

## **Campuses Celebrate Texas Public Schools Week**

Districts across Texas joined the campaign to Celebrate Texas Public Schools during the month of March. Each Goose Creek CISD school selected a week to celebrate and planned activities to showcase the achievements of students, teachers and staff members. The events encouraged parents to stay involved in their children's education.

Among the activities planned at the schools were Academic Family Night and Carver All-Star Lunch to allow parents the opportunity to eat lunch with their children. Harlem Elementary invited parents to have lunch with their children and to visit the Book Fair. A Library Night was also held for students and their parents.

Highlands Elementary School provided a Student Gallery Art Show and Fine Arts Family Night. Students and parents could choose an art class called Cityscape Silhouette with the school's master artist Ms. Conley or Family Bowling and "Spring Training" to allow parents to challenge their children in these physical activities. The week ended with Lunch with Someone "Grand," which encouraged students to invite an adult to have lunch with them.

At Hopper Primary School, families participated in Pre-K Story Time and Family Night Math/Science. Kindergarten and 1st grade enjoyed a Rodeo Dance, and the week ended with Hopper Rodeo Day.

Parents were invited to join their San Jacinto Elementary School students for lunch during the week designated to Celebrate Texas Public Schools. They also visited their children's classrooms and participated in fitness activities during physical education classes. Travis Elementary School celebrated by inviting parents and students to exercise with a Zumba instructor. Parents were also encouraged to eat breakfast with their students and to attend an AR Reading Night.

Activities at Baytown Junior School included a Baytown Junior Flag Creating Contest. The faculty voted on the best flag, and a replica will be ordered. The Harris County Fire Marshal's Office presented a Fire Safety Program to Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) classes with the help of their newly-trained puppy, Cinder. Teachers received a bag of jelly beans thanking them for all that they do. The week ended with a special menu prepared for students and parents to allow them to eat lunch together in the Commons.



Blanca Capetillo, principal at Bowie Elementary, enjoys lunch with her daughter Bethany, a 6th grade student at Baytown Junior School as a Celebrate Texas Public Schools Week activity. View photo gallery here.

At Gentry Junior School, parents and students were invited for Popcorn with Parents and to join their children for lunch. Horace Mann Junior School invited parents to enjoy lunch with their children and to visit the art exhibit in the library display cases. Travita Godfrey, GCCISD coordinator of college and career readiness, gave a presentation on Navigating Your Student's Education Pathway. The Theater Arts classes performed, and parents were invited to visit their children's physical education classes. At the end of the week, parents were encouraged to have breakfast while listening to the music of the HMJ Orchestra.

Robert E. Lee High School celebrated by performing and taping a Lip Dub to Katy Perry's song, "Roar." The activity involved clubs, organizations, faculty and staff to send a message to the community that REL is an excellent place for education and work. The performance, posted on You Tube, was an exciting display of REL's school spirit.

The many activities in which Goose Creek CISD schools participated to Celebrate Texas Public Schools depicted the 2014 theme "Leave Your Mark" in style.

"Our Goose Creek CISD schools, teachers, staff and students provide our community with so much to celebrate," said Dr. Salvador Cavazos, Goose Creek CISD superintendent. "By providing a quality education in a nurturing environment, our schools prepare our students to accomplish their goals for the future."

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