



DDE FALCONS NEWSLETTER

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The Magnificent Science Fair

Davenport Elementary School Annual Science Fair was on January 31, 2019. Third through fifth grade students participated in this event. The Science Fair took place at the Deanna Davenport cafeteria. Our school has a Science Fair to understand more about experiments.

The first Science Fair was in 1950 held in Philadelphia. The Science Fair is an opportunity for students to apply the Scientific Method and to conduct independent researches. Alan J.



Fletcher was the first American that won the Science Fair when he was 18 years old. The Science Fair is important because it motivates students to share their ideas with their friends, parents, and people that visit the Science Fair.

Dr. Harmenson was inspired to be in charge of the Science Fair because she wanted to make sure that students made creative projects. Mrs. Gonzalez

wanted her students to participate in the Science Fair because she wanted to test the student's hypothesis and discover results. She also wanted them to find answers by themselves through their experiments, and explain to others what they have learned. She wants them also to acquire self-confidence when they present their projects to an audience or judge. Ms. Catherine, a Science Fair judge, evaluates a student's project by their presentation and her interaction with the student. Karime likes to participate in the Science Fair because she can design and present projects. Christopher decided to participate in the Science Fair because Science is his favorite subject and he wants to build a lot of things in the future.

The Amazing Spelling Bee By: Victor Bernal

Ms. Sepulveda was in charge of the Spelling Bee this year. The English Spelling Bee was held at the cafeteria on January 29, 2019. The Spelling Bee is a contest to see who spells the most words correct. Anyone who wins from 3rd-5th grade will go to compete at district level.

The Spelling Bee was started by the Louisville, Courier-Journal. The first

Spelling Bee was in Washington D.C. on June 17, 1925. The Spelling bee helped students improve their spelling. The person who won the first Spelling Bee was Frank Neuhouser with the winning word Gladius.



I felt proud of winning the Spelling Bee because it was the first time I won, I felt joyful. Fernando said that participating in the Spelling Bee made him feel excited and improved his spelling skills. Ms. Sepulveda likes being in charge of the Spelling Bee because she gets to meet and work with students. Ms. Escobar, a 4th grade teacher, said she thinks that it's very important for students to be in the Spelling Bee because it helps students with their spelling and develop their vocabulary skills. David says he liked the Spelling Bee because he got to see if he got the word right or wrong.

The Amazing STAAR Test By: Ashlee Parker

Deanna Davenport's great students will be taking the STAAR test in their classrooms on May 13th through the 17th. I interviewed 3rd-5th grade students in the hallways to find their opinion about the STAAR test. Our wonderful campus has to take the STAAR test because it develops a person's higher education.

The amazing STAAR (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness) tests the skills of the students on Reading, Writing, Math, Science, and Social Studies. The STAAR test was developed in 2011-2012 to assess 3rd through 12th graders. TEA stands for Texas Education Agency, the agency

STAAR



that develops the test.

Mr. Fino, 4th grade teacher, said that he supports his students by practicing and teaching them the mechanics of writing. He also said "think with a positive state of mind." Adyson, a 4th grader, said that she is

scared of the Writing STAAR because she has not done it before. Hope, a 5th grader, said that her teacher supports her by helping her with Science when she is having trouble. Chloe, a 3rd grader, said that she was nervous because she has never taken the STAAR test before. Mrs. Montanez said that her job for the STAAR test is to make sure all students have an opportunity to not only pass the test, but obtain success. In order for this to occur, it takes teamwork and lots of communication.

BEST ATTENDANCE
5TH GRADE 97.14%

Humorous Mr. Fino BY ADYSON ROJAS

Mr. Fino is a teacher at Deanna Davenport Elementary. Mr. Fino said that his first year at DDE was hectic and he didn't have help any more from another teacher. Mr. Fino graduated from JM Hanks High School and college from the University of Phoenix. Mr. Fino has been working at DDE for 6 long years. He has taught Kinder, 3rd, and 4th. He wanted to work as a teacher because he said "I love kids."

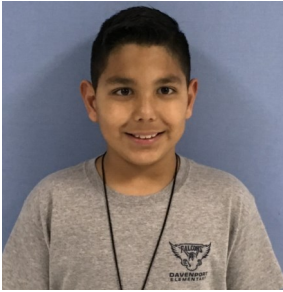
Mr. Fino had a good amount of jobs before he worked at DDE. The jobs he had were as a grocery cashier, ice cream vender and a security guard. Mr. Fino likes pizza as his favorite food and Peter Piper Pizza as his number one restaurant. He likes barbecuing on his birthday. He also likes to watch football and baseball. Mr. Fino has 2 dogs, Chico and Sox (looks like it has socks).



Newsletter By
5th Grade GT
Students

Skillful UIL Competition By: Esteban Lucero

Mrs. Nunez, our librarian, was in charge of the UIL competition of our school. The students that competed were from Kinder through fifth grade. University Interscholastic



League competition is where one school competes against another school to win a metal or an

award. UIL was on January 31, 2019 at Tornillo High School. The most important part of UIL is competing against other students.

The University Interscholastic League was founded in 1910



by S.E. Mezes & E.D. Shurter. They made it possible for students to compete. Now it's been around for 19 years.

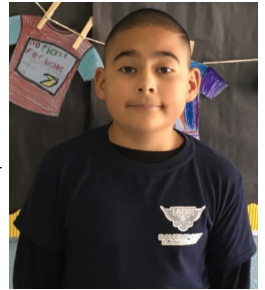
UIL started in Austin Texas. UIL is organized and properly supervised contests that assist in preparing students for their education.

Chunli, a 5th grader, says that she did very good with her poem and was not so nervous; so she felt good. Angel, a 4th grader, says that he felt kind of nervous doing poetry in front of the judges. Mrs. Nun-

ez our librarian says that DDE chose to opt in and participate in the competition. Mr. Fino, a 4th grade teacher, said that the teachers chose students who were responsible, committed, and who represented DDE in a positive way. Mrs. Castillo, UIL Tiny Tot

Storytelling coach, said the students practiced twice a week for three months.

The students had to memorize a short story and present it with expression.



The Majestic Quilts By Victor Tellez

Deanna Davenport Elementary School G.T. 5th grade students started to make brilliant quilts at their G.T. classroom. A quilt is a bed cover or warm blanket made by stitching. The quilts were begun at the end of October. The G.T. students are learning how to measure, cut, and how to sew.

Quilts are for bed covers by sewing patterns. Quilts were made in ancient Egypt starting in 960 BCE. Quilts were made by Egyptian slaves. Quilts were originally made for warm bed covers and for clothes.

Nathaniel said the steps in making a quilt are, first, you get a piece of cardboard and measure it. After that, you need cloth pieces to form the quilt using a cardboard

square. Then, you cut the pieces to form the quilt. Once you're done you get needles to



put the pieces of cloth together. Afterwards, you put the quilt in a straight line and sew the quilt. Then, you cut a large piece of fabric for the back of the quilt and sew it together. Finally, you add the batting.

You have now made an amazing quilt. Riley personally uses quilts to lay himself down and keep warmth. Justin says he likes making quilts because if he gets bored at home he can make an awesome quilt. Isabel says that the quilt is going to take 5 months. Valeria says the materials in making a quilt are scissors, cardboard, sewing machine, and fabric.



TOP READERS

1. Victor Bernal

2. Alexandro Barron

3. Zachary Zamarripa