



Delano Joint Union High School District Newsletter

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Spanish students treat youngsters

Local elementary students were treated to two bilingual Spanish dramas presented at CCHS Feb. 23 by Spanish students of Aurora Delgadillo who has taught the subject 31 years at Cesar Chavez and Delano High.

For the fourth year, one of the plays is "Little Red Caperucita" and for the second year "Tortoise and the Hare." The kindergarten to fourth grade audience was to view and listen to the 50-minute program.

Using Spanish learned in the classroom, the "Little Red Caperucita" play was to feature

Karisia Gonzalez as Little Red Caperucita; Imanol Ulloa Gutierrez, as the Wolf and in the other play as the Hare; Jessica Sotelo, the mother; Elisa Torres, the Tree; Lynda Leal, Cactus; Eduardo Garcia, grandfather; Gerardo Garcia, grandmother; Carmen Villa, Tree; Elizabeth Lamas, butterfly in both productions; Jazmin Blanco Hernandez and Jazmin Guadalupe Cabrera, both as flowers and in the second play as a bunny.

In "Tortoise and the Hare," Samuel Gonzalez was the Tortoise; Ulloa Gutierrez, the Hare; Salvador

Santillano, singing goat; and Mariana Crisostomo-Ibarra, the Snail.

Serving as stage hands were Tatyana Azua, Elian Gudino, Rebeca Guerrero, Geraldine Mayorga, Daisy Pineda, Marina Ceja Ochoa, Karla Estefania Ruiz, and Erika Santiago-Cruz. Anahi Puentes handled makeup and Diego Gonzalez the lights.

Director was Ms. Delgadillo whose son, Andres Alaniz, assisted with sound. Marisol Guzman was Host. Ushers were costumed in relation to the play.

"I'm happy to be recognized for working here for over 22 years."
> Rey Lauricio

High school district honors Rey Lauricio

Rey Lauricio has been revealed as the Classified Employee of the Year for the Delano Joint Union High School District.

Lauricio began his work with the

district in 1996. He specializes in everything electrical, including heating and cooling.. He was graduated from college at a university in the Philippines in 1981, gaining his Bachelor of Science degree in industrial education, majoring in electronics.

He arrived in Delano and has worked 22 years in the school district. He and wife Evelyn have been

married for 27 years. On the side over the years he has also done work in his specialty field.

"Rey consistently exceeds expectations as it pertains to the quality of his services," said Charlie Trueblood, his district supervisor. "He takes great pride in the outcome and finished product when his jobs are completed. Rey is highly resourceful and self-reliant, taking steps necessary to get his assigned tasks done. He is always cooperative and works to promote and maintain good relations with those he works with."





Kennedy High impresses visiting educators' group

Five areas of Robert F. Kennedy High School were judged as strengths of the school by a visiting six-member committee representing the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

Dr. Jarrett Gold of La Canada High School, the chair of the committee, ended his presentation by stating that students and teachers at RFK create healthy, respectful, and meaningful relationships that foster a culture and climate of pride and acceptance.

“RFK imbeds collaboration time, allowing teachers to discuss best practices to ensure student achievement,” said Dr. Gold. “CTE offerings at RFK are robust and plentiful, allowing students to explore a variety of pathways.”

The chairman also said that the school's SLO's provide RFK's school community with a clear and defined blueprint of what it strives to achieve on a daily basis. RFK has a high graduation rate and no dropouts.

Because the WASC process is a cycle of continued growth, Dr. Gold left Kennedy with three areas to follow-up on.

He said that RFK needs to generate a detailed and ongoing profes-

sional development plan in order to create systemic changes. The school, with support from the district, should work to create an updated and relevant technology implementation plan to support student learning, and RFK needs to develop more effective communication among all stakeholders.

Prior to the visiting committee's arrival, the Kennedy entire staff examined every facet of RFKHS's program, including demographics and assessment data, and wrote a thorough report of over 400 pages de-



tailing all aspects of the school.

The entire staff evaluated the old ESLR's (Expected School Learning Results) and collaborated to draft a new set of student learning outcomes that reflect what the school strives to help students become. As part of the efforts to roll out the new

GLOBAL (Genuine, Legitimate, Optimistic, Broad-minded, Adaptable, Loyal) and increase communication of the new student outcomes, print room supervisor Tirzah Ruiz designed a series of posters to place in campus classrooms to highlight each GLOBAL trait and provide students real steps they can take to demonstrate the GLOBAL traits.

The Kennedy staff broke into focus groups and met six times over the last two semesters to discuss, analyze, and evaluate specific aspects of Kennedy's school program.

Focus group was led by a member of the WASC team, another teacher. Ms. Stacey Grounds led the leadership, staff and resources; James Sepsey, curriculum; Stacey Ericsson, instruction; Mrs. Tatyana Folger, assessment; and Ernesto Moreno, school culture and support for student personal and academic growth. Each member wrote a section of the report.

Dr. Gold's visiting committee included Ms. Rebecca Bullick, a teacher from Visalia; Ms. Karen Christy, retired teacher from Visalia; Bryan Easter, dean of instruction from Bakersfield; and Kenneth Wade Mitchell, a teacher from Porterville.

White House reps visit Delano High

Three representatives from the White House staff visited Delano High School's campus in March.

They had an interest in the initiative on Pacific Islanders, said DHS Principal Rene Ayon, and for that reason were visiting Delano High which has a great number of students with that background.

“Because of that high percentage and the fact that we are in a rural county, our school was selected. Also, they were attracted to our school because the students are excelling at a higher rate than in most secondary school.” added Ayon.

During the two-hour visit, the representatives visited classrooms and interviewed staff and students.

"They were impressed with the instruction in the classrooms, with the assessment data that we had, and with overall school culture," said Ayon.



April

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10 School Board Meeting

11 SBAC Testing

14 DHS, CCHS, & RFKHS PPAAC Indoor Percussion Finals

17 Suicide Prevention Presentation

18 PLC Late Start

21 CCHS Prom

22 Earth Day

28 DHS Motowners @ Disney Performing Arts

4 PLC Late Start

5 Cinco de Mayo

May

Kennedy names top athletes for winter sports season

Robert F. Kennedy High School has recognized its outstanding winter sports athletes with special awards.

In varsity boys soccer, Oscar Sanchez was named Most Valuable Player. Armando Hernandez was Best Defensive Player, Jesus Rodriguez the Best Offensive Player, and Hector Ontiveros the Most Improved. At the JV level Christian Maldonado was Most Valuable Player, Luis Perez the Most Valuable Defensive Player, and Esteban Ruiz the Most Valuable Offensive Player.

For girls varsity soccer, Julie Garcia and Dynora Araujo were both named Most Valuable. Angelica Rios was Best Defensive Player and

Esmeralda Garcia won the Golden Boot Award.

For JV soccer girls, Lisbet Lopez was Most Valuable Player, Vereniz Valencia the Best Defensive Player, Julie Gonzalez the Best Offensive Player, and Paola Guzman the Thunderbird of the Year.

Denmark Cu was Most Valuable Player for varsity boys basketball. Manny Bautista won the Coach's Award, Alexis Rodriguez the Offensive Award, and Tony Counts the Most Improved.

For JV basketball, Loreto Beltran was Most Valuable, Kevin Medina won the Defense Award, Joseph Zavala the Most Improved Award, and Juan Medina the Coach's Award.

Elijah Gutierrez was Most Valuable for freshman boys basketball. Luis Carrillo won the Coach's Award, Joshua Soria the Offensive Award, and Kevin Medina won the Most Improved.

Christen Castulo won the Most Valuable award for varsity girls basketball. Maribel Arrodoondo won the Floor Burn Award, Daisy Duran the Offensive Player Award, and Esmeralda Valdez the Most Improved Award.

For the JV team, Rosibel Navarrette won Most Valuable, Alexis Marin Most Improved, Jasmin Ruiz the Thunderbird Award, and Desiree Mendoza the Coach's award.

Crystal Navarro Pimentel was Most Valuable Player for frosh basketball, Jennifer Gutierrez was presented the Most Improved Award, Atziry Ponce the Offensive Player Award, and Brenda Magana the Most Dedicated Award.

In varsity wrestling, Xavier Enciso and Roberto Guzman were named Most Improved and Fernando Servin had the Best Work Ethic.

For JV wrestling, Manuel Martinez was Most Improved, Daisy Valdez the Most Inspirational, and Yoncannie Sandoval recipient of the Fearless Award.

Carino selected Kern County girls all-star basketball



Abigail Carino scored six points in the Kern High School District all star girls' basketball game March 21, but that was not the highlight for her.

The Cesar Chavez High School senior prior to the game sank five 3-point baskets to outgun the other 14 girls in the contest. Then in the regular game she made a pair of trey to give her six points for the game.

Also participating was Cristen Castulo fo Robert F. Kennedy High School.

Sports

calendar

DHS

4/9: Boys tennis hosts Mission Oak
4/10: Boys golf hosts Porterville
4/11: Boys tennis @ Tulare Western
4/11: Track at Tulare Western
4/11: Softball at Tulare Western
4/11: Baseball hosts Tulare Western
4/12: Boys golf hosts Mission Oak
4/13: Softball hosts Tulare Union
4/13: Baseball at Tulare Union
4/16: Boys tennis hosts Tulare Union
4/17: Boys golf at River Island Mini Tourney
4/18: Boys tennis hosts Monache
4/18: Track hosts Porterville
4/18: Softball hosts Monache
4/18: Baseball at Tulare Union
4/19: Track @ Tulare County F/S Invitational (Granite Hills)
4/19: Swimming at Tulare Union
4/20: Softball at Porterville
4/20: Baseball hosts Tulare Union
4/23: Boys tennis at Porterville
4/25: Boys tennis at Mission Oak
4/25: Boys golf at Tulare Mini-Tourney
4/25: Softball at Mission Oak
4/25: Baseball at Monache
4/25: Track at Mission Oak
4/27-28: Boys tennis at EYL Tulare Union
4/27: Softball hosts Tulare Western

CCHS

4/4: Track at Taft
4/5: JV/V baseball and softball host Taft; f/s at Taft
4/9: Tennis hosts McFarland
4/10: V/JV baseball/softball at Shafter; F/S host Arvin
4/12: V/JV baseball/softball at Arvin; F/S host Arvin
4/13: Tennis at Shafter
4/17: Tennis host to Arvin
4/18: Track at Kennedy
4/19: V/JV baseball and softball host to Kennedy; F/S at Kennedy
4/19: Tennis at BCHS
4/24: V/JV baseball/softball at BCHS; F/S host BCHS
4/24: Boys golf at Shafter for SSL championships
4/25-26: Tennis at Taft for SSL championships
4/26: V/JV baseball/softball host Wasco; f/s at Wasco
4/27: Track at Dinuba Invitational
5/1: V/JV baseball at Taft; F/S host Taft
5/2: Track host to SSL championships
5/3: V/JV baseball host Shafter; F/S at Shafter
5/8: V/JV baseball/softball host Arvin; F/S at Arvin

RFKHS

4/9: Boys tennis at Shafter
4/10: Baseball at Bakersfield Christian; Softball at BCHS
4/11: Tennis hosts BCHS
4/13: Tennis at Taft
4/13: Track at Mike Young Invitational in Tulare
4/17: Baseball at Taft; Softball at Taft
4/17: Tennis hosts Wasco
4/18: Host of SSL track power meet
4/19: Tennis at Arvin
4/20: Track at Tulare County championships
4/20: Baseball at Chavez; softball at Chavez
4/24: Baseball hosts Arvin; softball also hosts Arvin
4/25-26: SSL tennis championships at Taft
4/27: Track host to Thunderbird Classic
5/1: Baseball hosts Shafter; softball also hosts Shafter
5/2: Track at Chavez for SSL Championships
5/4: Baseball hosts Bakersfield Christian; softball also hosts BCHS
5/8: Baseball at Wasco; softball also at Wasco
5/11: Baseball hosts Taft; softball also hosts Taft

Spotlight

Staffer Les Lucas achieves award



> Pictured with Les Lucas Sr. is Suzanne Villaruz, DUESD Board member, Rosalina Rivera, DUESD Superintendent, and wife Denise Lucas.

Les Lucas, current district supervisor for transportation for the Delano Joint Union High School District, was honored Feb. 8 at the Black History Month celebration concert.

Lucas was recognized for his leadership in helping unite the community and celebrate the history, cultures, and contributions made to the nation by men and women of African-American ancestry. The award recognizes "leaders who have demonstrated a commitment to our country."

Delano Mayor Grace Vallejo made the plaque presentation to him and his wife, Denise, was at his side.

Lucas during the late 70's and 80's spent 12 years in the mechanics field at Empire For, Harvest Chevrolet, and Holiday Ford in Delano.

For more than 30 years has been in the district transportation department the last 18 years as supervisor. Since 1996 he has been the school bus driver trainer for the district.

Local readers help at elementary event

Sixteen girls from among the three Delano public high schools are contestants in the Distinguished Young Women scholarship pageant that will take place Saturday, April 28, in the Delano High auditorium.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with the show to start at 7. Tickets are \$10 are available pre-sale from candidates and at the Chamber of Commerce office until April 26th. At the door the charge will be \$12.

This year's event is the 24th annual to take place in Delano.

DJUHSD has an App!

Delano Joint Union High School District is pleased to announce our new mobile app designed specifically to keep our families better informed and connected to what's going on in our schools. The new DJUHSD mobile app is available for both Apple and Android devices.

> The app will deliver real time school news to a smart-device

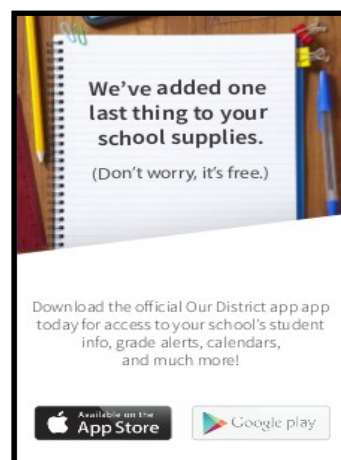
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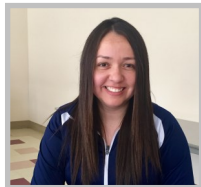
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Why I love Delano Joint Union High School District...



Giselli Garcia
DHS ASB Director

"I love the amazing students, the supportive administration and our colleagues. I also love the feeling that I can suggest ideas to see if they get approved."



Eliseo Santillano
VHS Counselor

"I enjoy the wonderful students and staff at Valley High School."



Grisel Hernandez
DJUHSD Retiree

"I love that it's diverse and the campus was wonderful. I was the librarian and loved all the books and old buildings."



Paul Chavez
CTE Director

"The great kids, awesome teachers, and administrators. We all about trying to help our students be successful in their career path or education field."



Teresa Maldonado
RFKHS ASB Clerk

"DJUHSD allows me to make a difference and contribute to tomorrows' leaders."

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