



Thank You, Mr. Castillo

End of year ceremonies and graduations are part of the [A&M San Antonio Institute for School and Community Partnerships](#) as well as fair wells to long-time educators. The [Burleson School for Innovation and Education](#) educator, Mr. Castillo has spent 24 years in education and retired this June after spending 14 years with Edgewood ISD. This year Mr. Castillo was named Teacher of the Year at the Burleson School as he is an extraordinary educator and incredible with the Burleson School students. Mr. Castillo said "watching my students grow with their independence and employment goals for their future is what I enjoy most about teaching." We will miss Mr. Castillo's smiling face but wish him a great next chapter. Thank you Mr. Castillo!

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Four Winston Intermediate Teachers SOAR!

For the second year, [Winston Intermediate School of Excellence \(WISE\)](#) hosted rising second, third and fourth graders in the summer enrichment program developed by Texas A&M University San Antonio Faculty member, [Dr. Socorro Garcia- Alvarado](#). The culturally relevant literacy focused program, Supporting Our Amazing Readers (SOAR), is a two week program aimed at immersing young students in culturally relevant literary text where students find direct connections to their lives and community and then experience those text to self and text to world connections via hands-on projects and activities.

Ms. Hernandez, Alcala, Lopez, and Tello were the four educators who led the summer program and engaged the scholars for the two weeks. The Institute for School and Community Partnerships cannot make this program happen without these dedicated educators and we are grateful for their passion and time to the SOAR students. Their investments into these scholars will pay off at the beginning of the academic year when scholars come ready to learn.

We wish these educators a nice long restful summer!



SOAR Summer Enrichment Program

Winston Intermediate School of Excellence (WISE) SOAR students experience hands on connections to both literary text and their lives and community. Students engage in learning by reading a text, find the connections to their lives and get to practice or experience those connections with daily hands on activities.



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Theater Camp for Gus Garcia University School

Gus Garcia University School and the **Magik Theater** created an incredible week-long theater camp for some select scholars who would not normally have come together for a summer program. Thanks to a grant the Magik Theater received for various summer programming, Gus Garcia scholars designed and acted out a short play based on a book the students read. The week-long camp culminated with a performance by the students to a full audience of parents and families. The imaginative underwater puppets were designed and created by the students and used as their props for their play. We are grateful for our Magik Theater partnership and will continue to grow opportunities for each of our #SB1882 and partner school campuses.



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