



# DDE FALCONS NEWSLETTER

By 5th  
Grade GT  
Students



## NASTY BULLYING!! By Margui Nieves and Idali

### SCHOOL

Bullying is when you're being hurt with actions or with words. Bullies usually bother you more than one time on purpose. Student bully because of different reasons, for example, family issues like when your parents are fighting or they can also bully if they don't have the attention or the love they need. Bullying can end up with violence and murder. People or students can also do bullying in the internet that is called cyberbullying.

Bullying to Vea Muñoz means when students push you or call you names. Diego Martinez said that if he would see bullying happening he would tell the kid to stop but if the kid wouldn't listen then he would reported it to a



teacher or another adult. Brianda Aguilar said that she thinks people bully because they think they are better than oth-

ers. Ms. Frias said that she is very hopeful that students have learned not to bully throughout the school year, from participating on the No Place for Hate activities. Amber Duarte said that detention, ISS, and going to the office with Ms. Strobach are the consequences if you bully. Kristin Moreno said that the school is doing enough to prevent bullying like for example, No Place for Hate activities and when teachers talk to students about no bullying.

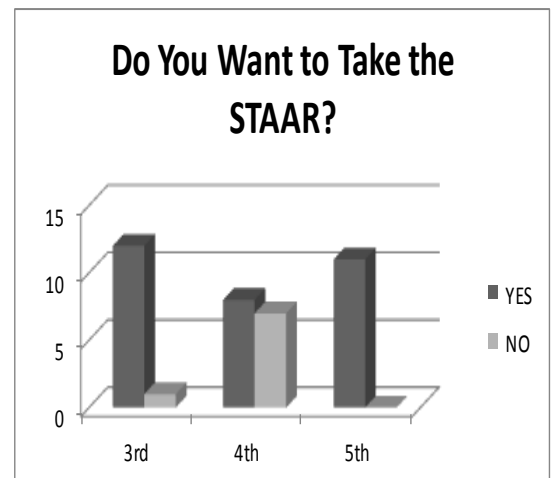
## STAAR TESTING By Shai and Mia

Ms. Frias, assistant principal, said that 3rd-5th grade students need to take the STAAR test because the state mandates it. Mr. Hernandez, 5th grade teacher, prepares the students for the test by giving students questions that are similar to the ones on the STAAR so they know how to answer. Ms. Valle said that

when she was an elementary student she did not take any standardized tests. Testing started in 1980 with TABS, 1986 with TEAMS, 1991 with TAAS, 2003 with TAKS, then 2012 the STAAR.

STAAR stands for, State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, it tests students on what they've learned during the year.

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# Skillful Kids Excel by Michael and Timi

Kids Excel started in El Paso and counties in 2005 with only 200 students and 3 schools but has grown to 32 schools. Their mission is to motivate kids and to teach discipline. They have much sponsorship like McDonalds, Applebee's, Pizza Hut, and many more. All of their performances are at the Plaza Theater and at their schools every year.

Chunli a 4th grader said she likes Kids Excel because she dances. Fourth grader Antonio, said he can exercise and be



healthy in Kids Excel. Fabian, a 4rth grader said he thinks Kids Excel is important because they can get stronger. One of the Kids Excel teacher's, said she wants to teach

excellence through dancing and music. Laura, another Kids Excel teacher said, it's called Kids Excel because it teaches kids to be excellent and successful.

## LIBRARY ACTIVITIES By Mia and Emilia

As you probably know the library gets many books checked out, Mrs. Nunez said an average of 62,758 books are read each year. The inspiration for the library lessons depends on the month and what the students are struggling with. For example, April is poetry month, and students were struggling with reading with EMOTION!! Margui Nieves likes the library lessons because they teach us why it's important to read and the consequences of not reading. Adrian Lopez said it is important to read to improve reading and spelling skills. There are some books that the library does not have; Israel Felix said that

there should be newer Wimpy Kid and Goosebumps books. We asked Mrs. Nunez, our librarian, why reading helps with in the STAAR Test, her response was that if a student is an avid reader then he/she will not have any problems with the test. "Reading's about life, knowledge, being successful, and many more things" Mrs. Nunez said.

The top five readers of our school are #1 Emilia Morales, 5th, #2 Emmanuel Garcia 5th, #3 Diana Monje 5th, #4 Mi-



chael Smith, 5th, #5 Sammy Gomez, 3rd. Mrs. Nunez gives many prizes including stuffed animals, posters, books, pencils, erasers, and field trips to the top readers. Money from the book fair provides the school for many things like books, Spheros/robots, and furniture.

Next year Mrs. Nunez is planning Chess as an after school activity because she promised the UIL students she would. Ms. Nunez also wants to help children with their Genius Hour projects.



**DDE TEACHER OF  
THE YEAR**

## **BRAINY ROBOTICS BY Joshwa and Luis**

Why is robotics important for younger students? Turns out that if you teach robotics to students they find it enjoyable to build robots and go through obstacle courses and mazes. Robotics also introduces programming which can help later on in life. Studies show that children with mental illnesses tend to do better with behavior after robotics. Robotics also lets children's minds run wild and be creative.

Justin said that ROBOTICS helps him with construction and engineering. Mariana said it has helped her with programming and to be creative with different things. Mrs. Uribe decided to teach ROBOTICS because she loves Math, loves to learn new things, and

helps her students be creative thinkers. Daniel said ROBOTICS can help you in the future with a job like engineering. Isabella said it will help you with certain jobs and education. Emilia's favorite activity is building the robot and Aden said his favorite activity is building and programming the robot. Mr. Hernandez thinks ROBOTICS helps his students by helping them solve problems in creative ways. Ms. Valle, GT teacher, teaches robotics to her third graders using the Spheroes SPRK+ and 5th graders are using the MBot. "It is very important to the 21st century students to learn ROBOTICS because good jobs require STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) qualifications" Ms. Valle said.

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## **What Is Student Council?**

**By: Derek Contreras and Israel**

Student Council is available for students throughout elementary and secondary schools all over the world. Student council teaches students about leadership and elective government. This idea came from John



Dewey in Democracy and Education, which was a book made

by John in (1917).The student council is a group of students that sometimes organize or make activities and events for other students. The positions for Student council are, President, Vice President, Treasurer, and the Secretary.

The meaning of student council for Fernando is helping other students and families. Mr. Arroyos chose to start Student Council because it was a good way to help students learn about the school's settings and help in different parts of the school. Student council helps our school by solving problems that staff may not have time for. Student council is helpful in our school because it gives students a voice in the decision of what happens in school. Genesis, a fifth grade student, decided to be in student council because she

thought that it was important to help our school. Emanuel also decided to be in student council because he helps in school activities.

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## FRENCH CLUB by Emmanuel and Max

France is the only place where you can be married to a dead person by proving he had an interest when he was still alive, then you have permission to marry. Ms. Jeanne Louise Clamant was the oldest person that has ever lived, 122 years, she was from France. In France people eat 30,000 tons of snails alive without cooking them. The Eiffel tower was made to commemorate the end of the French revolution; construction began in January of 1887 and finished in March 1889 reaching 320 meter. France is also the place

where the most Nobel Prizes or awards for the most outstanding literature have been won.

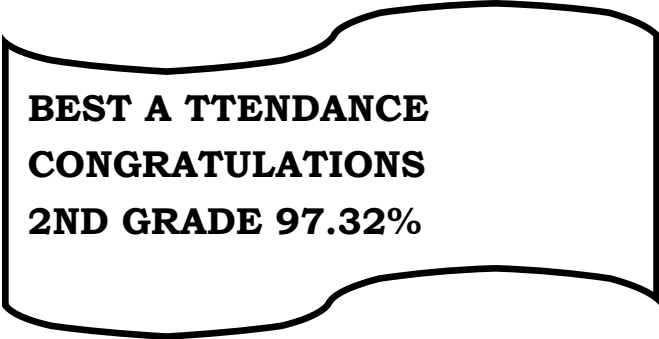
In the French Club students learn about French culture, the language, arts and crafts. The reason the principal chose Ms. Sepulveda to teach the French club is that she is interested in all types of different cultures, especially French. Diego, Angel, Ariana and Vianaey from the French Club like arts and crafts, and learning new words. The reason David and Lyla

joined the French club is because they both wanted to learn a new language. In the French Club, the majority of the students say their favorite activity is arts and crafts.

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### STAAR TEST

The STAAR test uses over \$90 million dollars to make the test possible. Kids in private schools don't have to take the STAAR test. A report from the Texas Education Agency this month showed nearly 105,000 students in the fifth and eighth grades struggle with the Reading assessment of the STAAR.



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2ND GRADE 97.32%**

### 5TH GRADE REPORTERS

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