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Behind the Scenes

Custodians maintain facilities for good of many

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Catalina Alanis works to clean one of the bathrooms in the elementary building early in the school day. The custodians have different work schedules to accomodate all the events that go on.

"I get to school around 6:30 but some of us get here earlier," elementary custodian David Montez said. The custodians arrive early to prepare the school for the day. "I unlock the doors in the elementary and then I go into the administration office to clean the restrooms, take the trash out and make coffee for Mr. Holik," elementary custodian Candy Sanchez said.

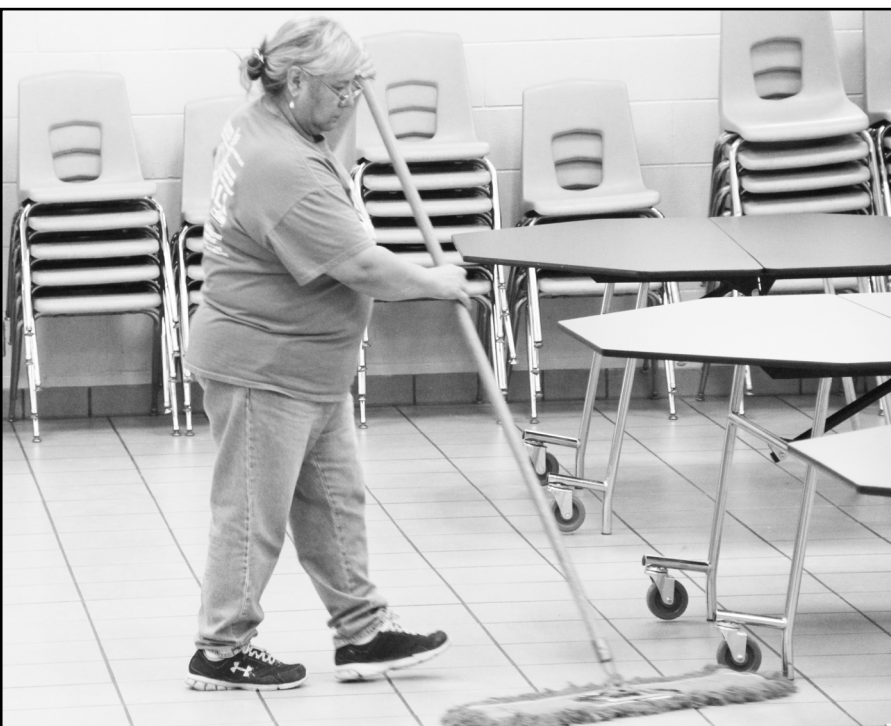
Rosario Ornelas prepares food for the students. "I love working the cafeteria," Ornelas said. "I love to cook, it's like my passion." The custodians work long days to help keep the school running. "I work almost nine hours a day," Ornelas said.

Long after most students are home for the day, custodians remain at school adding the finishing touches. "In the summer we sweep and wax the floors," Montez said. "We do a lot of maintenance."

Custodians do more than just help maintain the school. "Jessie [Trevino] always says 'hi' to me every time he sees me and always goes out of his way to ask how I am doing," sophomore Mackenzie Weadock said.



Candy Sanchez transports boxes between the high school and elementary, only one of the many tasks he does every day. "My favorite job is vacuuming, it's an everyday routine," David Montez said. Some jobs are more pleasant than others. "We clean the gyms and sometimes we do the really nasty things like clean throw up," Sanchez said.



Sweeping the cafeteria floors in the afternoons is just one of Leticia Garcia's ways of contributing. "It's always great to be around Leticia because she can joke around and always has a smile on her face," Coach Brian Blackburn said.



Jessie Trevino prepares to clean the floors after lunch. "I like using the machine," high school custodian Trevino said. The machine is one of the tasks performed everyday. "Something I do every day is clean rooms," Trevino said. Agendas are important in getting the job completed. "We have to meet a certain schedule," Montez said. "From 12:30-1:30 you have 5 to 6 rooms to vacuum." Maintaining the school is necessary. "The custodians clean after us and they make my day better," Will Wegner said. "They're so nice."