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Faces of Harmony

Rebecca Tims, Teacher, Harmony School of Excellence - Austin

Houston Public Servant Appreciation Event

On November 12, the Central Office in Houston hosted the Fifth Annual Public Servant Appreciation Breakfast. This year's theme was "Keeping Our Community Green". The 2015 Emcee was KRIV Fox 26’s Lindsey Day, and Keynote was Lilibeth Andre from Rice University's Office of Sustainability.

Bryan/College Station Helps Veteran Museum

Harmony Science Academy seventh and eighth grade students Elianni C., Jadis J., Saanya P., Andrew R., Sarah R., Xzavior S., and Jesus Z. volunteered and learned about the Vietnam War on Friday, November 13, while volunteering with
My Harmony experience started six years ago, when I landed my first job here right out of graduate school. I absolutely love working at HPS because of the wonderful students we have and the amazing staff that have turned into friends.

As a Social Studies teacher, I feel that it is important to teach my students historical thinking skills that will help improve their critical thinking skills for the 21st-century workforce.

Hale Celik, Harmony Science Academy - Houston High Alumna, Class of 2015

Hale Celik is a graduate of Harmony Science Academy - Houston High, Class of 2015. Hale is a Biology Major at the University of Houston. Her goal is to be a Dentist. She currently interns in Harmony’s Central Office in Houston.

the Museum of the American G.I. The museum hosted the AVVT Traveling Vietnam Wall in honor of the 58,300 service men and women who gave their lives in the Vietnam War. Volunteers work as docents, assisting visitors in looking up names of friends or family members who may have been lost in the war.

El Paso Participates in Parade with Solar Car

HSA-El Paso solar car team members participated in the 75th Annual Thanksgiving Day Parade. They marched through one of the oldest avenues in El Paso for a 2.7-mile walk. Live coverage was provided by local news station El Paso Proud Channel 9. Enthusiastic audience members cheered for Harmony students and asked lots of questions about the solar car. This is the first time a charter school participated in the festivities.

San Antonio Hosts Scorpoions Soccer Team

Harmony Public Schools in San Antonio recently partnered with the San Antonio Scorpions for a one of a kind educational event called "Academics and Athletics" on October 23. Academics and Athletics is a campus-wide event designed to promote the importance of college readiness, physical health and academic success to our students and student athletes. This event also held the grand opening of a new professional soccer field for the HSA-SA campus.
In this video, Hale explains what she loves about Harmony and why attending Harmony Public Schools has been all about family.

Video of the Month

This month, we are spotlighting our teachers and students at Harmony School of Fine Arts and Technology for their contributions to making a "greener" tomorrow.

San Antonio Visits Chamber of Commerce

Harmony School of Innovation-San Antonio’s gifted and talented students attended the 2015 Hispanic Chamber STEM Core 4 Press Conference on Thursday, November 12 at the historic courthouse in downtown San Antonio. During the conference, San Antonio’s Mayor Ivy Taylor, formally declared the commencement of STEM week (which took place November 14th-20th) in San Antonio as she presented a proclamation to one of our star students, A. Vela. Vela was also interviewed for a special news report aired by Univision in which she was asked questions about her future.

During the ceremony, members from the San Antonio Scorpions were there to offer words of encouragement and sign autographs for the campus soccer team. SA Scorpions players took time out to play soccer with the school team.

Harmony Students Participate in UHD Contest

Houston-area Harmony middle schoolers participated in the "I Am Poet" poetry contest hosted by University of Houston - Downtown and the Houston Public Library. Students read their poetry and shared their excitement.

Houston Students Participate in Arts Fundraiser

For years Harmony School of Excellence-Endeavor art teacher, Ms. Leal, has participated in Via Colori. Via Colori is a fundraiser for The Center for Hearing and Speech, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping children with hearing loss learn to listen, speak and read. During the event over 200 artists converge on the streets to celebrate the artistic spirit of Houston. This year with the help of her art students, Ms. Leal created this amazing chalk art on the Houston sidewalk.
career and what she wanted to focus on during high school and college.

Stay Connected

Harmony School of Innovation - Austin turned their school into Camp Read-A-Lot! The family fun event featured fun games and activities to promote the love of reading. Each classroom was transformed to host different activities such as Reading Under the Stars and Puppet Pals.

To encourage student success on the STAAR test, HSI teachers volunteered to take a Pie in the Face. Students with top scores were able to choose any teacher to "pie" as a reward for their hard work!