

COLLEGIATE ACADEMY

2025-2026 YEARBOOK

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Welcome to COLLEGIATE ACADEMY





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Collegiate Academy

Mission Statement

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Our mission is to ignite a passion for lifelong learning, empower students to think critically, and prepare them for a successful future.

Vision

Collegiate Academy Vision Statement

The vision of Collegiate Academy is to be the gold standard in education where we empower minds and inspire success.

Value Statement

Collegiate Academy Focuses on these Core Beliefs:

H- Honesty

U- United

S- Smart

K- Kind

I- Intentional

E- Encouraging One Another

S- Service

Administrative Team



Kandra Turner
Principal



Mario Flores
Counselor



JoAnna Galvan
Secretary

"Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."
— *Mattie Stepanek*

Message from the Principal



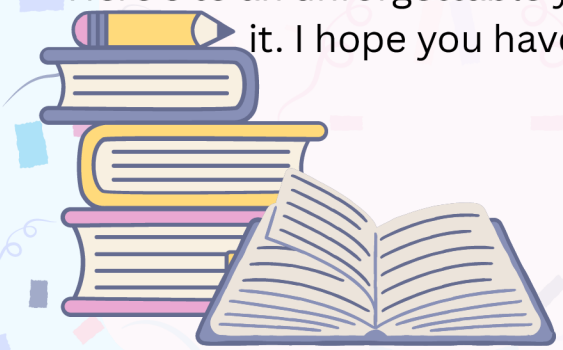
As this school year comes to an end, I can't help but look back and feel incredibly grateful for everything it brought to all of us. It truly was a great year—one filled with unforgettable moments, meaningful friendships, personal accomplishments, and lessons that will stay with you far beyond the classroom.

From the very first day, there was a sense that this year would be special. Whether it was laughing during class, participating in school events, or just spending time with friends, every moment added something unique to the experience. Some days were challenging, but even those became part of the memories that made this year unforgettable.

I'm so proud of what you all have accomplished. Whether it was improving in your classes, stepping out of your comfort zone, or achieving personal goals, you all grew in so many ways. Each success—big or small—reminded me of what Collegiate Academy students & staff are capable of when we stay focused and determined.

Overall, this school year was more than just classes and assignments—it was a fun-filled journey full of growth, laughter, and memories that I hope stay with you. As you move forward, carry these experiences with you, knowing they've shaped you into a better, stronger, and more confident person.

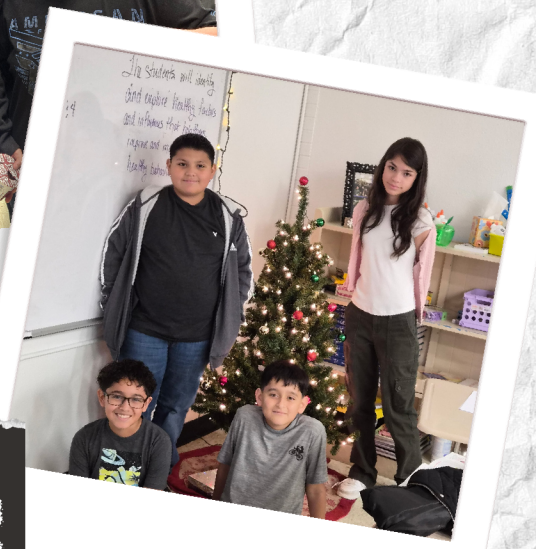
As you look back at the pages of this yearbook, may it serve as a reminder of your hard work, dedication, and experiences we all shared this school year. Good luck to all our 8th graders moving on to high school and I can't wait to see what you achieve in the future. Here's to an unforgettable year and all the memories that came with it. I hope you have a wonderful and relaxing summer.



Ms. K. Turner


SAN BENITO
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SCHOOL LIFE









MEET THE TEACHERS

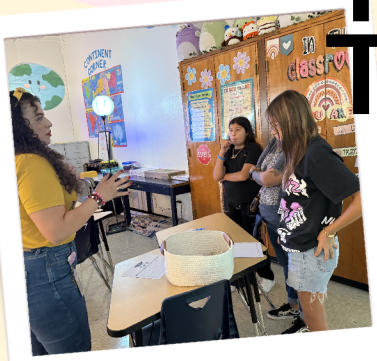


BACK TO SCHOOL





ART CLASS







FRIENDS



YEAR OF MEMORIES





FOCUSED



hello, my name is



Elsa Vazquez

SPANISH





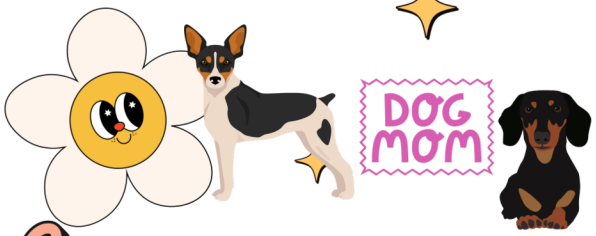
About me

I'm a creative andcurious individual with a passion for exploring new things. I was born in Brownsville but raised in Mexico. I love spending time with friends and family and enjoy activities like reading, traveling, and working out. I am a dog mom; their names are Coco and Bartolo. I graduated from UTRGV with a bachelor's in Spanish EC-12. This is my 10th year teaching. I'm excited about this new school year.

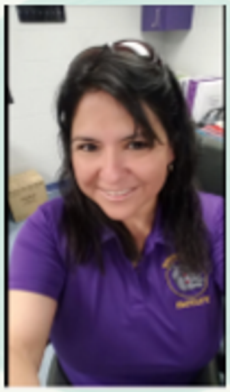
I'm from Brownsville



I love traveling!



Meet the teacher



Juanita Rojas

CTE

Principles of Exercise & Health

Campuses Served:

Riverside MS

Collegiate Academy

Miller Jordan MS

Berta Cabaza MS

22 YEAR TEACHER WITH SAN BENITO CISD. I'M REALLY EXCITED AND LOOKING FORWARD TO EXPANDING MINDS AND ACHIEVING GOALS ALONG WITH OUR STUDENTS.

2025-2026

Meet Your Teacher



Mrs. Ponce
MATH/ALGEBRA

About Me:

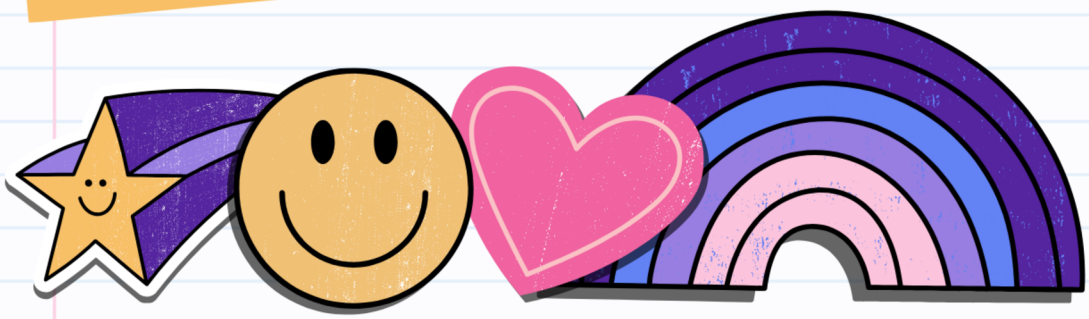
I'm Mrs. Ponce. I am a native of San Benito, Texas and a graduate of San Benito High School. I received my Bachelor's degree in Mathematics from the University of Texas at Brownsville.

I love teaching math, especially to student who don't like math so much. All you have to do is make it fun. Add the right attitude and you will come up with the right solution. I have taught math for over 14 years.

Welcome to my class and I look forward to having a wonderful school year!

Fun Facts

As you will see my favorite color is purple and anything with bling. I love coffee and shopping, because who doesn't!?



MEET THE *ART* TEACHER

Hi there! I am Miss Olvera, and I'm so excited to welcome you to the art room! I've always believed that art is for everyone, and I'm passionate about creating a space where students can explore their imagination, express themselves, and build their artistic skills.



MS. OLVERA

Please be sure to join our art class on class dojo for daily classroom announcements and reminders, this is a great way to stay connected and involved in your child's artistic journey. A link will be sent to your email..

Contact details:

Email: Jlolvera@sbcisd.net

MEET YOUR TEACHER



About Me

Hello!
I'm Mrs. Jennifer Esquivel and I'm thrilled to be your child's teacher this year. I'm passionate about creating a fun and welcoming classroom where students feel excited to learn and enjoy coming every day. When I'm not in the classroom, you can probably find me reading, doing puzzles, spending time with my family, scrapbooking, or grading papers!

Contact Me

Collegiate Academy: 956-276-5472
Email: jesquivel@sbcisd.net

Favorites

Subject: Reading Language Arts
Movie: Funny Movies
Animal: Butterflies & Ladybugs
Color: Purple
Drink: Orange Fanta
Season: Fall
Food: Italian
Snack: Yogurt

My Education

2025-2026 is my 19th year in Education. I have a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Language Arts, and a Master of Education degree in Curriculum & Instruction-emphasis in Literacy Studies.

Awards

-2019-2020-Teacher of the year
-2024-2025-Teacher of the year
-2024-25-Secondary District Teacher of the year
-Exemplary Teacher TIA recipient

MS. S. AGUILERA





MY NAME IS MS. AGUILERA AND I WILL BE YOUR SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER. I AM VERY EXCITED FOR THIS NEW SCHOOL YEAR TOGETHER!



Favorites

Some of my favorites are:

color: green

candy: dark chocolate

drink: coke zero

EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLTICAL SCIENCE

MINOR IN LEGAL STUDIES AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

HOBBIES

SOME HOBBIES OF MINE INCLUDE PAINTING, MAKING JEWELRY, READING, AND SPENDING TIME WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY. I ALSO REALLY LOVE SMILEY FACES AND FROGS.



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT ME AT SNAGUILERA AT SBCISD.NET

MEET THE TEACHER!

CTE



A LITTLE BIT ABOUT ME:

Hi, students! My name is Mrs. Norma Zarember, I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.
I will be your CTE teacher this year. I have been teaching for 17 years, 7 years in the district. When I'm not teaching, I

love reading books, and Photography.
I'm so excited to get to know you.

FUN FACTS AND FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS:

- I have 1 fur baby
- I love to travel and experience other cultures.
- I like reading, listening to music and spending time with my family.

CONTACT INFO:

nzarember@sbcisd.net

NADYA MORENO-CRUZ



Collegiate Academy/MJMS

Hello, I'm Mrs. Moreno-Cruz.
I will be your choir teacher!

About Me

I am a graduate of San Benito High School and the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. I have a bachelors degree in Music Education with a concentration in voice. I have been playing piano and singing for over fifteen years and have been teaching for three years.

Fun Facts

- I love collecting houseplants!
- I have two dogs named Max and Ruby!
- I love eating spicy or sour snacks

Contact

nmorenocruz@sbcisd.net

Meet the Teacher

Ms. Grammer



About Me:

Welcome to 6th, 7th, or 8th grade! I am Ms. Grammer and I am so excited to be your teacher this year. This is my 19tj year teaching. I grew up in SB attending Ed Downs, Miller Jordan and SBHS. Greyhound for life! I have twin girls who just turned 19 this summer and I enjoy spending my free time hanging with my pets and chilling with my friends and family. I look forward to meeting you and to having an amazing year! We have so much to learn together!

My Favorites:

Animal: Polar Bears
Food: Breakfast Tacos/ Lasagna
Hobby: Jammin' to Music
Flower: Gerber Daisy
Drink: Black Coffee / H20
Season: Winter
Sport: Basketball
Subject: Science
Color: Grey/Black
Book: 50 Simple Things You Can Do To Help Save the Earth

Education

I hold a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Texas A&M University and a Master's Degree in Curriculum & Instruction with an emphasis in secondary Science. I completed my Principalship courses through Lamar University in 2015.

210-816-1034

cgrammer@sbcisd.net

CONTACT INFORMATION

Fun Facts:

- I love to travel and learn about different places and their histories.
- I love taking pictures of sunrises and sunset.
- I grew up in Albuquerque, NM.
- I absolutely LOVE LEARNING!



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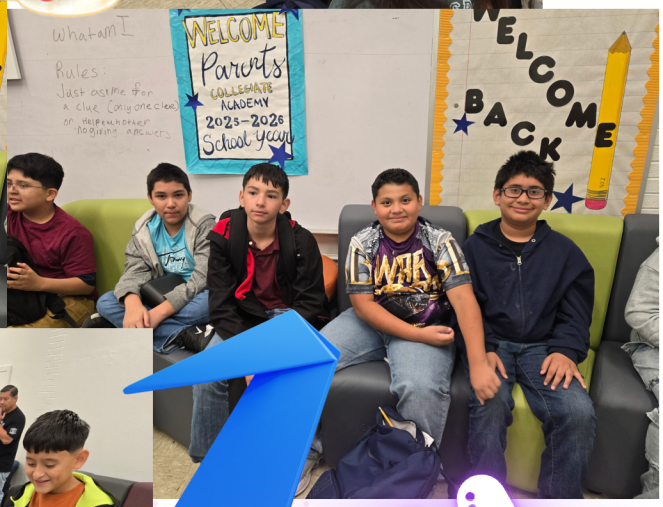

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BINGO









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6TH





MORNING ROUTINES

6th Grade



Mateo Arratia



Mario Barrera



Roberto Blas



Heriberto Chavez



Nathaniel De La Rosa



Easten Errisuriz



Elijah Garcia



Khiana Garcia



Gael Garza



Iker Garza



Kayla Garza



Reynaldo Garza



Leonora Hernandez



Orlando Herrera

6th Grade



Dean Jauregui



David Lara



Leslie Leal



Reymundo Lopez



Sofia Lugo



Jesiah Maldonado



Abigail Martinez Sanchez



Luis Melo Hernandez



Yarely Mendoza



Karolina Morales



Esperanza Obregon



Ryan Perez



Penelope Ramos



Mario Reyes

6th Grade



Isabelle Rodriguez



Sophie Rosas



Nathan Sanchez



Emmanuel Sandoval



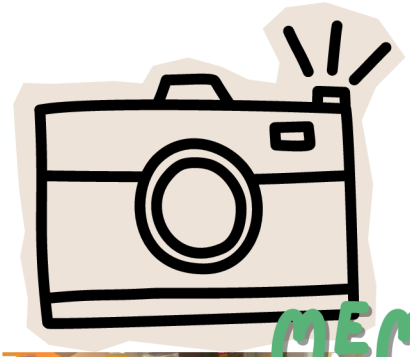
Marissa Tettey



Barbara Tovar



Matthew Valdez



MEMORIES



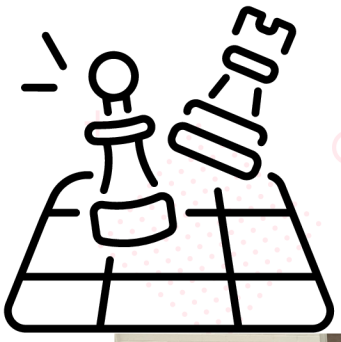
Zachary Zaragoza

#FRIENDS















7th

Morning Fun!









7TH GRADE



Ivon Aguilar



Rorban Aguillon



Eliseo Betancourt



Juan Betancourt



Antonio Briseno



Lena Brown Hinojosa



Kayla De Leon



Penelope Diaz



Ainhoa Dominguez



Leylanni Espinoza



Liam Fuentes



Keyla Galindo Salazar



Manuel Garcia



Santiago Garcia

7TH GRADE



Abigail Gonzalez



Brayden Guajardo



Jenelle Guerrero



Daniel Guzman



Charlie Hernandez



Kylie Hernandez



Steven Hernandez



Ian Leal



Jenna Lopez



Leo Martinez



Francisco Mejia



Anneliese Molina



Jordan Moreno



Niobe Muniz

7TH GRADE



Michael Murillo



Sophie Palomares



Camila Perez



Alyanah Ramirez



Ckendra Reyes



Sophia Salazar



Ariani Saldivar



Cecilia Sanchez



Kimber Stanton



Fernando Tapia



Jayden Valencia



Gabriel Vargas



FUN WITH FRIENDS







8th





#MORNINGS

8th Grade



Lillian Aguilera



Valentina Balderas



Sebastian Contreras



Dania Creado



Nathaniel Cruz



Noe De Leon



Vianey De Leon



Danika Diaz



Gabriel Dominguez



Nicole Dominguez



Klarissa Escobedo



Alma Estrada



Victor Garza



Krystal Gasca

8th Grade



Brayden Guajardo



Jeremiah Guerrero



Krystal Hernandez



Kenia Izaguirre



Madison Leal-Carmona



Calvin Lopez



Alenny Mendez



Leonardo Mota



Bristany Muro



Axel Ollervides



Joshua Peralez



Victoria Ramos



Julius Resendez



Camila Reyes

8th Grade



Angel Ricardo Salazar



Antonio Rodriguez



Damian Rodriguez



Daxon Ruelas



Diego Santana



Jeremy Serda



Gabriel Solis



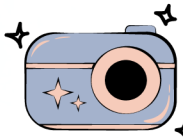
Daniel Torres



Emma Torres

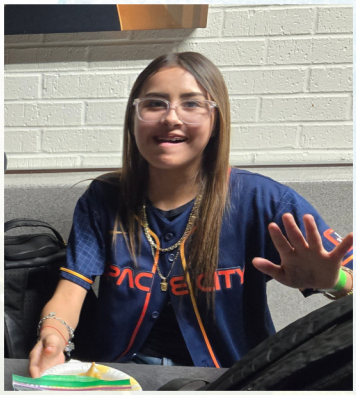


Scarlette Villarreal









FRIENDS


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COUGARS




SAN BENITO COLLEGIATE ACADEMY
SB
Est. XXIII



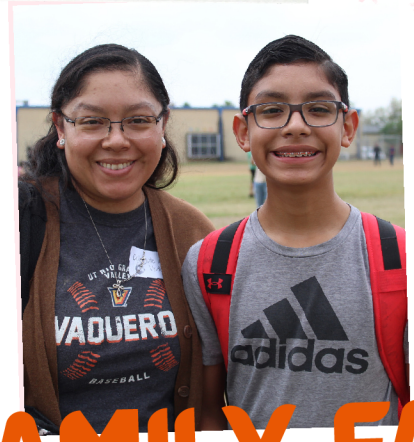
SCHOOL LIFE




BE SAFE!









FAMILY FALL PICNIC







FRIENDS ARE
FAMILY



SPIRIT WEEK

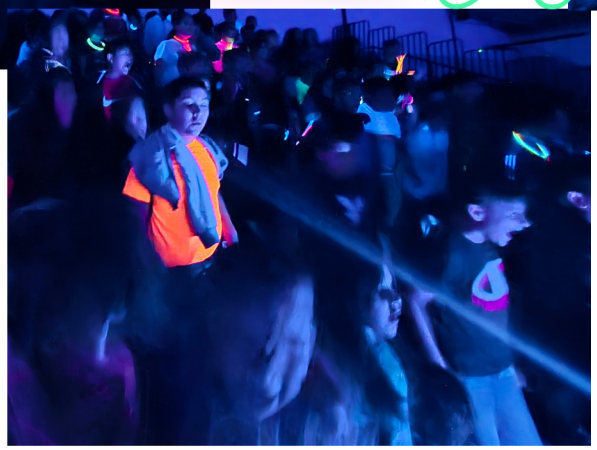








#GOODTIMES





UIL Academics







UIL



FUN









GO TEAM





CONTESTANTS SHOWCASED
THEIR SKILLS
IN VARIOUS WRITTEN &
SPEAKING EVENTS.

HOSTED @ Riverside MS

COLLEGIATE ACADEMY

DISTRICT UIL STANDINGS

1st - 3rd place denotes trophy. 4th-6th place denotes ribbon.

2nd Place	Matthew Valdez *Mathematics*	6th Grade
2nd Place	Liam Fuentes *Social Studies*	7th Grade
2nd Place	Angel Ricardo Salazar *Social Studies*	8th Grade
3rd Place	*Joshua Peralez* *Spelling*	8th Grade
3rd Place	Leo Martinez *Ready Writing*	7th Grade
3rd Place	Antonio Briseño *Calculator Skills*	7th Grade
4th Place	Mario Barrera *Spelling*	6th Grade
4th Place	Luis Melo *Science*	6th Grade
4th Place	Nathan Sanchez *Impromptu*	6th Grade
6th Place	Rose Obregon *Ready Writing*	6th Grade

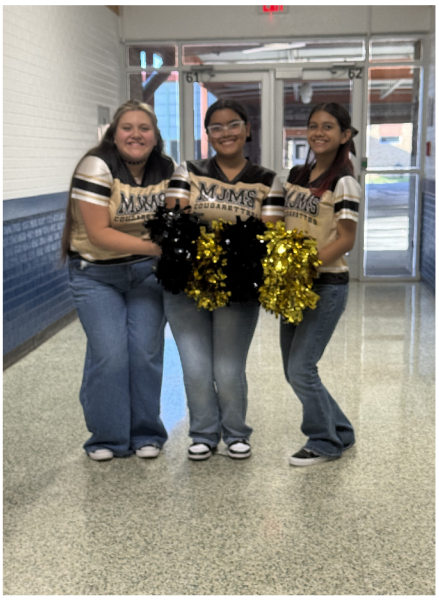
"Education is the key to unlocking the world. It is a passport to freedom."

— Oprah Winfrey



#teamwork







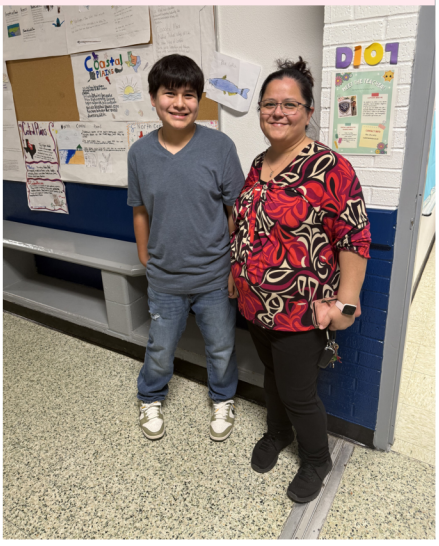
OPEN HOUSE



#positive vibes







Red Ribbon Week

LIFE IS A PUZZLE,
SOLVE IT DRUG FREE.

#TWINNING











#TEAM PLAYERS







We are DRUGFREE



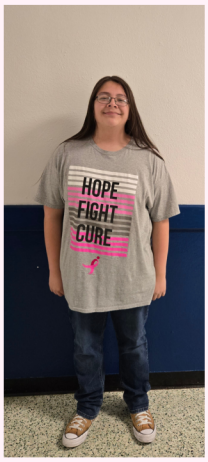
















CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

READ











Literacy Night







A BOOK IS A GIFT YOU CAN OPEN AGAIN AND AGAIN.

—GARRISON KEILLOR

HAPPY Valentine's Day 2026



King & Queen

MADISON LEAL & ANGEL SALAZAR



Prince & Princess

SANTIAGO GARCIA & AINHOA DOMINGUEZ



Duke & Duchess

KAROLINA MORALES & ZACHARY ZARAGOZA







"CHARGE INTO FIRE SAFETY: LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES IN YOUR HOME"

FIRE Prevention Art Contest



6th grade – 1st place
Khiana Garcia



7th grade – 3rd place
Leo Martinez



8th grade – 1st place
Garbriella Pena



Not Pictured
7th grade – 1st place
Ivon Aguilar



6th grade – 3rd place
Abigail Martinez







2025 highlights







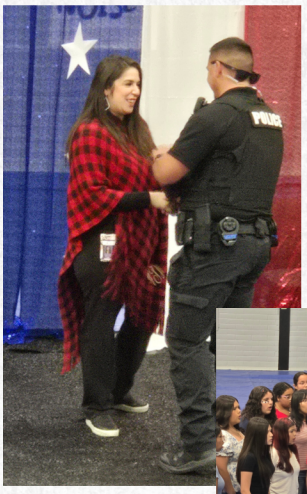
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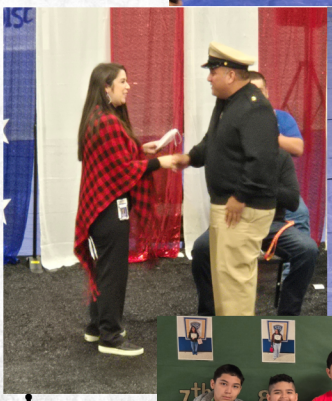


VETERANS DAY









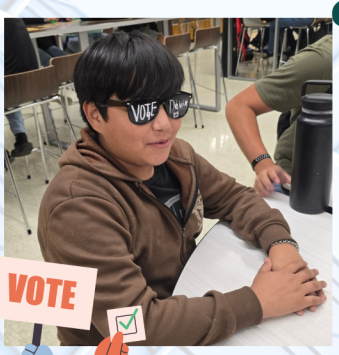










VOTE!

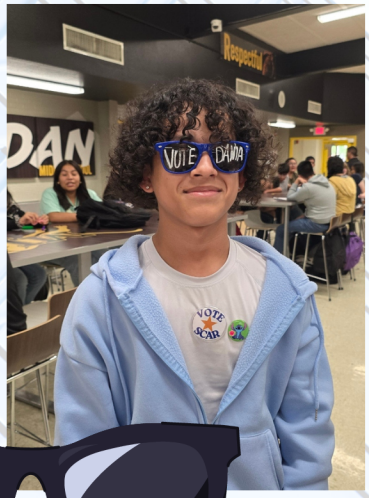


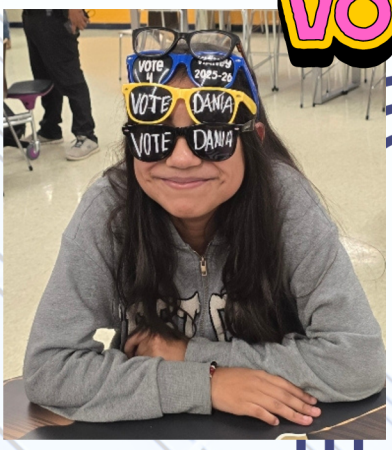






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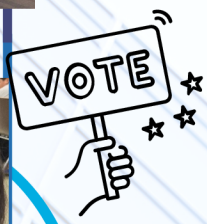




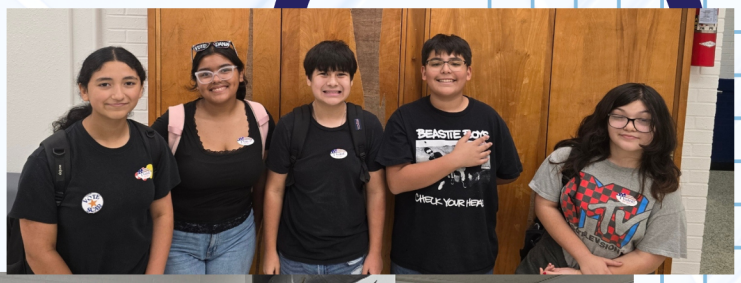








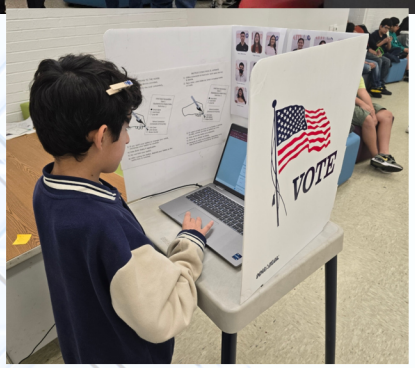




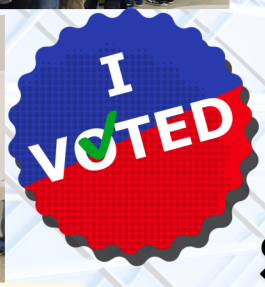


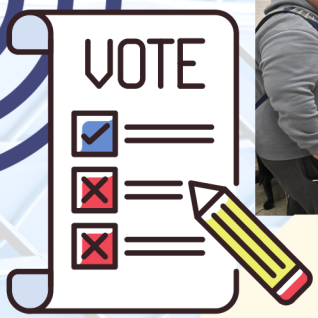
VOTE











STUDENT COUNCIL

MEMBERS

HISTORIAN
SEBASTIAN CONTRERAS

VICE PRESIDENT
LEO MARTINEZ

PRESIDENT
ALENNY MENDEZ

PARLIAMENTARIAN
DIEGO SANTANA

SECRETARY
SCARLETTE VILLARREAL

TREASURER
GABRIEL DOMINGUEZ

REPORTER
ANTONIO BRISENO

(LISTED LEFT TO RIGHT)



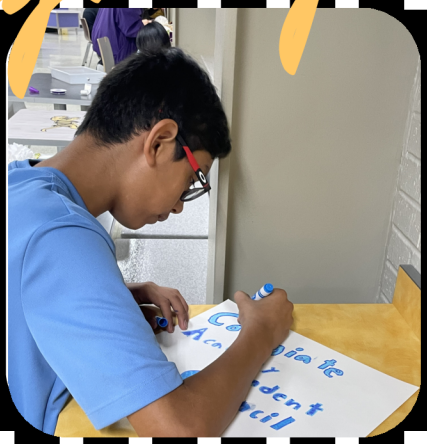
2025 highlights













Collegiate Life







SCHOOL BUS SAFETY









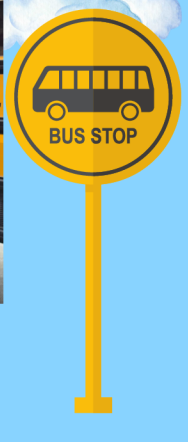












Induction Ceremony

CURRENT MEMBERS:

Nathaniel Cruz
Leo Martinez
Kylie Hernandez
Sophia Salazar
Krystal Gasca
Alenny Mendez
Damian Rodriguez

6th Grade:

Mateo Arratia
Heriberto Chavez
Elijah Garcia
Gael Garza
Iker Garza
Sofia Lugo
Luis Melo
Sophie Rosas
Nathan Sanchez

7th Grade:

Sophie Palomares

8th Grade:

Valentina Balderas
Sebastian Contreras
Gabriel Dominguez
Nicole Dominguez
Bristany Muro







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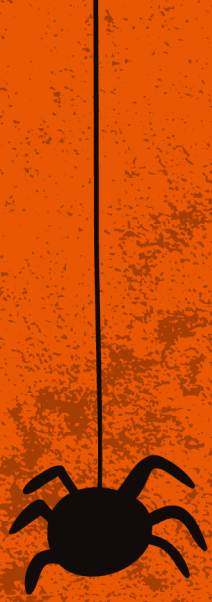


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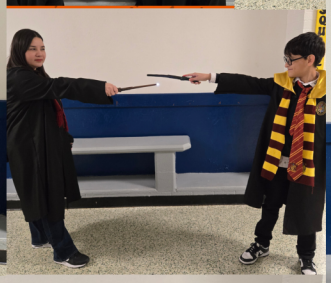








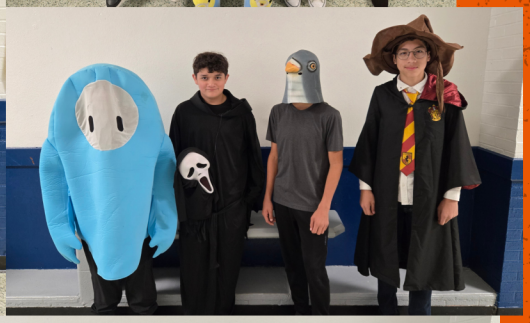
























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7TH GRADE



Ainhoa Dominguez | Ariani Saldivar | Jenna Lopez | Kim Stanton | Sophie Palomares



Ivon Aguilar | Leylanni Espinoza | Penelope Diaz | Abigail Gonzalez | Ckendra Reyes

8TH GRADE



Valentina Balderas | Dania Creado | Victoria Ramos | Krystal Gasca

BASKETBALL

7TH GRADE



Keyla Galindo





Leylanni Espinoza

Ckendra Reyes



Ivon Aguilar



Jenna Lopez



Abigail Gonzalez



8TH GRADE



Krystal Gasca



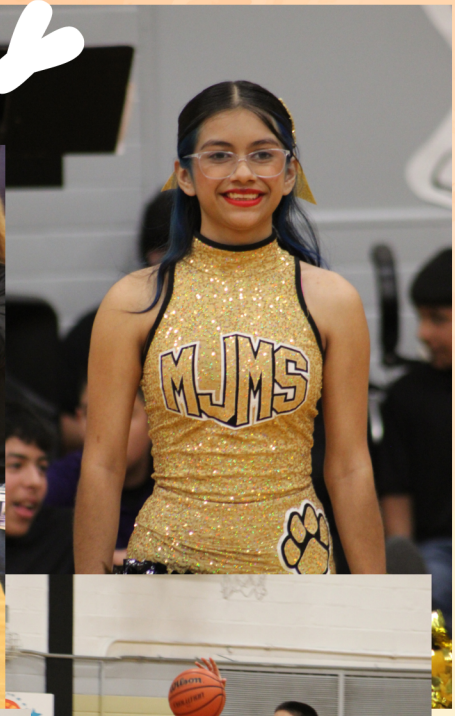
Emma Torres

PEP RALLY FUN





VICTORIA RAMOS
MAJOR











DANIA CREADO
COLONEL

MJMS Courgarettes

LILLIAN AGUILERA

DISTRICT EVENTS

SPELLING BEE



8th grade Contestants:
Joshua Peralez, Diego Santana & Scarlette Villarreal

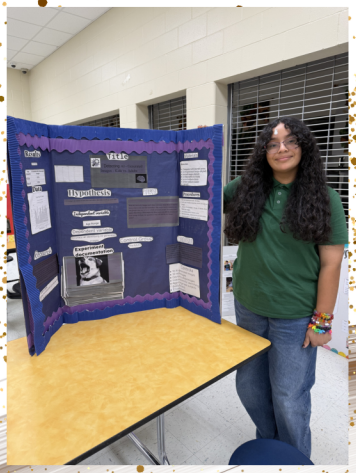






2nd Place Winner
Joshua Peralez

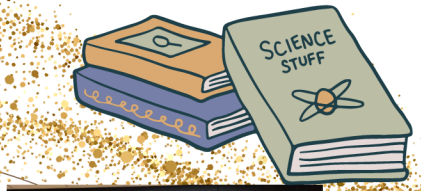
SCIENCE FAIR



7th Grade: Anneliese Molina



1st Place Social Science Category





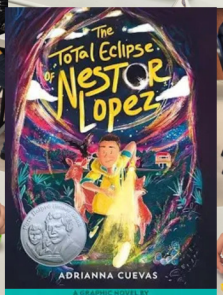
3rd Place SWEEPSTAKES Winner

BATTLE of the BOOKS























8th graders: *Alenny Mendez, Krystal Gasca, Dania Creado, Damian Rodriguez & Mrs. Esquivel*

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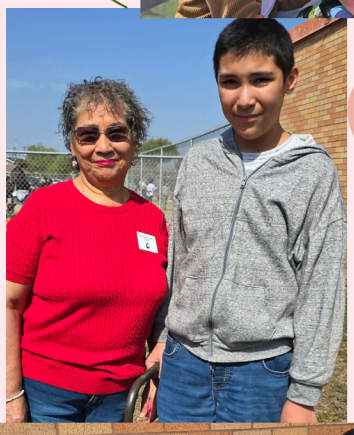










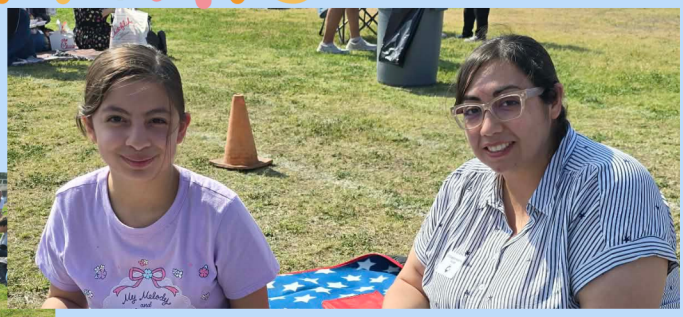








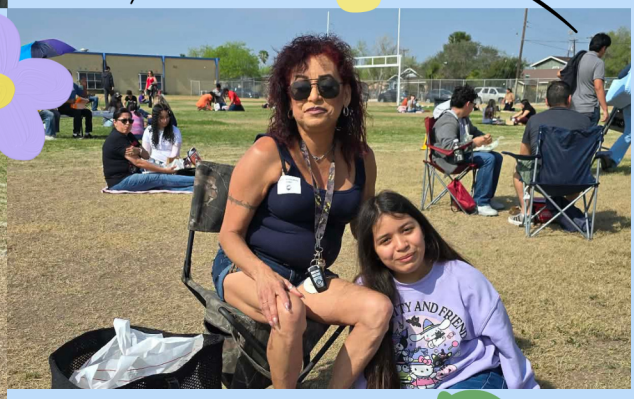
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GOOD TIMES

TSC 8TH







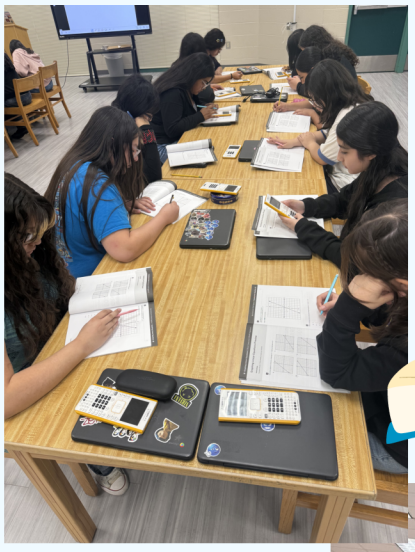


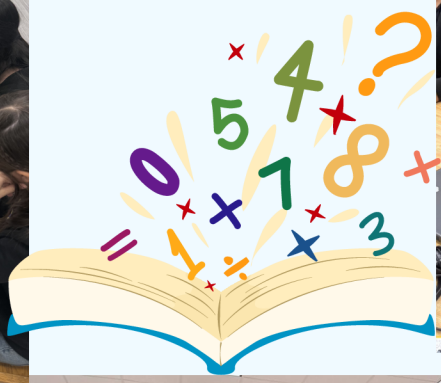
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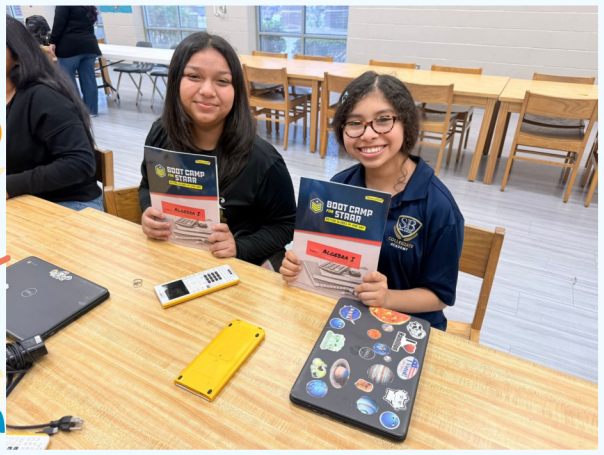




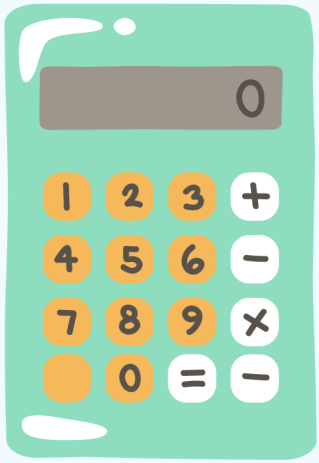
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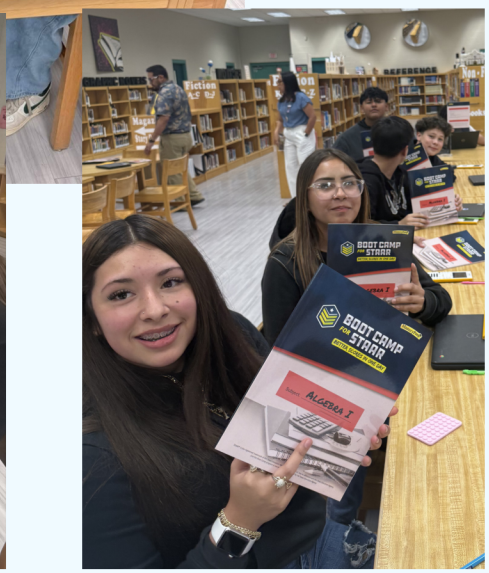






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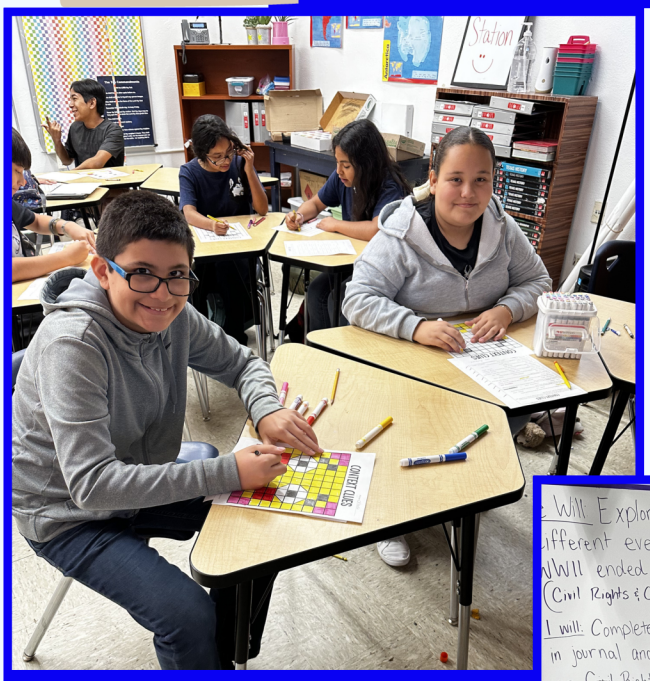


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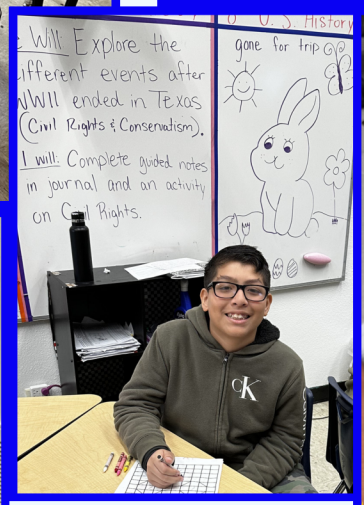


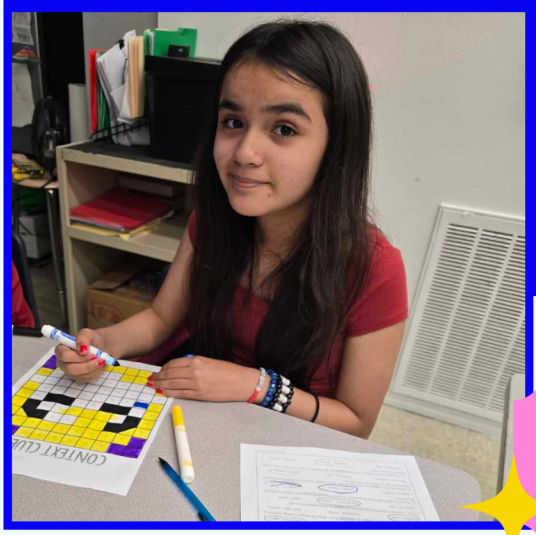


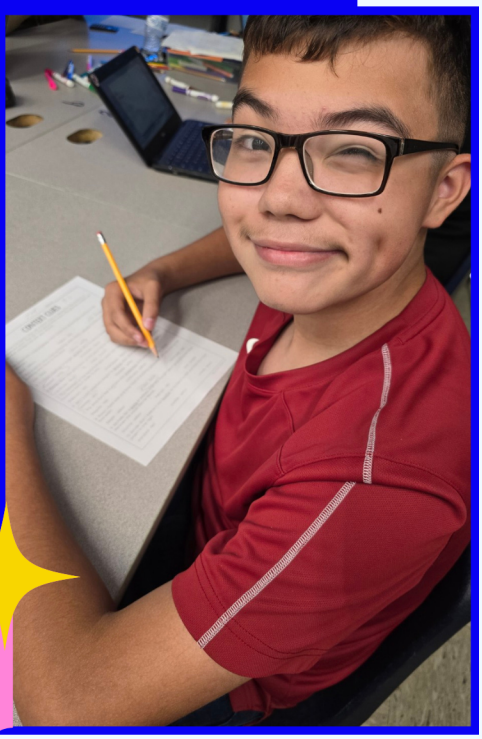
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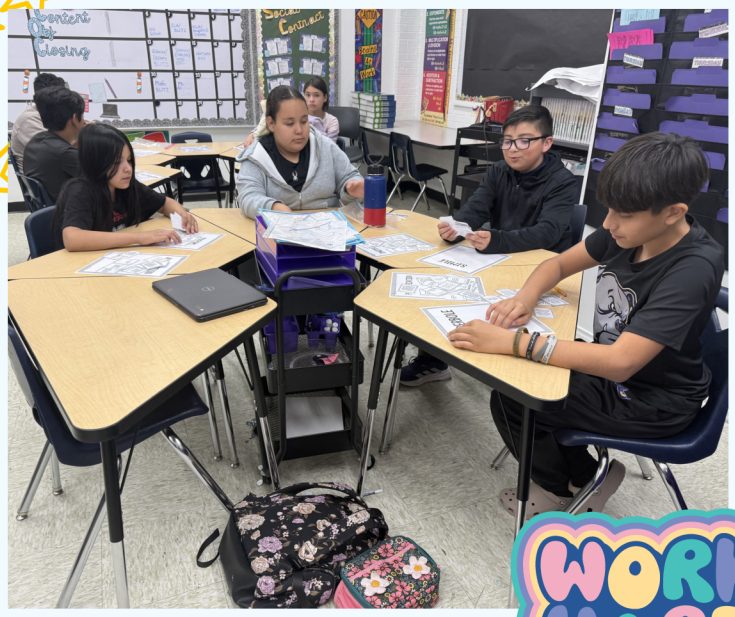






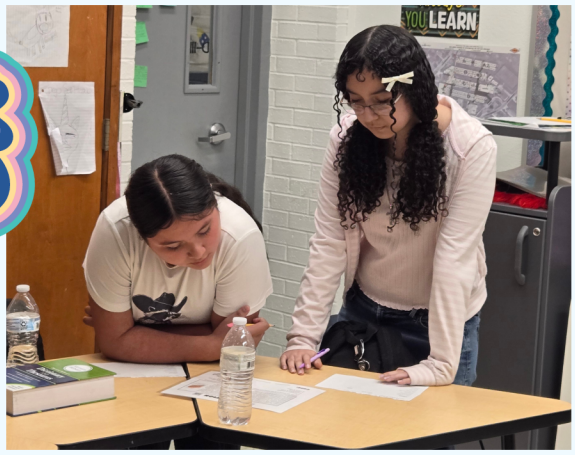
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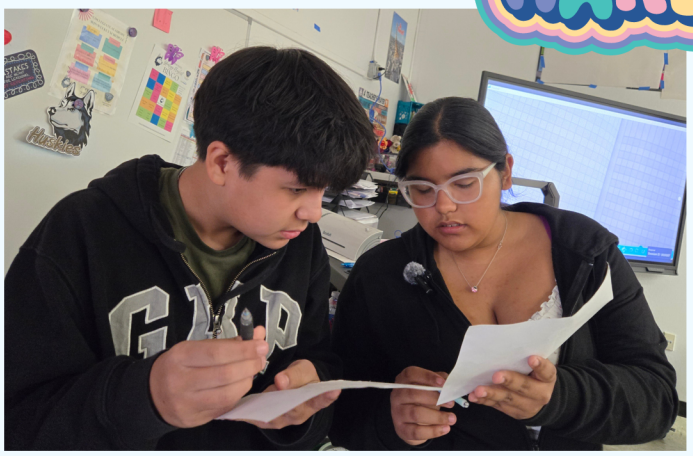
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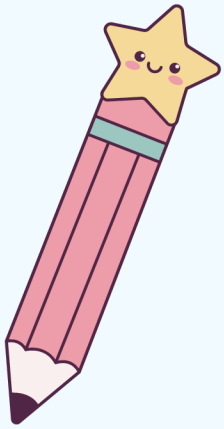


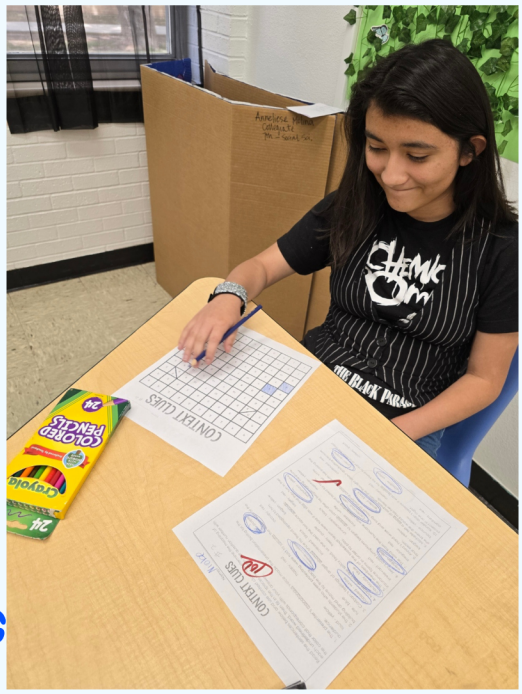
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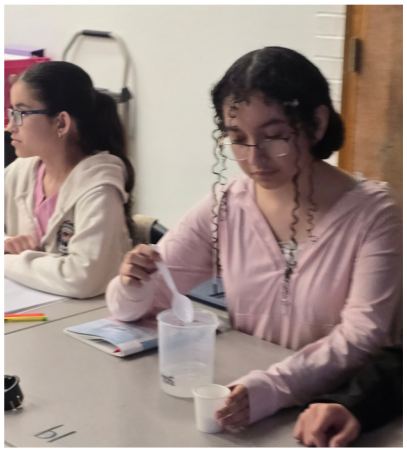


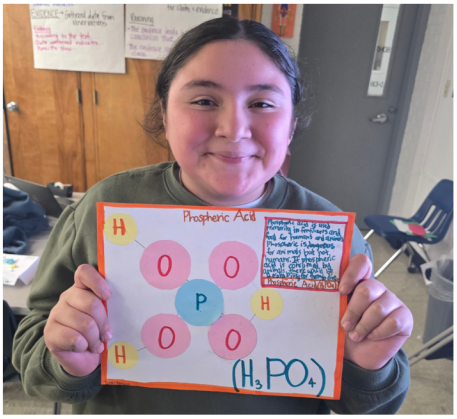


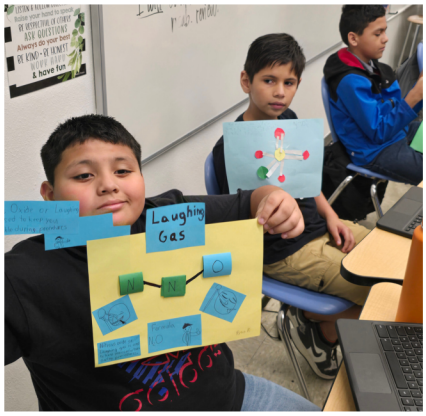
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Locked in!

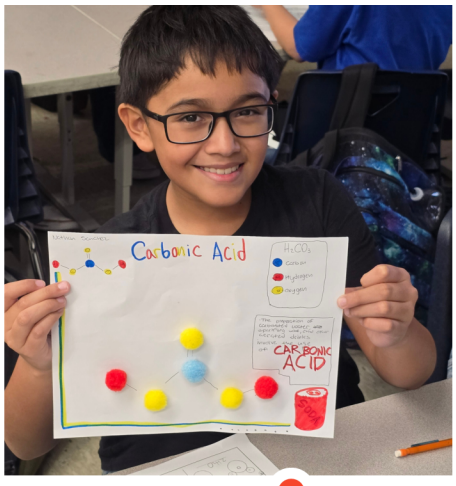














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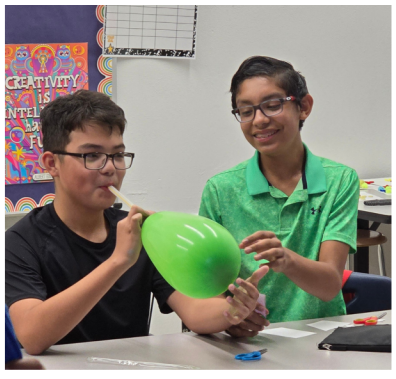








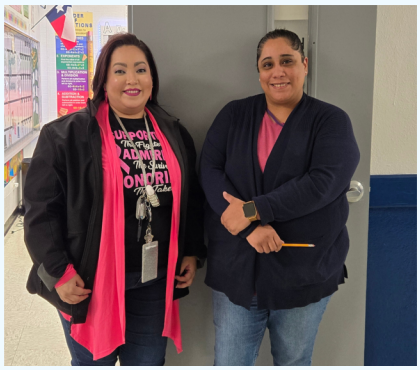


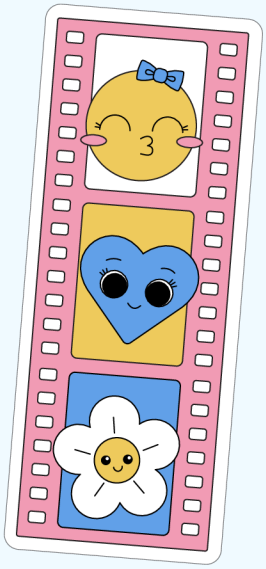




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"I AM DIFFERENT, NOT LESS." - TEMPLE GRANDIN















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