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Annual Fall Festival brings fun and entertainment

■ by Sergio Barrera
Staff Writer

On November 1, Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) students celebrated the school's annual fall festival. The event took place in the gymnasium with several activities sponsored by the senior, junior, sophomore and freshmen classes. The purpose of the festival is to raise funds for each class, especially the junior class because they are in charge of this year's prom.

The seniors sponsored



Sophomore
Cipriano Ramirez



Senior
Han Sol Lee

booths such as dart throw, ring toss, twister, food, and mimes.

The junior class had arms wrestling, ankle war, bobbing for apples, hanging donuts and dart a coke. The ankle war activity consisted of two students with a balloon tied to one ankle and the

students fought to pop the balloon. Students who participated in the donut activity had their hands tied behind their backs while they ate the donuts and the dart a coke consisted of players aiming to hit a card with the dart and if the student was successful, he or she won the drink.

The sophomore and freshmen class together sponsored a pie throw, tattoos, jenga, and mimes as well.

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photo by Sergio Barrera

FROM LEFT, SENIORS CECILIA RUIZ AND AZRI FLORES AT THE FALL FESTIVAL NOVEMBER 1.

PPAS students named Distinguished Scholar finalists

■ by Sergio Barrera
Staff Writer

Nine Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) seniors were nominated and recognized as finalists for the 2008 Caller-Times-Citgo South Texas Distinguished Scholars.

All participants, including students from other area high schools, were

nominated their junior year and awards are presented during their senior year to two winners in nine categories. The judging was completed and announced the weeks of October 20-28 with a different category each day.

Seniors Olivia Pun, 18, has been honored for the achiever category; Azri

Flores, 18, was recognized for the general academic category; Christian Cortes, 17, was chosen for science; Daniel Villarreal, 16, for career and technology; Elisa Godinez, 17, for performing and fine arts; Laura Paola Escamilla, 17, for the general academic category; Laura Melissa Lopez, 17, for student

athlete, Kate Thompson, 17, for spirit; and Kyoung Jea Lee, 19, for service and leadership.

"I feel proud of myself because this means that all my effort, energy and time has been well spent," Cortes said. "It makes me feel glad and this

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Azri Flores

Christian Cortes

Daniel Villarreal

Elisa Godinez

Olivia Pun

Kate Thompson

Kyoung Jea Lee

Melissa Lopez

Paola Escamilla

DEAN'S
DESK

~Dr. Barbara Stottlemeyer



Changing of the Seasons

In some parts of the country, the changing of the seasons means that when autumn arrives, the leaves change color and fall from the trees; winter brings snow and plant growth is dormant; spring brings a rebirth and new growth; and summer brings hotter weather and fullness of plant life. In South Texas, the changes are much more subtle but nonetheless, are present. Here, people are more likely to pay attention to sports and holidays as markers of seasonal change. At Presbyterian Pan American School, soccer is revered as one of the students' favorite activities. Once again, the soccer team has made it to the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) state semi-finals in Waco November 7th and 8th. Congratulations to Coach Grant and his team and good luck at state! Several other October activities were also very successful. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Mrs. Garza, school nurse, and Coach Cantu, health teacher, girls' coach and part-time guidance counselor shared information, created bulletin boards, and decorated in pink ribbons to make everyone aware of this health concern. Coach Cantu also worked with Mrs. Perez, guidance counselor, to promote Red Ribbon Week. Thanks for the teamwork, programs, and activities that provided important information for our students.

English class presents literary exhibition

■ by Hong Hui Choi
Staff Writer

Students who are taking Diana Garcia's English IV class at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) had an exhibition on October 29, named "Herot project," about the literary that they were working on in class.

"I think it was a good chance to learn more about the Anglo-Saxons culture and a way to keep me awake," said Cesar Gomez, senior.

Each group consisted of four students who took an excerpt from the literature, Beowulf, and made a model creatively that represented the literature, Beowulf, Garcia said.

"The purpose of this project was for students to work with a group to successfully complete a goal, learning the ability to work with all types of academic levels and to gain greater insight into the essence of Anglo-Saxons life and epic poem of Beowulf," Garcia said.

Jean Andrews, teacher's aid, and Dr. Barbara Stottlemeyer, Dean of Students, attended class on October 29, to see students' visual interpretation of literary



Dr. Barbara Stottlemeyer, Dean of Students with Senior Griselda Duran and her project in English IV Class on October 29.

photo by Hong Hui Choi

works that incorporate Anglo-Saxons and Nordic social and cultural aspects that reflected in the poem and historical context and asked questions to students, Garcia said.

"I think this Herot project was a really good idea because it gave us the opportunity to learn and get more involved in the

story of Beowulf," said Laura Paola Escamilla, senior.

For Garcia, she definitely had expectations for her class.

"I expected students to learn the artistic process, experience of variety of material, scheduling preparation time and accommodating the needs of each member

of the team," she said.

Stottlemeyer said the projects were wonderful.

"I was very impressed by students' artistic interpretation," she said, "and their wonderful job reflecting good critical thinking and problem solving skills."

COUNSELOR'S



ELLIE PEREZ

CORNER

President's List: 95+

Olivia Pun
Reynaldo Torres
Kyoung Jea Lee
Walter Flores

Honor Roll: 89-94

Terry Liang
Paola Escamilla
Jimena Hernandez
Tania Rodriguez
Daniel Victoria
Tania M. Barreiro
Melissa Lopez
Seoyeon Lee

Saddam Bello
Keyla Cadena
Paul Vilchez
Ivonne Mora
Karla Reyes
Ibhar Hernandez
Josue Rivera
Sarai Jimenez
Javier Villegas
Cecilia Ruiz
Rodrigo Palmas
Daniel Villarreal
Florestela Flores
Ana Laura DeLeon

**Honorable Mention:
85-89**

Anna Cecilia Moreno
Griselda Duran
Arelis Borunda
Ana Paola Melendez
Gustavo Guzman
Paola Hernandez
Alma Quiroga
Soo Won Yoo
Hong Hui Choi
Ilse Ibarra
Viviana Garcia
Elisa Godinez
Belinda Gutierrez

Kenia Mascorro
Omar Rivera
Christian Cortes
Erick Torres
Alejandra Santos
David Charles
Alejandra Meave
Jehu Avila
Jose Ibarra

Couple recognized as teachers of the month

■ by Sara Gonzalez
Staff Writer

Joshua and Rebecca Perkins have been chosen as teachers of the month for October at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS).

“I feel very excited and overwhelmed for being teacher of the month,” said Rebecca.

Joshua teaches world geography and government while Rebecca teaches English I, reading applications and study skills.

Both Joshua and Rebecca graduated from Texas A&M University-Kingsville and are currently living in Kingsville.

Josh has a bachelor’s of arts in History and a master’s of science in art and graduated in 2007. Rebecca finished her bachelor’s of business administration in 2003 and her master’s will be completed in May of 2009.

Josh, of Kingsville, has been here for one and a half years while Rebecca, from Alice, has been teaching at PPAS for a year.

“I love the school. The students are great and so are the teachers. I like the school because it has a lovely atmosphere,” Rebecca said.

Josh, who said it’s an honor to be teacher of the month, also enjoys the school’s atmosphere.

Joshua and Rebecca have been married for almost three years and have a son that is 16 months old.

During their free time, they enjoy reading.



photo by Sara Gonzalez

REBECCA & JOSH PERKINS

Mexico City native chosen as student of the month

■ by Kate Thompson
Staff Writer

Karina Bello, 17-year-old senior, has been chosen for student of the month for October.

“I am proud and very excited about being student of the month,” Bello said.

Bello said she used to write for the *Eagle X-Press* school newspaper two years ago and had always wanted to be student of the month.

From Mexico City, Bello came to PPAS because she thought it was a good idea and opportunity.

“I wanted to try something different, PPAS was the perfect opportunity,” Bello said.

This senior is involved in



KARINA BELLO

National Honor Society and choir. Bello is also Vice President of PPAS’ student council.

“I love helping with student council and helping our school at the same time,” Bello said.

Bello’s favorite thing about PPAS is learning from other people and them teaching her in return.

“I am experiencing high school in a way no one else does, this is

a great opportunity,” Bello said.

This is Bello’s last year at PPAS and she is nervous for the next year.

“I am going to be in a totally new environment and that kind of scares me, but I am also excited to see what is out there,” Bello said.

The one thing about PPAS Bello is going to miss is her friends.

“My friends have been with me for three years and I am really sad about leaving them,” Bello said.

Bello said she has made friends she will keep in her heart forever.

Bello hopes to go to California after she graduates to attend The Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising.

“I have three choices for my major, I still haven’t decided which one yet,” Bello said.

Q+A

WITH JUNIOR
JAVIER VILLEGAS

Interview with 2008-2009 Junior Class President

■ by Sergio Barrera
Staff Writer

Q: How do you feel being the Junior Class President?

A: It’s a great honor and at the same time, a big responsibility.

Q: Why do you think you got elected?

A: Maybe because my fellow students trust in me.



Q: What are you in charge of? What are you working on?

A: Our main goal is the Prom so all our work is for that.

Q: What else are you involved in on campus?

A: Choir, Youth Group, basketball and cheerleading.

Q: Why did you decide to run for Class President?

A: First it would be a good experience and second, I feel I can take over and make a good class.

Q: You are in charge of this year’s prom, is that a challenge?

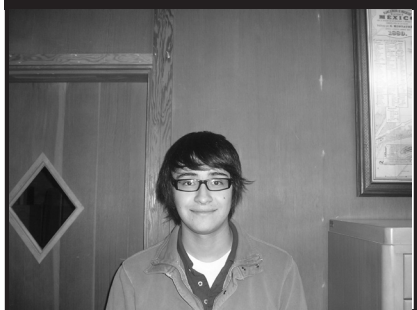
A: Yes it is and we are going to work it out.

WHY SHOULD



IT'S A VERY DANGEROUS DISEASE THAT IF YOU DON'T TAKE CARE OF IT, YOU CAN DIE WITH IT.-CESAR GOMEZ, SENIOR

YOU CARE



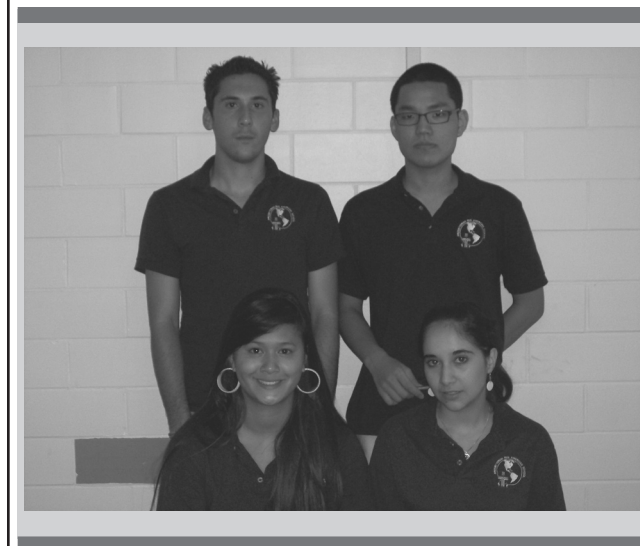
WHAT I KNOW ABOUT DIABETES IS THAT IT AFFECTS KIDS, TEENS, ADULTS BUT IT ALL DEPENDS ON WHAT YOU EAT AND WHAT YOU DO.-ISMAEL SANDOVAL, JUNIOR.

ABOUT DIABETES?



I THINK WE NEED TO TAKE CARE OF DIABETES BECAUSE IT COULD AFFECT THE LIVES OF THE NEXT GENERATIONS.-PAUL VILCHEZ, SOPHOMORE

Eagle X-Press Staff



Senior discusses diabetes awareness "Why should you care about Diabetes?"



■ by Sergio Barrera
Staff Writer

With November being National Diabetes Month, the Diabetes association poses the question, Why Should You Care About Diabetes?

DIABETES
"You should care about diabetes. Be informed and no matter what, always try to eat healthy and get the appropriate amounts of all your major food groups."

-Sergio Barrera, Senior

Well you should care--for several reasons. According to www.diabetes.org, there are currently 23.6 million children and adults in the U.S. or 7.8 percent of the population who have diabetes.

Diabetes is a disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin. Insulin is a hormone that is needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy needed for daily life. The cause of diabetes continues to be a mystery, although both genetics and environmental factors such as obesity and lack of exercise appear to play roles.

You should care because according to www.win.niddk.nih.gov, 2/3 of adults in the U.S. are overweight and 1/3 is obese, according to data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

Overweight and obesity are know risk factors for not only diabetes but for coronary heart disease, high blood cholesterol, stroke, hypertension, gallbladder disease, osteoarthritis and some forms of cancer such as breast, colorectal, endometrial, and kidney. Obesity is also associated with complications of pregnancy, stress incontinence and psychological disorders such as depression.

According to, www.cancer.org, the number of Americans who smoke is slowly dropping, while the number of overweight and obese Americans is growing rapidly, another obvious reason why you should care about diabetes.

A study by Michael McGinnis, MD, MPP showed that smoking and diet/inactivity were the leading killers in the U.S. and trends of smoking and overweight among youth are of particular concern.

This disease not only affects the person who has it but it affects the whole family as well because when you have diabetes, you can't eat certain kinds of food such as food high in sugar. It becomes part of the entire family's responsibility to make sure that family member eats right and exercises.

Diabetes is in fact hereditary so if one of your relatives has diabetes, it is important to keep a close eye on your body and health. Persons who have diabetes run in their family should be extra-cautious. Get check-ups and watch your sugar level.

Be informed and no matter what, always try to eat healthy and get the appropriate amounts of all your major food groups. Exercising is also important for every person whether they have a chance of being diagnosed with diabetes or not. Walk daily if you're not a runner. Walking can be just as beneficial as running. And remember that you should care about diabetes.

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CHOIR PERFORMS IN VICTORIA

■ by Hong Hui Choi
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On October 18 & 19, Presbyterian Pan American School's (PPAS) Morris Chapel Choir, composed of twenty five members visited First Presbyterian Church in Victoria with Choir Director Cesar Galaviz, and PPAS President James Matthews.

"The purpose of this trip was to raise our news and our funds that will be used for scholarships," said Nancy Gunter, Director of Church Relations.

Members of Grace Presbyterian Church and Nicea Presbyterian Church came together at First Presbyterian Church where Matthews preached and the PPAS choir performed, Gunter said.

When the choir first arrived in Victoria, members went bowling and then each group of two students was assigned to a different host family that were members of the church, Gunter said.

"I am very thankful to our host family for having us. They treated my friends and me as if we were their daughters. I also enjoyed spending time with nice people in the church," said Seo Yeon Lee, junior and soprano.



PAN AM'S MORRIS CHAPEL CHOIR
PERFORMED AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH IN VICTORIA.

PPAS is also planning another trip in November to Rockport and in January to San Antonio, Gunter said.

"It was fun and interesting and it taught me a lot. We got to know kind people, said Saddam Bello, junior and tenor. "And we had been practicing a lot. We practiced almost everyday. Sometimes we thought we couldn't stand it anymore, but when the day of the performance came, even we were amazed of what we did."

STUDENTS GONE FISHIN'

■ by Sara Gonzalez
Staff Writer

On October 13, Edgar Ortega, teacher of marine biology, and Wildlife and Recreation Management at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS), took seven students from his class on a fishing trip to the pier at Loyola Beach in Rivera. They left campus at 6 a.m. and returned around 2 p.m.

The students that went on the fishing trip where Juniors Joakin Perez, Amanda Rikki Sanchez, Javier Castellon, Steven Moreno, Javier Villegas, and Senior Cecilia Ruiz, and Pamela Martinez, Pre-University.

The trip served as a hands-on experience and as a lab for the



SENIOR CECILIA RUIZ

marine biology, wild life and recreation management classes, Ortega said. This trip gave the students the opportunity to learn and experience the skills of fishing.

Students under the age of 16 didn't need a fishing license but the ones who were old enough were able to buy their own license.

They had a great time and learned several things as well. It was a great learning experience, Ortega said. They learned about the local fish populations, and were able to observe a variety of marine animals such as black drum, redfish, blue crabs, and many bait fishes.

The student who caught the most fish was Junior Steven Moreno.

"I caught six fishes and had a lot of fun. At first it was all dark and cold, then it started to warm up," Moreno said, "And I would like to go again." Senior Cecilia Ruiz caught five fish.

"It was really fun because it was my second time going fishing and I liked it because fishing helps you relax," Ruiz said.

Pan Am students send letters to Hurricane Ike victims

■ by Hong Hui Choi
Staff Writer

Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) students, faculty and staff signed their names on letters to show their support to churches in the Houston and Galveston area that were affected by Hurricane Ike, said Josyph Andrews, PPAS pastor.

The letters basically expressed our regret over Hurricane Ike and our hope of their speedy restoration, Andrews said.

The letters stated: "We are sorry Hurricane Ike hit your area. We pray your home, church and school are alright. Hopefully you will be back doing fun things soon."

"I was overwhelmed by the devastation of the coastal area after Hurricane Ike," said Nancy Gunter, Director of Church Relations. "My job is to constantly be aware of ways PPAS can stay in contact with Presbyterian churches."

Andrews and Gunter decided to send eight letters because PPAS was not able to help in person. However, it will let them know that PPAS students are concerned, Andrews said.

The letters were sent in October to the youth groups of Central Presbyterian in Houston and First Presbyterian in Lake Jackson. Letters were also sent to youth groups in First Presbyterian in Freeport, Providence Presbyterian in Nederland, First Presbyterian in Dickson, Pioneer Presbyterian Church in Beaumont, Westminster Presbyterian Church in Austin and West Isle Presbyterian Church in Galveston.

Some of the areas were damaged and are still in restoration and it will take them longer than a year to restore, Andrews said.

"None of the Presbyterian churches in that area were demolished but some had lost roofs, trees and had water damage. One of these churches, Central Presbyterian, had been to PPAS as mission workers this past summer," Gunter said. "I thought our students could let the youth of Presbyterian Churches in the Houston area know they were being prayed for and that our students recognized there world had been rattled."

"I think it's good to get students involved because it reminds us of those who are suffering. It's a good idea to motivate students to actually do something for other people," said Olivia Pun, senior.

It is also a way of showing love, Andrews said.

CHEERLEADERS BRING SPIRIT TO PPAS

by Kate Thompson
Editor-in-Chief

Ellie Perez, academic counselor at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS), became the cheerleading coach in the fall of 2008 for 16 boys and girls.

Perez, the former cheerleader at Texas A&M University-Kingsville and coach at Driscoll Junior High School, said she started a cheerleading team because she wanted to emphasize more school spirit and introduce cheerleading as a part of the American culture.

The squad includes, Seniors Marisol Barreiro and Olivia Pun; Juniors Jimena Hernandez, Ilse Ibarra, Seo Yeon Lee, Stephanie Molinari,

Cristina Morales, Meaghan Pesqueira, Karla Reyes, Tania Rodriguez, Rikki Sanchez, Erick Torres and Javier Villegas; Sophomores Marcela Budart (manager), Diana Zelaya and Hector Villegas.

"A lot of these girls and boys were interested in cheerleading, but just didn't know how or have anyone to teach them," Perez said.

The cheerleading team will cheer for the remaining soccer games, but will mainly focus on the upcoming basketball season.

"I want them to perform minute and a half dance routines at half time," Perez said.



Presbyterian Pan American School's 2008-2009 Cheerleading Squad with Coach Ellie Perez, who is also the school's academic counselor.

The two captains of the 2008-2009 squad are Barreiro, 18, and Torres, 16.

"I love being a part of the cheerleading team. It keeps me active and I love to cheer," Barreiro said.

Torres also enjoys working

with his classmates and performing stunts and routines.

Currently the cheer team practices on Wednesdays and Fridays and are working on various cheers and stunts. Perez said that she doesn't want the cheerleading squad

to be something new in the future; she wants the team to be a part of the school.

"I want it to be an honor to be on the squad," Perez said, "for these cheerleaders to be role models not only academically, but socially."

Defending state champs to play soccer semi-finals November 7 & 8 in Waco

by Sara Gonzalez
Staff Writer

Presbyterian Pan American School's (PPAS) Eagles Soccer team beat Dallas Fairhill, 7-0, for the Division I District 2 regional title on Saturday, October 25 at Keystone School in San Antonio.

"The game was difficult at the beginning," said Senior and Captain Walter Flores, "because we did not know anything about the team but we did better the second half."

Seniors and Captains Javier Aguado scored three goals and Santiago Jimenez scored two. Senior Raul Gutierrez scored one goal and sophomore Christian Ortiz scored one goal.

PPAS, who are also the Division I District 2 champions, are now on their way to the state semi-finals in Waco.

"I think we have improved our level and we have



2008-2009 PAN AM EAGLES SOCCER TEAM

a positive attitude about semi-finals and I think we can win," Gutierrez said.

Flores shares the same confidence as Gutierrez.

"We have a great team and a good opportunity to win," Flores said.

All-District awards were also announced and Juan Chavez, Javier Aguado, Santiago Jimenez, Israel Gomez and Walter Flores were named 1st Team All-District.

2nd Team All-District was awarded to Hugo Aguilar, Christian Ortiz, Erick Luna and Alejandro Amaro.

Raul Gutierrez, Fernando Montemayor and Advento Trevino were named Honorable Mention.

PPAS is scheduled to play Ft. Worth Bethesda Christian School game on November 7 at 11 a.m. at Baylor University in Waco for the semi finals.

The winner of that game will advance to the state championship and will play on November 8.

"The team is working really hard," said Coach Jimmy Grant. "The soccer team is undefeated and has the talent and the chance to win."

Calendar

11/10-Progress Reports Due
11/19-ITP TOEFL
11/22-Fall Formal

Announcements

Lab Hours:

Monday & Wednesday: 7:30-9:00-Boys
Tuesday & Thursday: 7:30-9:00-Girls

Birthdays

Christa Gomez, 11/8
Brian Jacobson, 11/9
Kyoung Jea Lee, 11/14
Pamela Martinez, 11/15
Paola Hernandez, 11/15
Daniel Villarreal, 11/21
Daniel Victoria, 11/25
Ana Zuniga, 11/28
Karla Gonzalez, 11/28
Viviana Garcia, 11/29
Christian Ortiz, 11/29



PPAS Honors Red Ribbon Week

by Hong Hui Choi

Staff Writer

Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) honored Red Ribbon Week from October 20-24 with activities promoting a drug-free life.

"Relaying the message of staying drug free is very important to me, because if a student makes a wrong choice, it would ruin their life forever. These students are young and carefree and their lives need to stay just that simple, for now," said Ellie Perez, academic counselor.

To honor Red Ribbon week, PPAS designated Monday as "Life is too crazy to have to deal with drugs" and Tuesday as "Put a cap on drugs". Wednesday was "War on Drug," Thursday was "Team Together Against Drugs" and Friday was "Spirit day."

Each day, students were allowed to wear appropriate attire such as crazy socks, caps, camouflage clothing, team jersey and red shirts respectively.

"My favorite day was Thursday when we wore a team jersey because I like sports," said Erick Torres, junior.

A drug awareness video was shown Wednesday afternoon that presented the history of Red Ribbon Week, including how it was started in honor of DEA agent Enrique "Kike" Camarena, who was killed investigating a major drug cartel in Mexico. Today Red Ribbon Week is nationally recognized and celebrated to preserve Camarena's memory, according to iamdrugfree.com. The video also featured musical bands such as P.O.D., Mya, Switchfoot, and choreographer Darrin Henson.

"I think it's inspiring and it gave us a good demonstration of how a good life and success can be achieved without using drugs," said Olivia Pun, senior.

On Thursday, three members of the Texas A&M University-Kingsville Javelina football team visited PPAS students and talked about their friends' experiences doing drugs and the negative affects.

"It was a good idea to show students that drugs can only impact your life negatively and if you want to become someone you have to stay out of drugs," said Josue Rivera, senior.

On Friday, students marched with posters that each grade/class created as part of a contest. Winners of the poster contest was the Senior Class of 2009.

Afterward, Kleberg County Sheriff Ed Mata gave a presentation about the importance of living a drug free life. He was accompanied by two Kleberg County deputies.

"There is no guarantee of security anywhere," Mata said. "The only people who can keep us away from doing drugs are ourselves."

JUMP, FESTIVAL

The prizes at the festival was mainly candy and occasionally drinks, apples, etc. depending on the activity.

"The festival was good. There were several activities to do and most of them were fun. I really enjoyed the darts," said Steven Moreno, 16-year-old junior.

The festival also had teachers participating such as science teacher Edgar Ortega, who is also the sophomore class sponsor, allowing people to throw pies at him. Students who chose to participate in the pie throwing contest were able to throw a pie at any sophomore of their choice.

"The festival was very good. I didn't expect these kinds of activities, said Daniel Coronado, 15-year-old sophomore, "but I didn't enjoy the part when people started to throw pies at me."

Rafael Murguia, 15-year-old sophomore, was one of the mimes at the festival.

"I really enjoyed annoying people without punishment," Murguia said, "And no one hit me with the balls."

The mime portion of the festival evening was arranged so that the mimes would annoy people during the evening and at the end, participants had the option of paying 50 cents for three balls to throw at the mime.

In addition to Murguia, Jaziel Hernandez and Cipriano Ramirez also served as mimes for the sophomore class and for the seniors, Han Sol Lee and Javier Aguado were the mimes.

"I think that people had fun and we should encourage the staff to do these kinds of events more often," said Hector Villegas, Sophomore Class President. "All the students did an excellent job working and participating. And I like to involve my whole class in what we do. I like to hear their opinions in order to get organized."

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nomination encourages me to try harder every day."

Lee said he is glad he was nominated and chosen as a finalist.

"The reason that this school chose me is because I really tried hard to host the ping-pong tournament for the school," Lee said.

Escamilla said she feels proud and honored that she was nominated for distinguished scholar.

"I'm thankful for this nomination and honestly I feel that this is due to my efforts and sacrifices during my high school career—that I was recognized."

COSTUME DANCE AND CONTEST HELD AT PAN AM

by Kate Thompson

Editor-in-Chief

On October 31, Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) students went to a Halloween Haunted House in Kingsville, followed by a costume dance on campus, hosted by the junior class.

The Haunted House was put on by the National Guard for charity. The house was full of creatures, carnivores and movie characters.

"The haunted house was really cool. It was something new to do off campus," said Christa Gomez, 17-year-old senior.

After the haunted house, students had a costume dance. The theme was a "Dance in the Woods." The junior class decorated and provided a concession stand for that night. The dance had yellow and red strips of paper hanging from the ceiling and various other decorations suspended from the ceiling as well.



LEFT PHOTO, PAOLA HERNANDEZ AND WALTER FLORES; AND RIGHT PHOTO, FROM LEFT, JEHU AVILA, CLAUDIA BANUELOS, JONATHAN HAU, SANTIAGO JIMENEZ, ZIAN RIVERA, MELISSA LOPEZ, JOSUE AMADOR AND ALEJANDRA MEAVE

"It was a lot of work. We spent three days decorating, but I think it turned out well," said Javier Villegas, junior class president.

Throughout the night, various Mexican and hip-hop music was played. Students danced and took many pictures in their costumes. Some dressed as Disney characters, hippies, vampires, television characters, and some came as themselves.

"I was a bride. I had a lot of fun dressing up for one night," said Soo Won Yoo, 18-year-old junior.

The night ended with a costume contest announced by Don Turner, history teacher and activities director. There was a \$10 Whataburger gift card for the best dressed female and male, provided by student council.

Two groups won, which was Walter Flores and Paola Hernandez dressed as Fred & Wilma Flintstone; and Alejandra Meave, Melissa Lopez, Zian Rivera, Claudia Banuelos, Jonathan Hau, Josue Amador, Jehu Avila and Santiago Jimenez dressed as characters from a Mexican television show.

"It was a lot of fun dressing up with my friends, but sharing a \$10 gift card between eight people will be hard," said Alejandra Meave, 17-year-old senior.

photos by Kate Thompson

PAN AM STUDENTS ATTEND ART WALK IN DOWNTOWN KINGSVILLE

by Kate Thompson

Editor-in-Chief

On October 18, ten Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) art students and June Cress, Art teacher at PPAS, participated in the Art Walk on Kleberg Street in downtown Kingsville.

The Art Walk is sponsored by the King Ranch Saddle Shop and the Downtown Merchants.

"There are musical, visual and dramatic art at the Art Walk," Cress said.

Cress said that there were artists, artisans, caricatures artists, florclorical dancers, potters, cheerleaders and many college students.

The PPAS students attended to obtain community service hours and they set up chairs and swept the streets.

"Our students were helping set up and assist anyone who needed help," Cress said.

After the students were done with their jobs, they were free to look around. Some even entered a chalk drawing competition and won Domino's gift cards.

"The Art Walk was a lot of fun, the art and dances I saw were amazing," said Alejandra Meave, 17-year-old senior.

Three students even participated in the art show. This semester the art classes at PPAS are making quilts. Three students brought theirs and demonstrated how to hand quilt.

"I am so excited for my quilt to be done soon, it has been a lot of work," said Paola Hernandez, 17-year-old senior.

Cress said that she thought that this year's Art Walk was a big success.

"It was a good way to draw businesses in and show off all the amazing art work," Cress said.



ART TEACHER JUNE CRESS WITH STUDENTS AT THE ART WALK IN DOWNTOWN KINGSVILLE ON OCTOBER 18.



FROM LEFT, SENIORS MELISSA LOPEZ AND PAOLA HERNANDEZ.