



SPARKY'S NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

2024

Spark excitement for learning at NEISD

Donate to NEEF Student Impact Grants

Run at least one 5k race

Make time for friends and family

NEEF BRIEF

January 2024



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

As we bid farewell to 2023 and start 2024, I am filled with gratitude for the incredible community that surrounds NEEF. Your unwavering support has made this past year yet another resounding success.

I hope the holiday season provided you with moments of joy in the company of loved ones. Now, as we embark on a new year, I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead in 2024. I'm thrilled to announce our upcoming Denim, Diamonds and Dreams Gala in March. Your involvement is key:

- Sponsorship: Elevate your commitment and support NEISD education.
- Attend the Gala: Join us for an inspiring evening in March.
- Donate Silent Auction Items: Contribute to our silent auction and make a lasting impact.

Your continued dedication is the driving force behind NEEF's achievements. Here's to an extraordinary 2024!

Warmest regards,

Katherine Rocha



SPOTLIGHTING ...

At Oak Meadow Elementary School, GT Teacher, Mary Koudelka is using virtual reality to teach. "We are taking what the students are learning off the page and into the VR headsets to solidify what they are learning about ... and they can conceptually see it and physically kind-of be in that place." They are currently learning about the geography of islands, the place's population, climate, and other characteristics by "seeing" them.

Student, Sage Decimo said, "VR's are my favorite because we get to see different places around the world and that was fun."

Principal Lisa Campos, reminded them, "This was an opportunity for you to see those places because otherwise, you wouldn't have been able to visit those places that are so so far away. So the reasoning for me writing this grant was for you guys to have those experiences that you wouldn't have been able to have otherwise, right."

The grant has not only benefitted Oak Meadow's GT classes but also other GT classes within the Churchill cluster of schools. They take field trips to Oak Meadow and experience the VR lessons, as well as the planetarium, which was a prior year's NEEF grant.

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GRANT IN ACTION

The Alternative Learning Environment - ALE class led by Lynn Rice (pictured above) has created a thriving garden with the help of a NEEF grant. The garden includes raised beds, outdoor furniture, and a storage shed. Students learn about food, nutrition, and collaboration, as well as gain real-life skills like entrepreneurship and business. Mrs. Rice has observed, "There has been a noticeable difference in their cooperation while working in the garden."

For instance, the Mavs Kickin Salsa project enables students to grow ingredients, make salsa, and sell it. One student, Damien Rodriguez, is excited about the program and plans to start his own garden at home.

The ALE garden program not only promotes healthy eating and entrepreneurship but also provides students with the confidence and skills to succeed in the workforce.



DENIM, DIAMONDS & DREAMS

Sponsorships are available and silent auction donations wanted




GALA

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024
6:00 PM TO 10:00 PM

Pedrotti's Ranch



SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE

Weekly Parent Video Message from our Superintendent:

- [Dec. 8 - NEISD wants your feedback](#)
- [Dec. 7 - Legislative Update: Fourth Special Session](#)
- [Dec. 1 - Apply for NEISD School Choice today](#)



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