# WILDCAT IDEAS & INSPIRATIONS





Martin Iorres Interim Superintendent

#### Teacher of the Year Gala

The 2024 Teacher of the Year gala was held on Saturday, August 12th at the Starlight Event Center. Our two teachers representing the district were Julieta Bañuelas (secondary) and Rosa Rodridguez (elementary).

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to Ms. Rodriguez for being awarded first runner-up in her category.

I am extremely proud of both winners. May your star continue to rise and shine! The school year is truly underway now. Homecoming is early this year, as the Wildcats face off against Cathedral. The parade will be held on Thursday, September 7th. I hope to see everyone out there!

In the spirit of community, we will be hosting our first Wildcat Fest on September 22 (it is our bye week for football).



# **Risinger All-Abilites Park Ribbon-Cutting**









## **Curriculum & Instruction**

Michele Gonzalez - Assistant Superintendent

Monday morning meetings in auditorium with all students this month to emphasize value of the month and social skills.

ODI will be planting a tree in honor of Gracie Ramirez. Her students will be invited as part of their healing. Thank you to Emergence for their help in counseling these students.

#### **Fabens Elementary School** Veronica Brashear – *Principal*



### **Elementary Instruction**

Jesus Barba - Director



In order to have more events to bring our Wildcat community together, we will host our 1st Annual "Wildcat Fest" on September 22 at Central Office. Think about this as Wildcat Kermes for our community.

We have also begun showcasing our WILDCAT R.O.A.R. (Recognizing Outstanding Attendance Recipients) weekly.





Fabens Elementary "Where Excellence Begins" is excited to begin it's Pre-K -Kinder 100 Book Challenge on August 21st.

We also have our AR Challenge for 1st - 3rd grade beginning August 21st.

This week's classroom with the highest attendance will receive our "Traveling Attendance Trophy."

We will post the winner on ClassDojo to celebrate.

# Secondary Instruction

Dr. Samuel Hogue - Director

Beginning of Year (BOY) assessments began on August 7, 2023, and is in progress at Fabens High School and Fabens Middle School. This includes the BOY testing for the Teacher's Incentive Allotment, as well as the diagnostic data to be used in instructional decisions.

The instruments/platforms being utilized are Progress Learning, Renaissance, Cambium, DMAC, as well as Fitness Gram for the physical education teachers. Music teachers use selected musical pieces in which students are recorded and scored on a rubric to measure growth throughout the school year. The BOY assessment window is open August 7 through September 9, 2023.







No update from Fabens High School, Fabens Middle School and O'Donnell Intermediate.

# Technology & Security

Michael Perez - Director

This week, the El Paso County Commissioners approved the Cotton Valley Connect project. We have been working on this diligently since the onset of the pandemic. Congresswoman Veronica Escobar secured the funds in July 2021. Since, we have been working closely with Digital El Paso and a consortium in order to move this forward.

The project addresses gaps in connectivity and will provided reliable access to public broadband via a wireless mesh service in Fabens and Tornillo.

#### **Child Nutrition** Marcela Licerio – *Director*





Child Nutrition Services is very excited about the installation of an electronic Point of Sale system (PrimeroEdge) in all district cafeterias to facilitate tracking, reporting, and overall management of meal service. This was implemented on the first day of school at all campuses.

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Tornillo

Before this system was implemented, all meals were manually counted, recorded, and reconciled. With this new system in place, all students must enter their ID number on a pin pad or scan their school ID. All meal counts and sales (adult) are recorded and then readily available for TDA (Texas Department of Agriculture) reporting. This has been a learning curve for our staff and students, but everyone has been very receptive and excited about this new process.

## Maintenance & Tranportation

Raul Ugarte - Supervisor

- Reseed at the football field.
- New a/c systems at central library.
- New a/c systems at ODI gym
- Phase 1 of FMS a/c upgrade completed
- ODI ponding completed
- Central office A/C systems completed
- CC Camp, Project Bravo field and building clean up
- Warehouse pavement done
- FMS parking lot reseal
- FMS football field oleanders trimmed and clean













No update from Special Education, Athletics, Human Resources, Federal Programs.

