



AVID DANCE Diligent Dancing

"I had so much fun dancing. There was no drama, no fighting. It was lit."
-Jestyce Young (6)



SWEATER WEATHER Wearing Wool Well

"Sweater Weather is my favorite time of the year because I can be comfy and cute at the same time."
-Nishtha Tripathi (8)

FINAL EXAMS Taking The Terrible Tests

"Finals are kind of stressful but it's fun to see the end result when you see your grade."
-Sean Hall (8)

WINTER BREAK Hittin' the Slopes

"Winter Break was great because I could have an escape from school."
-Mira MacLaurin (8)

NEW SEMESTER Elective Change, Baby

"Elective changes offer a chance to try new fun electives."
-William Tyree (8)



MLK DAY I have a dream

"My family and I went to a museum and I learned a lot of new stuff."
Cittalli Soto-Ferate (8)

COLD FRONT Break out the mittens... NOT

"When it's really cold, I like to go outside with my neighbors and friends."
Ava McGuire (7)



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Where would you go if you could spend 30 hours in one place, anywhere in the world?

- Home / Isaac Perez Jr. (6)
- Africa / Kira Rosen (6)
- Toronto / Yanni Mendez-Morales (8)
- Europe / Maya Morales (8)
- Barton Springs / Alex Hendrex (T)
- Istanbul/Greece / Joel Barton (T)
- Telluride / Kelly Morledge (T)
- Hawaii / Jamie Brynie (T)
- Budapest, Hungary / Julie Carolan (T)
- France / Denise Girardeau (T)
- Big island, Hawaii / Christopher Aparicio (F)
- New York / Laurie Pena-Brooks (T)
- Grand Canyon / Luke Nannapaneni (8)
- Africa / Kelise Robinson (7)
- Italy / Kathryn Peele (8)
- Seattle / Allison Schafer (8)
- Beach in the Maldives / Charles Applegate (T)
- Houston / Joe Rangel (8)
- Puerto Rico / Analisa Lugo Cisneros (8)
- Mars / Nikolas Reyes (7)
- Caribbean / Voleta Denmon (T)
- Jerusalem / Elizabeth Morphis (T)
- Rio de Janeiro / Loree Lachance (F)
- Iraq / Mustafa Al Hamad (6)
- Amherst, Mass. / Colleen Conrad-Kepner (T)
- Belize / Minnie Webb (F)
- Iraq / Ahmed Al Khazaali (6)
- Redwoods / Jenna Martin (T)
- Iraq / Sajad Alhamad (8)
- Morocco / Cindy Stewart (T)

The Treat in Retreat

1. Taking a break from rehearsal to chat in the beautiful wilderness are Julia Krebs (8) and Emma Rodriguez (8). The retreat, located in Burnet, Texas was roughly an hour and a half drive from school.
2. Playing with fire, Sophia Olivares (8) and Julia Veri (8) get impressed by their overdone, and a little charred, marshmallows.
3. As Isabela Garcia-Alcorez (7) carefully holds her burning marshmallow, Ella Jarnigan (7), Christelle Chatelain (7), and Karen Wolf (7) try to blow it out.
4. Proud of their hard work in the spring musical, Sofia Buntz (7) and Alisha Morejon (7) celebrate with Mrs. Waggoner's daughters, Jane and Mae. The girls have always helped with the school's musical productions, but this year managed to score parts as schoolchildren, appearing on stage in several scenes. Photos by Winn Philpott



A Day of Service

1. Kealing students and families reach high above their heads to repaint the school walls on the MLK day work day.
2. No task is too small for Frances Scott, Ms. Scott's daughter. She spent the better part of the morning removing tape and cleaning the bottoms of chairs.
3. "Frances is super focused when it comes to cleaning and organizing, so this job was right up her alley," said Ms. Scott.
3. Walking through the line, Ms. Dixon, Grace Nugent (6) and Lilian Holland (6) choose from the many delicious pies. This was the third time the school participated in the Peace Through Pie initiative. Photos by Kristen Scott

'TIS THE SEASON

Warm weather prevails no matter what time of year

Winter in Texas felt more like Spring. While many states braced for record cold temperatures from east coast storm, Jonas, with more than 25 inches of snow in Washington D.C, we gardened, celebrating MLK day with sunscreen and sun hats.

Even in Austin, you have to take advantage of great weather. And though the cast of *Oklahoma* spent their weekend retreat practicing, they also enjoying the outdoors at Camp Buckner. Instead of slipping on snowshoes and they combined rehearsals with team building nature walks. "When we were on the Oklahoma retreat, it was a long walk from one place to another so we got to hang out outside and look at all of the plants and flowers." Alisha Morejon (7), a crew member, said.

The cast and crew weren't the only

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ones spending time outside. At the MLK Community Day of service, our school partnered with Huston Tillotson University and Blackshear Elementary for a neighborhood clean-up and gardening day... in January. While some people were looking for volunteer hours, others were committed to campus beautification. "I was outside for most of the time I was there, and we helped put mulch over by the door to the cafeteria. I like helping out because it makes me feel good about myself." said Creighton Tisdale (8). Students grabbed shovels and put on clothes ready to be covered in brown and green stains of grass and dirt, instead of white snow. Story by Ava Motes

All for a Good Cause

Helping at the MLK Day Campus clean-up are Eli Wall (8) and Creighton Tisdale (8). They are keeping the campus beautiful by putting new mulch around the trees. "It was amazing to see how all our hard work was coming together and improving our community.", says eighth grader Eli Wall. Photo by Kristen Scott



AVID Dance

1. Celebrating and going crazy at the AVID dance are Aremi Ruiz (8), Abigail Rodriguez (8), Aliyah Cervantes (8), and Krystal Valadez (8).
2. Ms. Gibbons shows off her moves with Sa Doriya Glover(6).

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