



# Celebrating Achievements: A Night of District Recognition



## From "Kid at Hope" to Top Scores, See the Latest Achievements Across Our Schools

The November board meeting had a number of special recognitions that continued to remind us all the incredible staff and students we have within the District! Congratulations to Aidan from Collier Business Academy for Financial Literacy for being recognized as the Kid at Hope and Mr. Prusa from Estrella Vista STEM Academy for being recognized as the Treasure Hunter of the Month. Students that excelled on the Spring AASA Assessment by scoring 100% on one or more of the tests were also recognized along with the Baseball and Girls Basketball champions from the







## Collier

Collier's 7th and 8th grade students at Collier Business Academy for Financial Literacy stepped into the real world of finances, careers, and life choices, and they rose to the challenge!

Each student took on a career, salary, and family scenario, then made real-world decisions about housing, transportation, food, healthcare, and more. Through budgeting, saving, and handling surprise expenses, they experienced what life after high school might really feel like.



Huge congrats to the Country Place boy's basketball team on their first game against Lakin! And a big round of applause to the lady Mustang cheer squad, your halftime show was amazing. Awesome teamwork, Mustangs!

## Country Place







## Estrella Vista



Estrella Vista was soAring with school pride as students and staff gathered to celebrate earning our **A** letter grade!

A huge thank you to the La Joya Band starting our celebration with an incredible performance and to our EV Cheer Squad for bringing the energy and leading the crowd!

Freeman Fine Arts Academy Cheerleaders and Cheer Club showed that school spirit goes beyond the sidelines! These amazing students volunteered their time to complete a community service project by rearranging the newly painted rocks in front of the school. A huge shout out to Freeman Fine Arts' Cheerleaders for lending a helping hand!



## Freeman Fine Arts



The amazing kindergartners in Mrs. Portillo's class had a hoot this week in the art room! They've been learning all about patterns, and used their new skills to create the most adorable patterned owls.





## Lakin Prep



What a wonderful day for the Leones community! They had such a fun and spirited Walk to School Day. It was a great success promoting health and togetherness at Lakin Prep Academy!

A huge thank you goes out to Avondale PD Officer Benavidez and La Joya SRO Officer Gaynor for helping to keep us safe and cheerful along the route!

We also want to give a special shout-out to John Boyd from Phoenix Children's Hospital for joining Lakin Prep and supporting healthy habits!

We appreciate Superintendent Laffitte for joining the walk, too! Thanks to everyone who participated!

## Littleton STEM

The gardening club is thriving! They were busy pulling weeds, planting delicious veggies, and getting creative with stone decorations. The Firebirds Gardeners are having some fun in the sun and helping grow the green oasis!







## Quentin

Using a 3D printer and the design software Tinkercad, second graders didn't just remember; they designed and engineered their own physical remembrances.

Students first learned about the cultural significance of calaveras (sugar skulls), then sketched out designs that represented their loved ones—from a favorite flower to a beloved pet's collar. They translated these concepts into 3D models, tackling critical thinking, design, and engineering skills.



## Tres Rios

Kids at Hope assembly. This is where Puma Nation honors students by recognizing positive behaviors and character traits that align with the "Kids at Hope" philosophy, such as being caring, kind, and a leader.

