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SMU Field Trip

BY: BRIANNA MIRELES AND KIMBERLY MENDOZA

We had the opportunity to attend an amazing field trip to Southern Methodist University. They gave us a very persuading and enticing. Once they finished, two of their tour guides came to give us a warm welcome to their campus. Our tour guide talked about their own experience and gave us a lot of firsthand knowledge of the college. She walked us around campus and gave us information about what goes on in the building and the history behind it. The tour made me feel like I belonged there already, and I was interested in knowing more about the university. After both groups finished the tour, we grouped up and took a picture to have as a memory of this incredible experience.



Staff Spotlight: Ms. Felecia Resendez

BY JASMIN SALAZAR

Who is a teacher here at NLECHS, who teaches U.S. History and prepares students for their STAAR test? Well if you guessed Ms. Resendez then you are correct. Ms. Resendez was born and raised in Waco, Tx. She was the first person in her family to attend University and graduate college. She has been living in Dallas for about two years now and she has currently been teaching for about nine years. Her role model is her big sister Victoria because during her hardest times growing up, her sister would always make sure Ms. Resendez had everything she needed. Victoria always made sure to put her first. Ms. Resendez decided to become a teacher at NL because she liked the ECHS model. She said that it was something that was not available to her and because it offers the ability to become successful. She enjoys talking to her students and she feels the need to help students through their journey. A few skills Ms. Resendez has gained from being a teacher are patience, collaboration, multitasking and organization. She also has a few challenges with things that happen behind the scenes such as grading and making paperwork. Somethings Ms. Resendez hopes her students would gain from her classroom is a passion for history and at least an appreciation for it. She says that people deserve to be remembered for fighting for the things that we now have today. Ms. Resendez volunteered to be a teacher for the National Honor Society because it helps instill a desire to help others and the community. One of her biggest accomplishments was graduating college at the top of her class. "My parents struggled their entire lives to take care of me and my siblings," she said that their proudest moment was watching her graduate without having to struggle like her parents did. Ms. Resendez persevered through difficult times by telling herself that no matter how bad her situation is, there will always be someone who wants the opportunity she has. Ms. Resendez loves teaching and does not see herself outside of a classroom, however she would like to teach for ten more years before moving into instructional teaching. Ms. Resendez enjoys many outside activities such as teaching indoor cycling classes, she exercises and workouts as a stress reliever and loves doing anything outdoors. Throughout the years, she learned that the world does not owe you anything. "If you want something in life you need to work for it and when you do that you appreciate it much more."

"Be Yourself"

SOFIA RAMIREZ
11TH GRADE STUDENT



Student Spotlight: Sofia Ramirez

BY: JASMIN SALAZAR-SARAVIA

Have you been interested in doing two extracurricular activities but haven't figured out how to? Well Sofia Ramirez is a junior student here at North Lake ECHS who has invested her time in esports and chess. She likes school and finds it fun because of her friends. Many people around her would describe her as a cheerful and happy person. Sofia's goal is to be a child psychologist or a gynecologist. In a few years she sees herself in an apartment building finishing up college while having a full-time job. She finds motivation by telling herself that she has better stuff waiting for her if she keeps going. When she finds herself in difficult times, she decides to take a day off for herself and when she is ready, she gets back to work. One of her biggest accomplishments was that she was able to get into a regional choir in her 7th grade year. As mentioned previously, Sofia is in both esports and chess. Although it is challenging to juggle both activities, she manages her time by getting all her schoolwork done before extracurricular activities. She studies chess on her own and for esports she plays with her friends, which she enjoys a lot because her friends give her advice on how she can improve and play better. Sometimes it stresses her out knowing that she may not be performing well enough. Luckily, she has people around her who guide her in order to succeed. Her mom is her role model and inspiration because her mom had many goals that she wanted to achieve but there was something stopping her. Sofia said that her mom decided to move to Mexico and make her own business. Now her mom is a businessperson and does makeup for brides and bridesmaids. Sofia said that an important lesson she learned was that "You're not alone, there's people there to help you through whatever you're going through. All you need is yourself."



St. Patrick's Day



ST. PATRICK'S DAY FALLS ON THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH THIS YEAR. DO YOU CELEBRATE THIS HOLIDAY?

St. Patrick's Day originated in 1631 in Ireland and began with religious practices and feasts to celebrate their patron saint, Saint Patrick. Saint Patrick was known for converting the people of Ireland to Christianity. Many well-known St. Patrick's Day symbols originated during this time as well.



These days, St. Patrick's Day is an Irish cultural celebration around the world. The holiday is celebrated on March 17th, the day that Saint Patrick died. Cities with high Irish populations often hold parades and festivals. Boston was one of the first states in the United States to begin celebrating this holiday. Now you



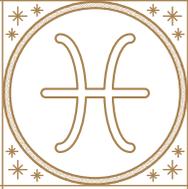
find celebrations in almost any major city, Dallas included.



This holiday is celebrated by wearing the color green or a shamrock (clover) pin. Parades typically have Irish people playing bagpipes in traditional Irish attire, called kilts. People dye food and other things, like rivers, green on this day to celebrate. This holiday is a large celebration of the Irish culture and traditions

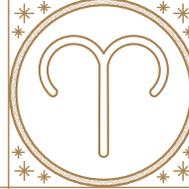
Horoscopes

*By Kimberly
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February 19 - March 20

Pisces for sure look forward to having many job opportunities which will give you a higher chance to have money.



March 21 - April 19

Aries this month is your month! Make sure to listen to your gut, it is trying to tell you something.



April 20 - May 20

Taurus it's looking bright for you when it comes to money. Make sure to keep doing what you're doing towards your success.



Septmeber 23 - October 23

Libra you can expect to have an excellent academic year and don't lose hope because things are going to get better.



May 21 - June 20

Gemini don't forget who you truly are and don't worry everything will pay off.



October 23 - November 21

Scorpio all the effort, and energy, and enthusiasm that you've put into various business or personal projects in the past could finally pay off today.



June 21 - July 22

Cancer it's important to think about your every aspect of life and to see if you are okay with how things are going.



November 23 - December 21

Sagittarius you may meet some new people and there will be opportunities when it comes to your education.



July 23 - August 22

Leo put your thoughts into motion and watch as magical things begin to manifest before your eyes.



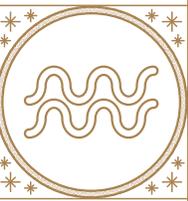
December 22 - January 19

Capricorn it would be good if you take care of yourself and make sure you aren't letting the negativity get to you.



August 23 - September 22

Virgo make sure you are trusting your intuition and maybe you will find something interesting.



January 20 - February 18

Aquarius for you there seems to be some sort of commitment with either a person or anything special to you such as school, personal things or etc.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The students below have displayed exemplary behavior and are being recognized by their teachers! Congratulations!



PERLA TORRES

9th grade student

"Perla is a wonderfully enthusiastic and undeniably dedicated student here at Northlake! She embodies what it means to be a student on this campus. I'm excited to see where this journey will take her!"
- Ms. Hoover

SARALLYN MEDRANO

10th grade student

"Sarallyn exemplifies what it means to be a NLECHS student. She has a drive and passion for education and continually advocates for herself. She is continually striving to improve upon each opportunity she gets." - Ms. Ding



KIMBERLY MENDOZA

11th grade student

"Kimberly is an astute, inquisitive, creative student whose passion for learning and dialogue makes her a wonderful addition to my classroom. She brings curiosity to our class discussions, which is the most important thing you can have" - Mr. Stratman



Yearbook Pre-Orders

DID YOU KNOW?

North Lake Early College High School's first yearbook is coming soon!

See some tips and information below about how to get yours!

DEADLINE TO ORDER

Friday, April 22nd

YEARBOOK WEBSITE

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To make your account, you will
need to use this email format:

s123456@stumail.dallasisd.org

AVERAGE COST

\$40.00

PRE-ORDER QR CODE

You can pre-order your
copy today using the
QR code or link below.



DELIVERY

Yearbooks will be
delivered to North
Lake in May. We will
be distributing them
to you at school once
they arrive.



Upcoming Events

March 2022

Below you can find dates for upcoming events, testing information, no school days and more.

- March 1 - Mardi Gras
- March 2 - Ash Wednesday
- March 2 - SAT Test (11th Grade)
- March 3 - No college classes
- March 8 - ACP Testing (3rd periods)
- March 8 - Coffee with the principal
- March 8 - Pajama day
- March 8 - International Women's Day
- March 9 - ACP Testing (5th periods)
- March 9 - Tie-dye Day
- March 10 - ACP Testing (6th periods)
- March 10 - Hawaiian Day
- March 11 - Garden Club Interest Meeting
- March 11 - Field Day
- March 13 - Daylight Savings (spring forward)
- March 14-18 - Spring Break (NO SCHOOL)
- March 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- March 21 - Quarter 4 begins
- March 21 - English I & II Mock STAAR Tests
- March 23 - 11th Grade Huddle
- March 29 - JWAC Discussion

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