

# MATADOR PRIDE



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# Super Words

Greetings Matador Nation,

It's hard to believe that as this edition of Matador Pride goes to press, there are only three months left in the 2022-23 school year.

One of the key initiatives this spring is Bond 2023. We are asking our school community to again consider a proposal for a baseball and softball complex. The election will take place on Saturday, May 6.

Currently, Matador Baseball plays home games at Smokey Joe Field owned by the City of Seguin near the fairgrounds. A new baseball field on the Seguin High School campus would eliminate the need for players and coaches to travel across town to the City's field. By pairing a new baseball field with a new softball field at Seguin High School, both sports could share common facilities at the complex, such as the ticket booth, restrooms and concession.

While the proposed cost for the facility is \$7.5 million, it is important to know that there is no anticipated tax increase should the proposal be approved by voters.

As we finalize early voting and election day dates, times and locations, we will share this information with our school community. The voter registration deadline for the May 6, 2023 election is April 6, 2023. To learn more about becoming a registered voter, contact the Guadalupe County Elections Office at <https://www.co.guadalupe.tx.us/elections/index.php?content=voterreg>.

P-Tech program to benefit students in the fall

Seguin High School is ready to offer the Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) for our fall 2023 ninth grade students. This first cohort of students will begin work toward an associate degree in Pharmacy Technology while earning their Seguin High School diploma.

We are proud to offer our students the opportunity to earn an associate degree and high school diploma simultaneously, with no cost to our families.

Current eighth grade students at Barnes and Briesemeister middle schools who are interested can enroll in the Pharmacy Technology program today! The deadline to apply is March 3. To learn more and apply, visit <https://sites.google.com/seguin.k12.tx.us/seguin-p-tech-academy/home?pli=1>.

Similar in design to our established Early College High School program, P-TECH will incorporate community partnerships designed to give our students real world, hands-on experiences. Our college partner is Northwest Vista College of the Alamo Colleges district. I encourage all of our current eighth grade students to look into the P-TECH opportunity.

I hope all of our families have a safe and enjoyable spring break!



*Matthew Gutierrez*

**Dr. Matthew Gutierrez**

Seguin ISD  
Superintendent

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## ON THE COVER



We are so thankful to Seguin PD Chief Brady and Officer Gregory for taking the time to visit Patlan Elementary School to share a meal with our students. It is wonderful to see our community leaders engaging with our youth and showing how important they are to our community. Thank you for taking the time to show your support and make a positive impact!

## KEEP UP WITH GRADES

Parents and guardians can monitor their student's progress through a click of a mouse by using the Parent Self Serve Portal at **<http://buff.ly/1EZi9l4>**.

To sign up, watch this MATTECHTV tutorial (**<http://buff.ly/1EVHOLy>**) that will guide you step by step through the registration process.

Questions about using Parent Self Serve Portal Junebe directed to the SISD Technology Department at (830) 401-8642.

# MATBLAST



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## Choir at the capital

Seguin High School Choir students attended the Sweeney Todd performance by the Austin Lyric Opera! The students were excited to see the city and hear amazing performers.



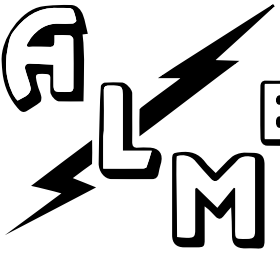
## A river runs through it

A project-based learning class at Briesemeister Middle School learned more about the Guadalupe River, its tributaries and ecology from Cinde Thomas-Jimenez, Seguin ISD board member and educator with the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority



## The answer is blowin' in the wind

Learning can be so much fun, especially when it's hands-on and interactive and involves making windsocks! It's a great way to understand the concept of wind direction in an engaging and creative way. These Jefferson Elementary School kindergarten students had a blast making the windsocks and writing about their experience afterward!



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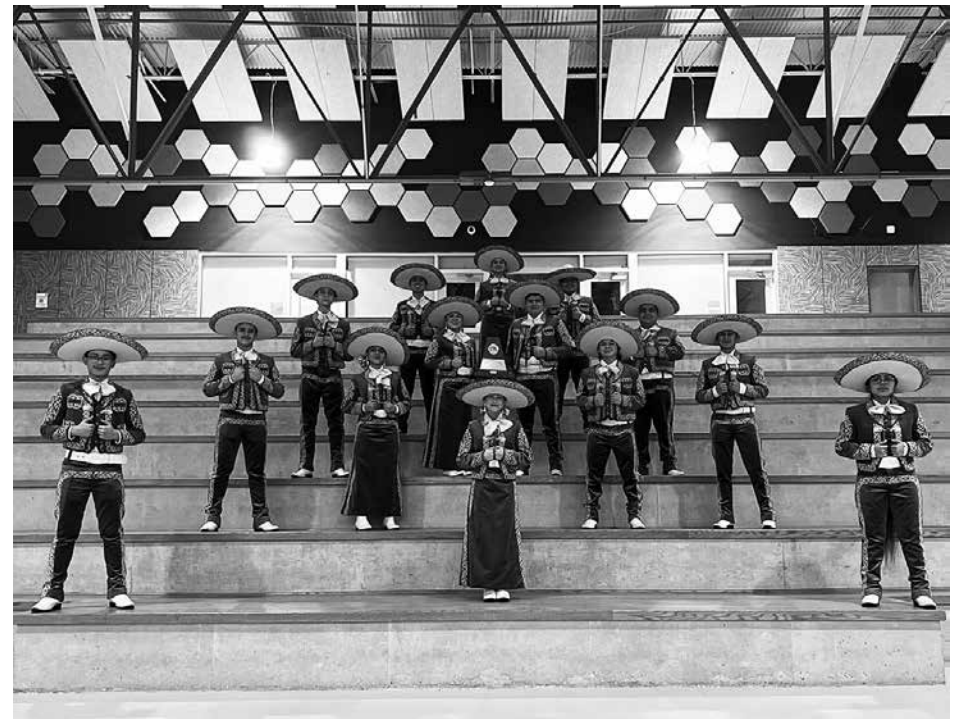
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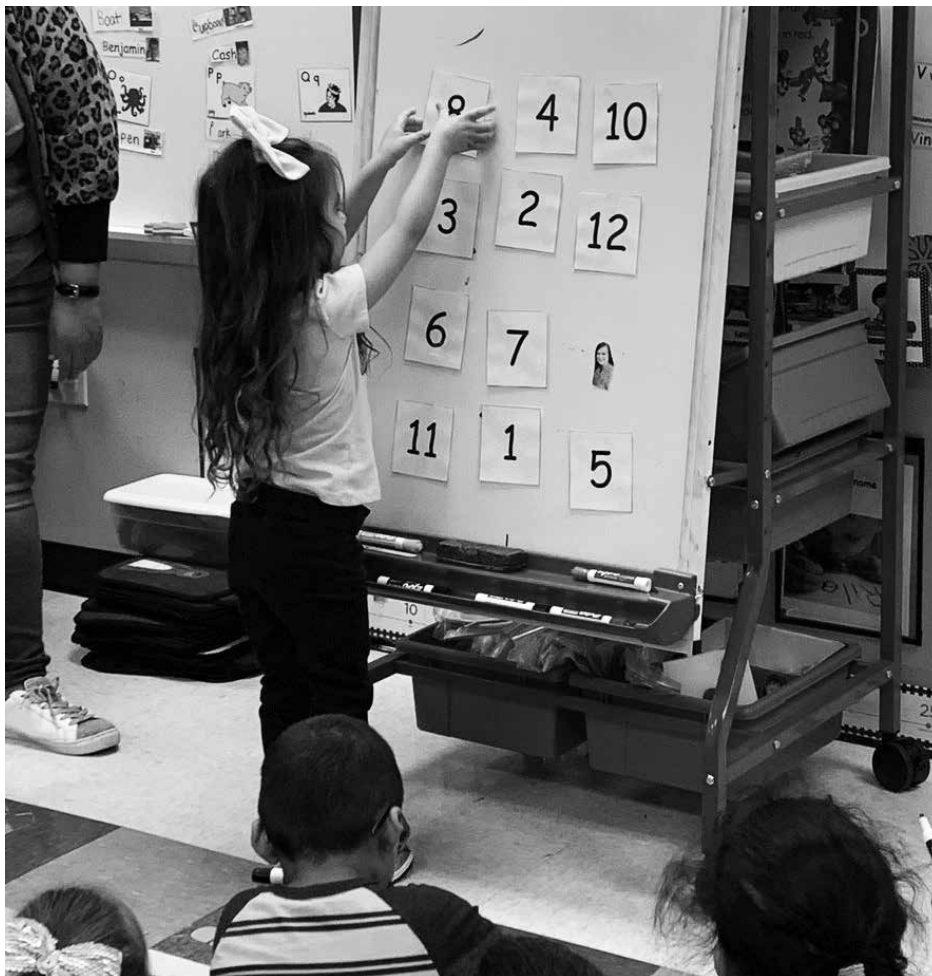
## Congrats, Kara!

Kara Scheel was voted the best teacher in the Seguin Gazette's 2023 Best of the Best reader's choice awards! Seguin ISD is very proud to have such an amazing educator at Weinert Elementary. Mrs. Scheel's dedication to her students and her passion for teaching are shining examples of the incredible teachers we have in our district. We are thankful to have her on our team!



## Fine Arts excellence

Matador Mariachi had an absolutely stellar performance at the UIL Region Mariachi Contest in San Antonio on Feb. 4. These Seguin High School students received unanimous first-division ratings and qualified to take the stage for UIL State competition that will be held at our very own Seguin High School Performing Arts Center!



## Ball by the numbers

Mrs. Ramirez's class at Ball Early Childhood Center recently spent time on number recognition and writing numbers. Incorporating movement into the learning process is a great way to help them to internalize it. These Mighty Matadors had lots of fun with this activity!





## Science!

Seguin High School students who placed third or higher in the local science fair competed in the Alamo Regional Junior Academy Science Fair Jan. 28. Winners in the Biological Fair included Danielle Nyame, grand prize; Chance Hollub and Miriana Guerra, first place; Lorenzo Rodriguez and Elliot Soefje, second place; Sienna Schnathorst, Anahi Marquez, Dylan Eisen, Conner Kopplin and Araceli Salazar, third place.

Physical Fair winners were John Walker Baker, grand prize; Dyanna Priestly and Autiana Trigo, first place; Wyatt Doege and Grace Christensen, second place; Addison Moryl, Elijah Farmer; Ethan McMahan and Yvette Hernandez, third place.

Marissa Kappmeyer, Amylynn McGrath, Blaine Vickers, Rawinder Resendez, Anastasia Trihub-Smith, Lane Seidenberger, Madison Villanueva and Aleksandra Delacruz earned honorable mention.

Seguin High School science fair sponsors are science teachers John Dumboski and Vanessa Chapa.



## But do they have SportsCenter?

Matador Sports Network has a ring to it! Our very own unofficial student sports information broadcast team took the initiative to keep the crowd informed at a varsity basketball game on Friday night.



# Star Students

## Ball Early Childhood Center



Alfonso Almanza



Ashlyn Orrego



Riley Gardner



Sierra Sandoval

## Jefferson Elementary School



Leilani McKinney  
Pre-K



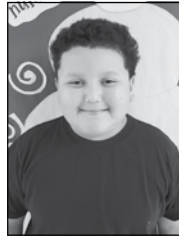
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Kindergarten



Khalia Carter  
First Grade



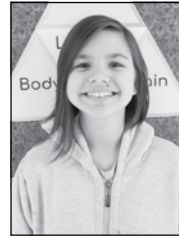
Rebecca Chavez  
Second Grade



D Jay Rangel  
Third Grade



Romeo Hernandez  
Fourth Grade



Isabel Ruiz  
Fifth Grade

## Koennecke Elementary School



Zinnia Hudgins  
Luviano  
Kindergarten



Nadia Ibarra  
First Grade



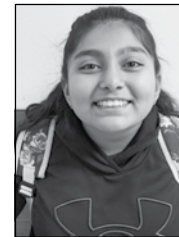
Scarlett Maldonado  
Second Grade



Leah Bernal  
Third Grade



Caroline Sjolander  
Fourth Grade

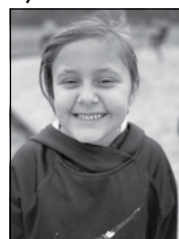


Arely Diaz  
Fifth Grade

## McQueeney Elementary School



John Plumer  
Kindergarten



Aureli Rios  
First Grade



Zoe Tiemann  
Second Grade



JaNeah Lopez  
Third Grade



Harva Morehead  
Fourth Grade

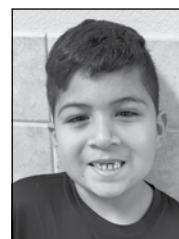


Ella Rafferty  
Fifth Grade

## Rodriguez Elementary School



Jovida Garcia  
Kindergarten



Sebastian Rebollar  
First Grade



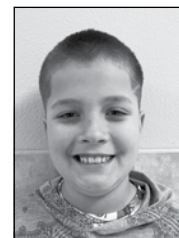
Makiyah Benson  
Second Grade



Kataleya Chapa  
Third Grade



Carlos Diaz  
Fourth Grade



Kason Kiel  
Fifth Grade

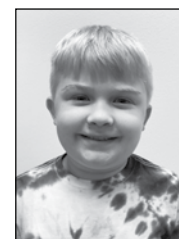
## Vogel Elementary School



Grayson Kubes  
Kindergarten



Isabel Carrillo  
First Grade



Eli Bertschy  
Second Grade



Malia Gonzalez  
Third Grade



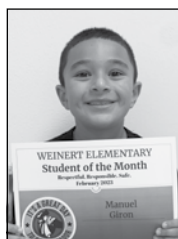
Cassandra Wohl  
Fourth Grade



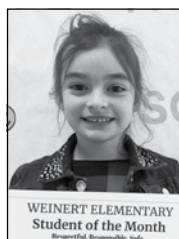
Izabella Meder  
Fifth Grade



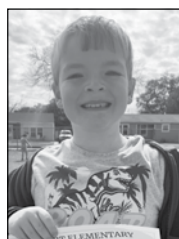
## Weinert Elementary School



**Manuel Giron**  
Kindergarten



**Remy Doss**  
First Grade



**Mason Meservey**  
Second Grade



**Sanette Rincon**  
Third Grade



**Hadley Harder**  
Fourth Grade



**Aubree Briones**  
Fifth Grade

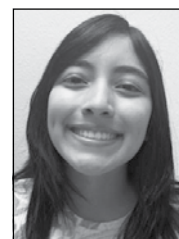
## Barnes Middle School



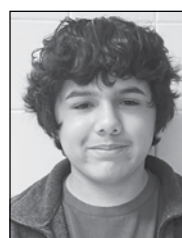
**Erik Barrera**  
6th Grade



**Annalis Gonzales**  
6th Grade



**Aven Pacheco**  
7th Grade



**Donovan Soto**  
7th Grade



**Katelyn Bright**  
8th Grade



**Griffin Welfel**  
8th Grade

## Seguin High School



**William Mahaffey**  
Ninth Grade



**Camree Gordon**  
Ninth Grade



**Camdyn Mikes**  
Tenth Grade



**Harrison Dean**  
Tenth Grade

## Patlan Elementary School



**Alyssa Treviño**  
Kindergarten



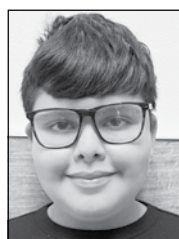
**Olivia Gonzalez**  
First Grade



**Rodrigo Moreno**  
Second Grade



**Benito Beltran**  
Third Grade



**Gabriel Sanchez**  
Fourth Grade

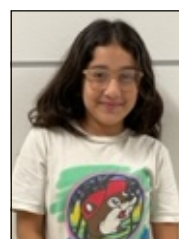


**Mirella Vázquez**  
Fifth Grade

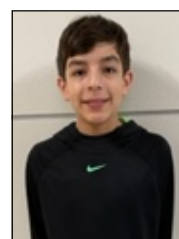
## Briesemeister Middle School



**Damien Rogers**  
6th Grade



**Jayla Mata**  
6th Grade



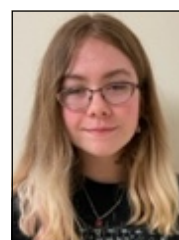
**Diego Martinez**  
7th Grade



**Lily Bloch**  
7th Grade



**Austin Birgel**  
8th Grade



**Sarah Elliot**  
8th Grade



**Jackson Pond**  
Eleventh Grade



**Aislynn Fennell**  
Eleventh Grade



**Jessica Falce**  
Twelfth Grade



**Brayan Marin**  
Twelfth Grade



*Star Students are selected by their teachers for their character, dedication and willingness to go above and beyond expectations in Seguin ISD schools.*

## Mercer-Blumberg Learning Center



**Edgar Vallejo**



**Mya Prince**





## Matadors for Habitat

Seguin High School Building Trades Teacher Jason Rice hosted Carlos Moreno of LoneStar Home Solutions to assist students with the construction of a Habitat for Humanity home. The students constructed wall frames for the house before being transported to the home build site. Mr. Moreno is a Class of 1995 Matador graduate.







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Seguin High School senior Garrett Block earned the Seguin ISD Superintendent's High School Student of the Month award for January. He is currently ranked in the Top 10 of the Matador Class of 2023. When Garrett is not busy tending to his outstanding academic record, he is busy participating as an officer in FFA, National Honor Society and Varsity Tennis. Garrett plans to attend the University of Alabama in the fall. Dr. Esquivel and the entire Seguin High School faculty and staff overwhelmingly agree that Garrett makes every day a great day to be a Matador! His parents are Chanda Bloch and Justin Bloch.



The Jefferson Drum Company, directed by Jefferson Elementary School music teacher Keith Robinson, performed during the Seguin ISD school board meeting on Jan. 24 in honor of School Board Recognition Month. Thank you, Seguin ISD trustees, for all you do!



Suzanne Sanders of the Seguin Lions Club recently donated \$3,000 to Seguin ISD from the Pack the Bus event held last fall. Seguin ISD will use the generous donation to help provide school supplies for students in need.



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Keith Robinson, Jefferson Elementary School music teacher, was honored with the Superintendent's Apple Award during the Jan. 24 Seguin ISD school board meeting. Mr. Robinson has dedicated 31 years to believing that his students can achieve great things. He has served the students of Seguin ISD for the past 29 years, where he has taught at Koennecke and Jefferson elementary schools. He has effectively instilled a love for music and percussion within his students during his tenure. Most recently, he has taken the initiative to offer breathing meditations to help alleviate stress and encourage wellness among Seguin ISD staff. His daughter was on hand to celebrate the honor with him.



Laura Hernandez Barragan is an eighth grade student at Barnes Middle School and the recipient of the Seguin ISD Middle School Superintendent's Student of the Month award. Laura is actively involved in athletics, band and cheerleading at Barnes. Her teachers report that she is extremely polite and respectful. Laura is always prepared, on time, and is quick to offer help to her fellow students. She is truly a role model! Laura's mother is Alicia Barragan.



Mason Vaquera is the Seguin ISD Elementary Superintendent's Student of the Month. He is a third grader at Patlan Elementary and his teacher, Ms. Lawhorn, notes that he embodies the Patlan Pledge and is respectful, responsible, cooperative, safe and kind everyday. Mason works extremely hard and sets goals for himself. He goes the extra mile and has a great sense of humor. His parents are Charlene and George Vaquera.





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