Military Family Appreciation Month

We at LISD extend our heartfelt thank you to all of our parents for their continued support in making your child’s success our number one priority!

Whenever a new survey of veterans comes out, someone is always surprised to note how the costs of recent wars have been borne by the few. The 2.6 million Americans who served. The 51,000 who were injured. The 6800 who sacrificed their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan.

We wives and husbands and children and parents and siblings occupy a universe that is more intensely affected than our civilian counterparts, not only because of the service members in our own families, but because we are likely simply to know other service members and their families.

Jacey Eckhart
The following students were the top projects in this year’s local science fair. Congratulations to all who have participated. Thank you also to our science fair judges who volunteered from our own LAFB airmen and STEM base partnership.

Caeden Ryan
Sand: Don’t Have a Meltdown

Alaina Steele
Which Ball Bounces the Highest?

Parker Archibald
The Most aMAZeing Time of Day for a Hamster

Audrey Mullins
Taste Perception

Clarissa Elizondo
Temperature and Paint

Trevor Hopkins
Layering Salt Water
On October 26th, 2015, FCCLA members joined in on the fight to end hunger here in San Antonio. They worked from 4:30 to 8:45 to aid the Children’s Hunger Fund by packaging beans, pre-cutting wrapping paper, and boxing up stuffed animals. There were hours of sore fingers and taut backs, all for the ones who are in need. It may not seem like it makes a big difference, but each specific task has a big impact. Each package of beans gets hand-delivered to the ones that need it most. The stuffed animals are given to those who may not be able to buy Christmas presents. Each pre-cut section of wrapping paper makes it easier for the other volunteers to wrap these Christmas presents. Each volunteer made a difference, no matter how big or small. This was one of the things taught to us by the Children’s Hunger Fund. This organization focuses more on the religious aspect of things. An example would be delivering bulk food packages to local churches. One of their main goals is to get to know the recipients on a personal level by delivering every box by hand. They run solely on donations and volunteers, so lending your hand on an uneventful Saturday could really make a difference.

-Lauren Rochelle
Interview with Mrs. Silvin’s Pre-K Class
By Danikh Steele, sophomore

How do you like pre-k?

Kiani: Good
Brayden: I like watching fireflies eat
Faith: I like pre-k to paint
Duke: I like recess
Sy: I love all the boys at the class
Veronica: A little
Dylan: Yeah it's fun
Nate: Yes
Cristian: Playing playdough
Maleeya: Yes
Michael: Yes

Bryce: Good
Jane: I like it because we play on the playground
Ariana: Good
Alijah: Good
Liam: It's exciting
Brooke: It's fun
Janie: It's far away

What is your favorite special?

Kiani: Cutting with scissors
Brayden: Art
Faith: I like to eat lunch with friends
Duke: When Mrs. Silvin makes surprises.
Sy: My special is my toy.
Veronica: Centers
Dylan: Arts and crafts
Nate: Eat lunch
Christian: Dinosaurs they're cool, they can eat ants, trees, and every single tree they want.
Maleeya: Music
Michael: Playing with dinosaurs
Bryce: Centers
Jane: Oh I also like centers.
Ariana: Recess
Alijah: Recess
Liam: Going to centers
Brooke: Playing
Janie: Playdough

What do you like best?

Kiani: All special surprises
Brayden: I like recess more than lunch
Faith: Eating lunch with friends
Duke: When Mrs. Silvin makes surprises.
Sy: About coloring
Veronica: Playdough
Dylan: Recess, then lunch.
Nate: Recess
Christian: I like to eat chicken nuggets and sandwiches with juice and snacks.
Maleeya: Playdough
Michael: Brayden
Bryce: My art class
Jane: I really like music because we dance and I like Uptown Funk.
Ariana: I love music and I sing Uptown Funk
Alijah: Naptime
Liam: I like the vehicles.
Brooke: Music
Janie: Go to school and music.
We want your candy!!! The Stacey nutrition classes held a Halloween candy buy back in trade for healthy snacks. Students used funds to purchase the snacks from a nutrition grant that Stacey HS received. Elementary students in addition to a few Stacey Students, brought in over 200 pounds of candy. All the candy collected was sent to operation gratitude which uses it in their care boxes sent to military soldiers that are stationed overseas. I big thank you to Dr. John DeKoch of Alamo Heights Dental and Anne Rothe, DDS for volunteering to pay for the shipping cost of all the candy collected. We also want to thank Marcie Rothe and everyone who brought candy.

Preparing for the science fair are first graders in Mrs. Allen’s room showing their display board. First graders needed to complete a class project for the show which was November 19.
Thanksgiving Lunch
By Caleb Hampton and Diego Massa

“The big Thanksgiving lunch has been going on for the past 50 years here at Stacy High School. It is a tradition” said Lolita Carrillo. One of the main reason that we do this is to see the smiles on the kids’ faces when they get their lunch. She enjoys making this lunch every year because everything they make is homemade. To make this lunch there is two days of cooking and a whole week of preparation. On the menu this year there was chicken nuggets, turkey with gravy, cornbread, dressing, green beans, hot rolls, green garden salad, ambrosia salad, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, fresh apples, fresh oranges and milk. The lunch staff does eat the Thanksgiving lunch, and they say they really enjoy it. They said it is their favorite tradition of the year and they really enjoy being able to make it as well. It does not take a whole week to prepare the food, but it does take time to order the food. They used an oven to cook their 24 turkeys. When we asked who the hardest worker was Mrs. Carrillo said “Everybody has something special and their own job, and we always get the job done”. They plan the menu themselves then they figured out how they are going to prepare the food. They do not make money off of what we pay them for the food, and the only reason that we have to pay is for the supplies needed. When everyone's done eating they are very satisfied, with the cooks and the cooks are satisfied with their hard work to make this thanksgiving a special one.
Our 4th grade students presented a choral presentation on Thursday November 19th 2015. This was the first public event in our new auditorium. There were about 130 attendees who showered our students with warm applause and took numerous pictures and video recordings.

The program theme was “We Honor the Brave”. The evening event was arranged and directed by Cara Coffey. A spirited presentation of patriotic songs with visual and voice-over pieces by numerous students. Ms. Coffey conducted the event from the audio visual control room. A program flyer identified the songs, listed the students and their teachers, and recognized the efforts of other staff member who contributed to this performance. Ms. Coffey provided decorations and resolved many technical and procedural challenges to ensure this events success. Terry Leija, Elementary Principal, was beaming with pride about the quality of the performance and the high turn-out of parents. She was very complimentary and appreciative of the leadership displayed by Cara Coffey.

William A. McDowell
Executive Director for Operations and Technology
Coach Daniel Rigney  
By: Caleb Hampton, senior

What is your favorite sport?  
Football is my favorite sport.

What college did you go to?  
I attended Eastern Kentucky University for my undergraduate degree and Baylor University for my graduate degree.

Did you play any sports in college?  
I played one year of football at the University of Kentucky.

Have you ever thought about being a college coach for track or cross country?  
I really have not thought about being a collegiate track or cross country coach. It may be something I look into in the future, though.

What sports did you play in high school?  
I played football, basketball and ran track and field in high school.

What events did you run in track if you ran track?  
I ran the 800m, 1600m, 3200m and occasionally ran on the 4X800m relay team.

If you could coach another sport what would it be?  
If I could coach another sport, I would like to try football.

Do you think Baylor can win the national championship this year?  
Yes, it would be a longshot but yes I think they can.

How long have you been coaching track and cross country?  
This is my third year coaching cross country and track.
Js2s/s2s Willie Cortez Senior Center Field Trip

By: Kristina Bartosh, 10th grader and s2s member

On October 30th, members of the Student to Student organization and Stacey’s new students attended a field trip to the Willie Cortez Senior Center. After a summer of being away, students and seniors were excited to reunite and spend some time once again with each other. While there, the students participated in activities with the seniors such as arts and crafts, bingo, a photo booth, and cupcake decorating. The students and the seniors always enjoy each other’s company and this event was no different. Everyone was sad to leave but they created new memories and are excited to return again soon.
Mr. Garcia’s 7.8 SFA class gets groovy while they study poetry in “The Place My Words Are Looking For”

Students in Mrs. Rigby’s 6th grade class play a game called Twalkers on the Digital Passport app and learn how difficult it is to pay attention to their characters and answer phone calls and texts at the same time. This was part of a lesson taught by Ms. Larkins, the Librarian, on Digital Citizenship and how cell phones can be distracting.
WE'RE LOOKING
FOR A FEW
GOOD KIDS

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Gratitude Initiative (GI) is currently enrolling students from our military and veteran families into its GI College Success Academy & Online Tutoring Programs. The programs are provided at no cost to families.

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Thanksgiving Day Meal

Thursday, November 26, 2015
11:00 am to 3:00 pm
Charles Court – 205 N. Presa
Between Commerce & Market

USO San Antonio & Boudro’s on the River
Host another fabulous meal for our troops and families!

- A traditional meal with all the fixings!
- This event is open to all Active Duty Troops and their families
- RSVP at: http://usothanksgivingdinner.eventbrite.com

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The Raul Jimenez Thanksgiving Dinner

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for a free delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings on Thursday, November 26th at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Exhibit Hall A (enter off of Alamo Street)

9:00 am
Doors Open

10:00 am - 10:30 am
All Faith Worship Service

10:30 am - 4:30 pm
Free Turkey Dinner

11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Entertainment & Dancing

- Mariachi Los Parentes de Pedro Moreno
- Rocky Hernandez & the OBG Band
- Ezzencia Musical Band
- Willie "The Kid" Cantu and Starlight

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Turkey Trivia: Fun Facts about America’s Favorite Bird

- Until 1863, Thanksgiving Day had not been celebrated annually since the first feast in 1621. This changed in 1863 when Sarah Josepha Hale encouraged Abraham Lincoln to set aside the last Thursday in November "as a day for national thanksgiving and prayer."

- In Mexico, the turkey was considered a sacrificial bird.

- Domesticated turkeys (farm raised) cannot fly. Wild turkeys can fly for short distances at up to 55 miles per hour. Wild turkeys are also fast on the ground, running at speeds of up to 25 miles per hour.

- Only male turkeys (toms) gobble. Females (hens) make a clicking noise. The gobble is a seasonal call during the spring and fall. Hens are attracted for mating when a tom gobbles. Wild toms love to gobble when they hear loud sounds or settle in for the night.

- Mature turkeys have 3,500 or so feathers. The Apache Indians considered the turkey timid and wouldn’t eat it or use its feathers on their arrows.

- More than 45 million turkeys are cooked and 525 million pounds of turkey are eaten during Thanksgiving.

- North Carolina produces 61 million turkeys annually, more than any other state. Minnesota and Arkansas are number two and three.

- Benjamin Franklin, the great American statesman, thought the turkey was so American it should have been chosen as our national symbol rather than the eagle.

- The fleshy growth from the base of the beak, which is very long on male turkeys and hangs down over the beak, is called the snood.

- As you sit down to dinner this Thanksgiving Day, remember the famous words of the honorable turkey: gobble, gobble!

Happy Thanksgiving!
Lackland ISD Clubs Will Be Helping The Ferrari Kid Children’s Cancer Group By Donating A Toy From November 16th to December 5th

• Donate New Wrapped Toys and Please Label Them With The Age and Gender

• We Will Be Helping Children In Local Hospitals From Ages 5-18

• Thank You For Putting A Smile On A Child’s Face