. Pictured is Reading Specialist Laurie Olive with fourth grader Nylah Barkley.

Franklin ES

Students at Franklin ES embarked on a week of Dr. Seuss inspired literacy activities for Read Across America 2014. With daily themes centered around beloved books, the students and teachers participated in door decorating and character book parades. The culminating event for the week was Family Literacy Night complete with a Seuss-tastic musical performance. Pictured are (from l-r) Instructional Assistant Patricia Garza, Librarian Karen Piedra, and Reading Specialist Sandy Anderson.



PERK OF THE WEEK

Disney on Ice special

Disney on Ice presents "Let's Celebrate," a colossal party on ice with Disney friends celebrating a magical medley of holidays, celebrations, and festivals from around the globe. The show runs April 9-13 at the Alamodome. Tickets start at \$9. The special expires April 3. For more information, visit <http://www.nisd.net/partners/perk/28446>.

WOW!

Congratulations Class of 2012!
The graduation rate for Texas:
87.7 percent
The graduation rate for Northside
ISD: 92.8 percent!



Steubing ES

The youngest students at Steubing ES had a chance to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday and participate in Read Across America. Pictured are ECC and PPCD students with their teachers (from l-r) MaryKay Briseno, Jeannette Velasquez, Misty Tegeler, and Tricia Williams.