

Window on Windsor Feb 2021 – additional content

Expanded School Updates – and Spanish version for Harris and Gus Garcia

Andrews Elementary

Elizabeth Morales, Community School Facilitator

Andrews Elementary has some new additions! We have a newly installed digital marquee to keep connected with our community, renovations to our teacher workroom, and have added picnic tables in parts of the campus, including some in our Gator Grove, open to the community.

We've partnered with Brighter Bites for the 2020-2021 school year to bring nutrition education and healthier foods into students' and families' hands. We calling on our Windsor Park community to help get food out to families on distribution days. Volunteers are needed from 12:15-4 pm on Thursdays (1/21, 2/4, 2/18, 3/4, 3/25, 4/8, 4/22, 5/6, 5/20) and Tuesday (5/25) at Andrews Elementary. If you'd like to volunteer, please sign up at brighterbites.org/volunteer/ or contact Elizabeth Morales for more information at elizabeth.morales@austinisd.org or 512-414-1770.

Our first-ever Virtual Career Day is Friday, March 12. We're inviting you (or someone you know) to participate and share the career opportunities out there with our students. Please contact Elizabeth Morales to sign up elizabeth.morales@austinisd.org , 512-414-1770.

Blanton Elementary

Karon Smutzer, BASE Project Director

Ms. O'Neal has been confirmed as the permanent principal at Blanton. She is overjoyed to be able to continue to work with this amazing community and is looking forward to many years of putting down roots and learning and growing together. Blanton is happy to welcome several new teachers to the staff: Mr. Juan Tellez Sandoval—Kinder; Ms. Nereyda Santiago Arzate--1st; Ms. Adrienne Orlando--2nd; Ms. Maria Marquez--4th; Ms. Susel Gonzalez--5th

Blanton continues to be a model campus for the district in the area of Social Emotional Learning. Ms. McIlwain (PK) and Ms. Melissa Cruz (1st) presented to a district group about the SEL growth here at Blanton.

Due to COVID, there aren't any in person events coming up. All neighbors are encouraged to join the PTA. <https://ptablanton.ptboard.com/> This is the best way to follow along with news and learn about opportunities to engage, such as the Spanish club for adults, family nights at local restaurants that give some \$\$ back to Blanton, etc. Dates to remember: February 12th & 15th there will be no school and February 26th is Coffee with the Principal at 8:30 a.m.

Harris Elementary School

*Laura Tomlinson, Librarian and Rudy Castillo, Parent Support Specialist [** Versión en español disponible en línea]*

Mr. Rudy Castillo, Parent Support Specialist, would like to give a special shout out to those that gave to help Harris Elementary this year:

- Little Deli Staff for giving the Harris Campus a great luncheon
- Isaac Rodriguez and Fire Stations #18, #14, #26
- Carl Repp and Hope Lutheran Church
- Gabriel Ransenberg from The Austin Public Library
- Sarah Robinson and Church of the Cross
- Good Shepherd Church
- Neighbors Alice Grauly, Shiloh Fallon, and Julie Fiore
- Laura Clarke, Christina Gaspari Sudderth, Jeannette Burke

Thank you all for helping give so many of our children a happy Christmas during these hard times. We will not forget your support, time, effort and blessing you have given to them.

Principal Coffee Chats are held monthly. This month's special feature presenter is Mr. Rowland, technology specialist who will be discussing the latest technology upgrades. Dates and time will be posted on the Harris Elementary Class Dojo and other social media.

Brighter Bites distribution will continue this semester every other Thursday from 1:30-4:00 pm. January 28, February 11, 25, March 11, April 1, 15, 29, May 13. They need five volunteers for every distribution. Please contact Rebeca at rebeca.hernandez-gonzalez@brighterbites.org.

Student Council has a GoFundMe page for our spring field trip to Science Mill. We are 80% funded. Please help support our club by contributing to our GoFundMe: <https://gf.me/u/zatkb9>

Escuela Primaria Harris

Por Laura Tomlinson, Bibliotecaria y Rudy Castillo, el Especialista en Apoyo a Padres

El Sr. Rudy Castillo, el Especialista en Apoyo a Padres, quisiera agradecer especialmente a aquellos que ayudaron a la Primaria Harris este año:

- El personal de Little Deli por brindarle al campus de Harris un excelente almuerzo
- Isaac Rodríguez y las Estaciones de Bomberos #18, #14, #26
- Iglesia Luterana Carl Repp y Hope
- Gabriel Ransenberg de la Biblioteca Pública de Austin
- Sarah Robinson y la Iglesia de la Cruz
- Iglesia del Buen Pastor
- Vecinos Alice Gaulty, Shiloh Fallon y Julie Fiore
- Laura Clarke, Christina Gaspari Sudderth y Jeannette Burke

Gracias a todos que ayudaron a nuestros niños a tener una feliz Navidad durante estos tiempos difíciles. No olvidaremos su apoyo, tiempo, esfuerzo y bendición que les ha brindado.

Café con la directora se pasan mensualmente. El presentador especial de este mes es el Maestro Rowland, especialista en tecnología que discutirá las últimas actualizaciones tecnológicas. Las fechas y horas se publicarán en Harris Elementary Class Dojo y otras redes sociales.

La distribución de Brighter Bites continuará este semestre cada dos jueves de 1:30-4:00 pm. Las fechas de distribución son: 28 de enero, 11, 25 de febrero, 11 de marzo, 1, 15, 29 de abril, 13 de mayo. Necesitan cinco voluntarios para cada distribución. Comuníquese con Rebeca en rebeca.hernandez-gonzalez@brighterbites.org.

El Consejo Estudiantil tiene una página de GoFundMe para la excursión de la próxima primavera a Science Mill. *Estamos financiados al 80%. ¡Gracias vecinos!* Ayude a apoyar a nuestro club contribuyendo a nuestro GoFundMe: <https://gf.me/u/zatkb9>

Contacto de la escuela: Zoila Cardenas, directora, zoila.cardenas@austinisd.org, 512-414-2085

- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/HarrisBulldogs118>
- **Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/ThomasGHarrisEl>
- **Sitio web de la escuela:** <https://harris.austinschools.org/>

Gus Garcia Young Men's Leadership Academy

*Jose Luis Mejia & Sandra Zachary [** Versión en español disponible en línea]*

STEM Accomplishment: On December 17, 2020, the Atomic Dragons Won the CoderZ top 32 Group competition in our Region of the U.S! The team now moves into the top 16 in the region with states from across the nation. Student earned 1st and 3rd place distinctions with individual competitions.

Feb 17, 2021, from 4:15 to 5:00, please join our CAC meeting. This committee meet monthly to discuss campus activities and assist in supporting campus events/activities to promote learning and awareness. Immediately following the CAC meeting, the PTSA will meet at 5:15.

School Registration is now open so enroll your students at Gus Garcia YMLA (6th-8th Grade). Dual language, STEM, Social Justice and high school credit courses. Please call the school for registration information: 512-841-9400.

The campus is actively Recruiting. As a marketing tool, we would like to post campus yard signs at the home of our CAC and PTSA members.

School Contact: If interested in attending any of these events, meetings, or to request a Gus Garcia YMLA yard sign, please email Sandra Zachary at Sandra.zachary@austinisd.org /

Gus Garcia

Jose Luis Mejia & Sandra Zachary

Logro STEM: El 17 de diciembre de 2020, Atomic Dragons ganó la competencia CoderZ top 32 Group en nuestra región de los EE. UU. El equipo ahora se ubica entre los 16 primeros en la región con estados de todo el país. El estudiante obtuvo distinciones de 1er y 3er lugar con competencias individuales.

El 17 de febrero de 2021, de 4:15 a 5:00, únase a nuestra reunión del CAC. Este comité se reúne mensualmente para discutir las actividades del campus y ayudar a apoyar los eventos / actividades del campus para promover el aprendizaje y la conciencia. Inmediatamente después de la reunión del CAC, la PTSA se reunirá a las 5:15.

Las inscripciones escolares ya están abiertas, así que inscriba a sus estudiantes en Gus García YMLA (sexto a octavo grado). Cursos de lenguaje dual, STEM, Justicia Social y créditos de secundaria. Llame a la escuela para obtener información sobre la inscripción: 512-841-9400.

El campus está reclutando activamente. Como herramienta de marketing, nos gustaría colocar letreros en el patio del campus en la casa de nuestros miembros de CAC y PTSA.

Contacto de la escuela: Si está interesado en asistir a cualquiera de estos eventos, reuniones o para solicitar un letrero de jardín de Gus García YMLA, envíe un correo electrónico a Sandra Zachary a Sandra.zachary@austinisd.org

Sadler Means YWLA

Rosalind Oliphant, PhD

Mikaila Ulmer, founder of Me & The Bees Lemonade, will headline Sadler Means 2021 Black History Program. Featured on Shark Tank, Ulmer recently released her first book, Bee Fearless: Dream Like a Kid. Our young leaders will have a chance to win autographed copies by participating in our Black History Reading Challenge which features work by historical and contemporary African American writers.

"Even in a pandemic, Yearbook must go on," says Yearbook sponsor, Ms. Stephanie Matula. This year's book will include a lot of Zoom pictures as well as pictures of academics taking place in the building. If parents and students have pictures to submit, please email them to stephanie.matula@austinisd.org.

Sadler Means YWLA continues to recruit for our Media, Visual, and Performing Arts Academy opening in the fall 2021. All AISD girls can opt in to this exciting learning opportunity by completing their choice sheets and selecting a track. Buses will be provided for students who need it. Check out our recruitment video here: <https://youtu.be/E2wN6EMojW4>

Northeast High School

Alice Gaulty

Northeast Early College Start seniors are in full swing. The race to college is on! College & Career Counselor, Ms. Curry, is hosting virtual lunches and special events where students can get help with their financial aid forms and scholarship applications.

You may have heard: not only is AISD encouraging families to stay remote if possible, they are also offering students and staff mass COVID-19 testing once per week while Austin is in Stage 5. Nelson field, here at Northeast HS, is AISD's North hub for testing.

As a community school, Northeast welcomes Windsor Park neighbors who want to be involved! Please join the CAC (next meeting is February 9th) or the PTA. (Remember, you don't have to be a parent to join!). Or get in touch to find out how to support the incredible work in the Family Resource Center.

To find out more, please get in touch with Katherine Frazer-Wallach, Parent Support Specialist katherine.frazer-wallach@austinisd.org

LBJ High School

Shaleiah Fox

If you haven't had a chance to sign up for LBJ's weekly newsletter, we highly recommend signing up to stay up to date with all Jaguar happenings. It opens with a positive and energetic message from the principal Mr. Bailey and lists upcoming events and great information about the campus. Visit LBJ's website, <https://www.lbjchs.austinisd.org/> to sign up.

The Senior Class of 2021 is asking for donations to support a variety of graduation activities to celebrate their last year of high school. Click on this link to give and learn more: <https://austinisd.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/19407/63/False/True>

LBJ's next CAC Meeting is on Tuesday, January 19th at 5:00 pm. All are welcome to join. Please reach out to Karen Brown, Parent Support Specialist, for more information on the CAC and other opportunities to support the Jaguars. Her email is karen.brown@austinisd.org