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In Plain View

Plainview ISD Staff eNewsletter

Fall 2015

Teachers are multitasking powerhouses, the wheels and gears of their minds at work planning for tomorrow while their hands and feet are in motion with the instructional tasks of today. Even after the kids go home - while raising families, volunteering in the community and achieving individual goals - a teacher's thoughts are never far from students and how to connect with them in meaningful ways.

It is not hard to find rock star, innovative, #Dare2BeGreat teachers in PISD. They are the teachers students long remember for their passion, their sometimes theatrical methods of conveying content, and the masterful way they involve students in hands-on learning.

Their resolve to make a difference for each student is strong; failure is not an acceptable option. Perhaps because there is nothing more exciting for teachers than those "light bulb" moments when they see a student "gets it", a door has been opened, and a new passion is ignited. .

In a #Dare2BeGreat Classroom



During activities culminating their study of the 13 original colonies, students sample the butter they churned in Jennifer King's classroom at Edgemere. Students also made corn cakes, played games that children long ago might have played, and examined heirloom quilts for patterns. Did you ever notice wedding ring quilts resemble Venn Diagrams? These kids noticed.





Spotlight on Staff: Ana, Melissa, Peter, Jessica (Jesse and Carlos, too)

Supporting the mission of Plainview ISD is, for the Landeroses, a family affair. As Peter will tell you, before they became a part of TEAM PLAINVIEW, they were already a winning team.

Peter Landeros is the PE assistant at La Mesa Elementary. His sister, Melissa Landeros is Secretary to the Principal at Thunderbird Elementary. They are both beginning their third year working for the district. This year younger sister, Jessica, joined the Thunderbird staff as a Pre-Kindergarten assistant.

But their aunt, Ana Landeros, clearly has seniority. She is a kindergarten assistant at Thunderbird where she has worked for 34 years.

And it doesn't stop there.

"We also have two uncles who work for the district service department," Melissa added. "Jesse Landeros (Ana's brother) and Carlos Rivera (Ana's brother-in-law).

Ana and Jesse are two of nine siblings—Pedro, Maria, Ana, Mario, Irma, David, Jesse, Carmen, and Avimelet. Their mother moved here from San Antonio when she met her husband. She passed in 1996. No doubt she would be extremely pleased with where her children and grandchildren are

today.

Peter, Melissa, and Jessica are the children of Mario and Mary Landeros. Mario is a juvenile probation officer and also works part-time at United. He served

as the principal at JJAEP (Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program) last year. Mary is a stay at home mom who, in addition to taking care of her family, babysits her Godson. The three siblings all attended Thunderbird as students. Dad Mario is currently helping to plan Thunderbird's 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Jessica says she is proud of the unity and the love her family has for one another. Melissa adds that what makes their family great is that they never tear each other down, but they encourage each other and support each other in everything they do.

"We love to have cookouts together, play volleyball, and we always go out to eat for everyone's birthdays— aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, etc."

They also spend holidays and family vacations together. They would also like the opportunity to travel and see parts of the world they have yet to see.



Team Landeros—Peter, Melissa, Ana and Jessica.

For now they are enjoying their jobs with the district and being a part of the school families where they work. Peter says he enjoys working with the kids and staff at La Mesa. Melissa, Jessica, and Ana say that Thunderbird is their "other family."

"The staff is awesome; everyone is kind, caring, and friendly. They are there for you when you need them," said Melissa.

We are a district made up of incredibly talented individuals who have a heart for kids. No doubt adding these members of Team Landeros to our district made us even stronger.

Estacado United Way Penny Wars



Estacado Student Council officers present a check for \$1338.12 to Leigh Ann Bradley, United Way executive director, and executive committee members Kevin Carter and Brent Richburg. The campus raised the money through a penny war won by the sixth grade students.

Aramark Retirement



Judy Shuping, Rosemary Flores, Pauline Salas, Linda Rodriguez, and Teresa Esquivel.



Paulina (center) with Aramark management—Sandra Ramirez, Val Lopez, Dora Sifuentes, and Kimber Holmes.

Paulina “Red” Salas retired in September after many years of dedicated service to the students at Thunderbird and College Hill. She began her career in the school cafeterias in 1978 as a Plainview ISD employee and transitioned to working for Aramark when they took over the school lunch program. Congratulations to her on her well-deserved retirement!

Upcoming PHS Student Council sponsored events

Plainview High School Student Council will host their **2nd Annual 5K Run** on October 31, 7:30 am at Kidsville. All proceeds will go to the South Plains Honor Flight. The cost for the run is \$25 for adults and \$20 for students. The price also includes a T-Shirt. Please call Jan Ragland or Ryan Green at 806-293-6005 for more information.

Plainview High School Student Council will be hosting their annual **Hall of Treats** on Saturday, October 31, from 5 - 7 p.m. in the main lobby of the high school. Please bring your little ones for a night of treats.

On November 10 at 6 p.m. **Plainview High School Student Council** will be hosting their **Annual Veterans Banquet**. For reservations please call Jan Ragland or Ryan Green at 806-293-6005. Hope to see Veterans from Plainview and surrounding countries along with their families there.

Coronado Spirit



Thunderbird



Homecoming Court



We are especially proud of this year's Homecoming Queen and Princesses! Cassandra Delgado (center), daughter of Jesus and Leslie Delgado (Coronado choir teacher) was elected Queen. Princesses elected were Jaci Wirth (left), daughter of Jack and Tracy (Highland GT teacher) Wirth; Arianna Perez, daughter of Daniel Perez and Yolanda Arredondo (PHS assistant); Caitlyn Isaguirre, daughter of Junior and Cynthia Isaguirre (Admin Office); and Alyssa Perez, daughter of Mark Anthony and Silvia Perez. Congratulations to these accomplished young women.

College Hill



La Mesa

Ash





NEW BABIES IN THE PISD Family



Darren and **Vickie Young (La Mesa)** are new grandparents to Ellie Grace Young. She was born on August 29 and weighed 7lbs. 3 oz.



Christina Salazar (Admin Office) has a new grandson, Owen Jax, son of Robert and April Ceniseros, born on September 20. He weighed 8 lbs 3 oz. and was 21 in. long.



Ty and **Ashley Carthel** (College Hill) are the parents of a son, Jameson Ray Carthel, born on June 19. He was 8lbs 12 oz. and was 21 in. long at birth.



Jeremy (PHS 2000) and Courtney Hinojosa are the parents of a son, Jameson Nash Hinojosa, born on June 28. He weighed 6.9lbs and was 20 in long. New grandparents are Joe and **Lupe Hinojosa** (La Mesa School Nurse).

Cheers! Kudos! High Fives!

Donnie Wiseman, brother of **Jay Jay Wiseman** (Ash), was chosen as Region 10 Principal of the Year. Donnie is a former 7th grade science teacher at Coronado and was the registrar at PHS for two years.

Sarah Noel Rodriguez, daughter of **Minga Rodriguez** (Highland) is attending Marist College, New York, grad school. She is studying at their Florence, Italy, campus and pursuing her master's degree in Museum Studies. Next summer she hopes to intern at one of the museums in Florence or at another foreign museum.

Congratulations to **Ashley Palomino Camargo** (La Mesa) who was married to Ignacio Ray Camargo on September 5.



Kyle and **Courtney Wood** (PHS) announce the birth of their son Kasyn Ray, born on July 22. He weighed 8lbs. 10 oz. and was 21 1/2 in. long.



Mike (Ash School) and **Betsy** (Highland) **Lewis** are the proud grandparents of a sweet baby boy, Everett Loyal Lewis, born to Brian and Shelby Lewis of Levelland. He was born on September 21, weighing in

Dr. Jacob Matthew Hinojosa (PHS 2006) graduated from Texas Chiropractic College on August 15 and is now practicing in League City, Texas. He is the son of Joe and **Lupe Hinojosa** (La Mesa School Nurse).

Ruben Ramirez, Jr., son of Ruben and **Sheila Ramirez** (Ash High School), graduated from the South Plains Police Academy in Levelland on July 22



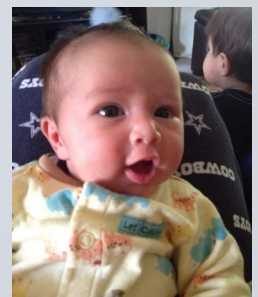
Ephraim Flores, son of Rogelio and **Anita Flores** (Admin Office) graduated from South Plains College Police Academy on July 22. He received the Salutatorian and Top Gun awards during graduation.

TENNIS ANYONE?

Jonathan King and Danny Wrenn are opening the tennis courts every Monday evening at 7 pm for open play. Anyone interested is invited to come out and join in the fun.

at 8 lb. 7 oz. and was 20 in. long. His big sister, Emily (3) and cousin Alex (5) are so excited to have him join the family.

Ida Martinez (Thunderbird) has a new grandson, Jonah. He is grandchild #8 for Ida. The new baby's parents are Jason and Lacey Saldana. Jason is stationed at Fort Dix - McGuire Air force Base in New Jersey.



Terry Higgins (La Mesa) has a new grandson, Lane Higgins Morgan, born on August 19.



Buy, Sell, Rent, Trade, Give Away...

FOR SALE: **Skate/ bicycle ramps and rails** . \$100 or best offer. Contact **Josie Walker** (Coronado).



FOR SALE: **Oster Kitchen Mixer**. Includes 2 bowls, beaters, dough hooks, blender attachment, food processor attachment, 3 blades. 23 years old, but works like a charm. Missing the button on the beater release. \$75 OBO. Contact **Tommy Caldwell** (PHS) at tommy.caldwell@plainviewisd.org

WANT TO BUY: Two **twin beds**. If you have some to sell, contact **Jamie Junod** (Edgemere) 806-231-8100.

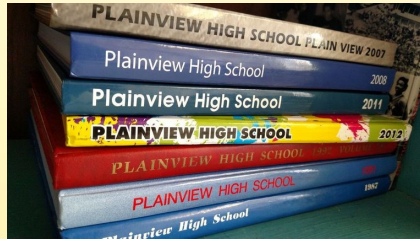
WANTED: Clean, empty **5-Gallon buckets** for use at the Softball Field. If you can help, email Coach **Johnny Hill** (PHS) johnny.hill@plainviewisd.org

4-H NEEDS: Hale County 4-H is **collecting jeans and old jewelry** for projects. If you would like to donate, contact **Lisa Wright** at Hillcrest.

WANTED: **Cereal boxes** and **shoe boxes** for class projects. If you have some to donate, contact **Debbie Raymond** at PHS.

FOR SALE: **Treadmill**, \$150.00. Like new. Contact **Anita Flores** (Central Office) 729-5199.

YEARBOOKS PRESENT & PAST if you are a graduate of Plainview High School, you have the chance to buy a copy of your Plain View annual. The 2016 annual staff is selling past copies of the yearbook for \$20 each as a fundraiser.



Many of the books have been in boxes at the high school for years and are in need of a good home. The staff has back copies ranging in years from 1987 to 2012 for sale. The selections include multiple copies of years 1987-1992, 1998-2003 and 2007-2012.

Profits from the sale of the previous yearbooks will go toward helping lower the student out-of-pocket cost for the 2016 Plain View.

The staff will also be selling and distributing the 2015 annual, which was released this summer. If you did not pre-order a copy, the price of those editions are \$75.

In addition, parents and students will be able to make preorders for the 2016 annual. The preorder price is \$50. Payment plans are available starting at \$10.

If you are interested in purchasing a copy of a past year or wish to preorder the current year, you can email yearbook adviser **Ryan Crowe** at ryan.crowe@plainviewisd.org, or call him at 806-429-2135.

UIL Coaches Needed

Totally volunteer with the payoff being the opportunity to help our great elementary students learn new life-long skills through competition. Competition will be held on November 13.



Contact **Alissa Carter** if you are willing to help or go to the link below: www.teachtechnopisd.com

Caring Closet needs Donations

Donations of gently used student sized clothing is needed to replenish the Migrant education Department's Caring Closet. If you have clothing to donate, they will come pick it up. Contact Anita Flores, Migrant Recruiter, 293-6146, or email anita.flores@plainviewisd.org .



Communities In Schools

Communities In Schools is a non-profit organization that has staff located directly on school campuses to meet student needs.

Our mission is "to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life."

We provide many services on campus and free of charge!

- Truancy Program
- Educational Enhancement
- Supportive Guidance
- Case Maintenance

The CIS Five Basics

Communities in Schools believes every child needs and deserves:

- A personal one on one relationship with a caring adult
- A safe place to learn and grow
- A chance to give back to peers and the community
- A marketable skill to use upon graduation
- A healthy start and a healthy future

Contact the CIS Campus Coordinators below:

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Plainview High School



Volunteers needed for SP4K

SnackPak4kids is off to a strong start on year two of ending weekend hunger for elementary students in Plainview. Based on results from 2014-15 surveys, 92% of our teachers agree that the program needs to continue due to improvement in academic performance, fewer health issues, and a reduction in absenteeism.

Our elementary counselors have been instrumental in reporting children who were in the program last year, following up with permission forms, and helping teachers identify children new to the program.

The first bags went home September 7, and as of this week, 502 elementary students are receiving bags each week.

How can you help: WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PACK!!

Packing occurs at Houston school (old Surge room) every 2 weeks. This year's

dates are:

- Oct. 6 and 20
- Nov. 3 and 17
- Dec. 1 and 15

It's quick, it's fun, and the 45 minutes spent on a Tuesday night impacts the lives of over 500 families!!

Just click on the VOLUNTEER tab on our PISD website or email plainview@snackpak4kids.org

We also need sponsors to

adopt kids...\$144.00 feeds one child for a year. Just click on the DONATE tab on our PISD webpage

Poptarts are always needed, so we are encouraging clubs, organizations, staff, anyone and everyone to set up poptart donation sites on your campus. Just start collecting and we will pick them up.

For more information, email



plainview@snackpak4kids.org or call Susan Hurt at 773-7550.

MEP hosts Parent Meeting



The Migrant Education Program held their first parent meeting of the year on September 15. During the meeting they elected parent representatives, learned general information about the migrant program, and spent time getting to know the Migrant Department staff.

PESSA (Plainview Educational Support Staff Association) is selling **RADA** cutlery..

This is their annual sale that is a fundraiser for a very worthy cause -**SCHOLARSHIPS!!!**



These are **GREAT** knives, etc.

BUT it isn't just knives, In addition to knives there are **other kitchen utensils, cookbooks,**

mixes for things such as dip.....

Your campus or building office staff has a catalog.

Please help PESSA (our awesome secretarial and office staff) by making a purchase. *Orders due before November 9.*

One iPad Classroom

We can never have enough technology in our classrooms. Many are faced with only one iPad in their rooms. There are still many things you can do with this single piece of technology.

- **Stick Picks**: Helps students take turns
- **Too Noisy**: Monitors classroom noise
- **Class Dojo**: Classroom and parent management
- **Classroom Timer**: A great way to count down to the next activity
- **Audiobooks from Audible**: Listening station
- **Storybook Maker**: Writing collaborative stories
- **Random Fact of the Day**
- **Google Earth**: Virtual field trip
- **Running Records Calculator**
- **HMH Math on the Spot**— Virtual Tutor
- **Encyclopedia Britannica**— Research
- **WunderMap**— Study geography and weather patterns
- **The Scoreboard**— Track smiles or frowns for good behavior.
- **NumberLine**— Visual tool for Math
- **Spinner**— Instant decision maker

Need help to project your iPad up on a TV—
Here is an article to help out:

Wireless Screen Mirroring

To find all of this information online, simply scan the QR code. Need a scanner—here are my 2 favs.:

QR Reader for iPad/iPhone
i-nigma QR & Barcode Scanner

My Pinterest Page:
TeachTechno

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Plickers- The Student Response System for Classrooms That Have Only One iPad



Plickers uses a teacher's iPad or Android tablet in conjunction with a series of QR codes to create a student response system. Students are given a set of QR codes on large index cards.

The codes are assigned to students.

Each code card can be turned in four orientations. Each orientation provides a different answer. When the teacher is ready to collect data, he or she uses the Plickers mobile app to scan the cards to see a bar graph of responses. The app and cards can be downloaded from the Plickers website:

https://www.plickers.com/

Want to make your own QR Codes?

Here is the place: **QR Stuff**



Kathy Schrock's QR Codes in the Classroom

Need Some Inspiration?



TED Talks are a major source of inspiration for educators who need a morale boost, a discussion starter, or a new perspective. The year 2014 brought some of the best TED Talks for educators, but there are some not-to-be-missed talks from 2013 that still are highly relevant for educators today. Their messages are invaluable for educators who work tirelessly to inspire creativity, motivation, and determination in their students.

Edudemic—10 Best TED Talks of 2014 for Educators