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FISD Students Service to Others

## Floresville Teacher Garners State Character Honor

The VFW offers the National Citizenship Education Teacher Award to recognize the nation's top classroom teachers who regularly teach citizenship education topics and promote America's history, traditions, and institutions effectively. Floresville ISD nominated two outstanding teachers who regularly teach citizenship; Charlott McReynolds from Middle School and Roselind Pelech from Early Childhood. They were in the local competition, won, and both moved on to district. Mrs. Pelech moved on to Regional, in her division, and won again. We just received word that she has won at state and is now going on to Nationals. We are so very proud of Mrs. Pelech and her accomplishments thus far. Her patriotism and love of her country was instilled in her by her father as he let the family know how proud he was of his country and how important it is that we support the USA.



## Giving is the Best Gift a Child Can Receive

Last week at the Early Childhood campus, kindergarten students, including my own, were provided an opportunity to buy gifts at a makeshift store set up in the library. When I came home from work, my son was waiting at the door to provide my gifts. He busted at the seams as I opened my belt holder, Texas Tech sticker, and Red, White, and Blue wallet. He was much more excited about what he had purchased for his family than any gift we have provided him in a long while.

This affirms my faith in the inherent character of others. People continue to find joy in doing for others more than for themselves. Our character is not what we think, but our actions that include what we do for others. Please take a moment to review what our school has done for each other and the community. It is staggering how much we have given in the name of good will and character. We should be proud to be a part of this school and community and I hope it continues far into the future. Thank you to all teachers and students who participated.

## FHS Work Based Learning

Work-Based Learning students have adopted a family of five for the year through the FISD Social Services. During Thanksgiving week, WBL students brought and collected several boxes of canned and other non-perishable food items for the family. Thanks to Skills USA students, they were able to also give the family a traditional Thanksgiving meal with turkey and all the trimmings. For Christmas, each class is putting together toys and gift items for each of the three children and a family basket of towels, wash clothes, blankets, laundry soap, dishes and DVD movies.



BPA students are also providing the family with a Christmas Meal which will be delivered with all the WBL packages this week. BPA, WBL and Skills USA also helped the FISD Social services in sorting food baskets and wrapping gifts for over 150 families. This is an annual tradition of helping our social services department and needy families for these CTE organizations.

There are 62 WBL students working on the adopt a family project and 38 BPA students and many Skills USA students as well. There are over 75 students actively involved in this project. WBL, BPA, and Skills USA plan to clean up the yard for the family in the spring.

## FHS AFJROTC Saber Tooth Tigers

Students are shown here with the stuffed animals they have collected as a part of ROTC's Annual Toys-for-Tots Drive ending on Monday. As of the morning of Dec 14th, the cadets had collected 403 toys and stuffed animals, which will be donated to the FISD Social Works office.



Cadets are shown here loading a school bus in October 2007 to pick up trash for TXDOT's Adopt-a-Highway program. In 2006 ROTC adopted a 2-mile stretch of Business 181, that the cadets clean on a regular basis.



## Family Career and Community Leaders of America

FCCLA has been actively assisting FISD Social Workers. First, the FCCLA students painted faces of the children participating in the "Family Fun Night". FCCLA students also collected books and blankets for FISD families for the holidays.

Also, FCCLA, along with many high school groups and clubs, will be wrapping presents for Sheriff Santa.

## FHS Life Skills Students

Students from the High School Life Skills classes visited the Veterans' Home and chose 10 ornaments from their Angel Tree. Students went shopping at Wal-Mart for the Veterans and put their gifts in gift bags. Then they delivered their gifts to the VA. The students were proud to be doing something for others who need help.



The AFJROTC cadets also delivered 1,687 canned food items during the corps' annual ROTC Canned Food Drive. The cans were donated to the FISD Social Work office.

The FHS Sabertooth Corps participated in the Peanut Festival Parade, the Sutherland Springs Parade, and the Floresville Parade of Lights, where the cadet corps served as the Grand Marshals, along with Congressman Henry Cuellar.

Veterans' Day Ceremonies: Over 100 cadets participated in the 2007 FISD Veterans' Day Ceremony on Friday, Nov 9<sup>th</sup>; the City of Floresville Veterans' Day Ceremony on Saturday, Nov 10<sup>th</sup>; and the Frank Tejada Veterans' Home Ceremony on Sunday, November 11.

## FMS Engineering and Technology Club

The FMS Engineering and Technology Club collected new toys and money for Sheriff Santa. We received 10 toys and \$100.



## Elementary Fourth Graders

The fourth grade students of Floresville Elementary initiated and participated in a Community Toy Drive. The students presented the toys to Sheriff Tackitt on December 14<sup>th</sup>. David Vinson-FISD Superintendent, Laura Klein-Elementary Interim-Principal, Tina Czaja-Assistant Principal, and Fourth Grade Teachers, along with the students, were on hand for the presentation. Fourth Grade Character Education Committee Leaders are: Lynette Holston, Danette Lyssy, Melissa Naranjo, Sarah Rethaber, and Phyllis Tollett. The students surpassed their goal of 130 toys by working hard all year bringing in new toys for the less fortunate boys and girls of Wilson County.



## FHS Red Cross

On Friday, December 7, 2007, 24 members of the Red Cross traveled to San Antonio to assist in the wrapping of presents for the Elf Louise project. On December 15, 2007, 22 members assisted in the building of a house for Habitat for Humanity. On December 18, the Red Cross, along with the Student Council, Tiger Cheerleaders and others assisted Sheriff Tackitt's Santa program by wrapping presents at the Justice Center.

## Early Childhood Kindergarten Classes

Elizabeth Kotzur and Meggan Laijas' classes collected food to take to our Social Service department. So far, the students have donated a large amount of food to help needy people in our district.



## FHS Cheerleaders

The Cheerleaders are helping the Sheriff's Santa project by wrapping all the gifts that were donated. They also donated baked goods, candies, books, etc. to the project. They also donated canned goods to Social Services.

## FHS National Honor Society

The FHS National Honor Society has several group community service projects every year, which include: personal grooming item drive (things like toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.) which goes to the FISD Social Services Department, a Christmas toy drive where all toys go to FISD Social Services Department to benefit children here in our district, the delivery of Christmas cards to local nursing homes which provide a card for each resident. Students provide cookies for the faculty, generally done around Valentine's Day. NHS has also participated in many canned food drives, collecting money for the tsunami victims several years ago, etc.

A substantial part of National Honor Society is the individual community service hours requirement to be completed each semester. Activities include things such as tutoring peers or younger children. Students may also participate in Sheriff Santa gift-wrapping, Teen Court, and any other types of community service work, including mowing grass, cleaning houses, and many other tasks for senior citizens.

## FHS Future Farmers of America

As in the past, the FFA members that participated in our Christmas Party on Sunday December 16, 2007 went Christmas Caroling at the nursing homes here in Floresville. FFA members sang Christmas carols and assisted with some of the duties in the Nursing homes.



## FHS Girls Athletics

The girls off-season program (freshmen – seniors: softball, volleyball, track & soccer) recently adopted



a local family for Christmas dinner. The girls collected numerous canned foods and other non-perishable

items; along with a \$75 gift card to HEB. The items were given to FISD Social Services. The girls were excited and sincere about helping a family from FISD.

## FHS Student Council

Through the Sheriff's Santa v. Faculty Basketball Game, over \$1800 was raised. This money was used to purchase books and gifts from the Holiday Book Fair at the High School.

These items were then donated to the Sheriff's Santa project. Some of the donations also went to the FISD Social Workers.

Student Council also donated money to the VAL-U class to help them sponsor one of the FISD Families for their class project. The donated money was earmarked for gifts from the family's wish list, and/or any food that had not been donated/purchased for their holiday meal.

This week the Student Council is hosting a bake sale that will benefit the high school Life Skills Students and their Special Olympics teams.



## The FISD Social Services Donations

### Donation of Money for Students

- Delta Kappa Gamma Mu Chi Chapter
- FISD Administration Building
- FISD Special Education Department

### Coats and Jackets

- Floresville Vol. Fire Dept Ladies Auxiliary

### Cash, Meals and or Gifts for Students

- Salvation Army
- Walmart
- FHS Leo's Club
- FHS VAL-U Class
- FHS JROTC
- FHS National Honor Society
- St. Vincent DePaul
- Wilson Area Housing Foundation
- Methodist Church
- First Baptist Church Sunday School Class
- Beta Kappa Iota
- Connally Memorial Hospital
- Dollar General
- Mom's Club Wilson-Co
- First Lutheran Church
- FHS Library
- FHS Girls Athletics
- FMS NJHS
- FMS Student Council
- FMS Teachers & Students
- FES Student Council
- FES Teachers & Students
- Primary Teachers and Students
- ECC Teachers and Students
- FISD Food Services
- Floresville United Methodist Women

### Blankets or Toiletries/Cleaning Supplies

- Woman's Service Organization
- Wilson Extension Education Association
- FHS FCCLA

### Sorting, Wrapping and Distributing Gifts

- FHS Business Professionals of America
- FHS Skills USA
- FHS Work Base Learning,
- FES Counselors & Teachers
- Primary Teachers & Principals
- ECC Counselor

## FISD Food Service Department

The Food Service Department delivered food for 4 families to the Social Services Department.



## FMS Science Club

The FMS Science club made holiday cards for Floresville veterans, Recovering veterans (Walter Reed Medical Center) and for soldiers ([www.AnySoldier.com](http://www.AnySoldier.com)) currently serving.



## FMS Mini Choir

Students from Floresville Middle School practiced and performed Christmas Carols for residents of local retirement homes and other public locations such as central office. Mr. Turner performed several very nice guitar solos during the presentation that I did not know existed in many of the carols!



## FHS Mighty Tiger Band

Since 1947, the United States Marines have been collecting toys during the holiday season, and since its inception, the Toys for Tots program has depended on the support of communities, businesses and charitable organizations across the country to donate toys for children in need.

This year, the members Floresville High School Mighty Tiger Band donated toys to the program. The idea came from band member Britney Fletcher and her father, Marine Corps Master Sergeant, Leonard Fletcher.

In the spirit of friendly rivalry, a competition was held within the band to see which section could donate the most toys. The members of the tuba section gave the most toys and had 100% participation. This year the members of the FHS Band donated 114 toys for children in our area.



Pictured: Msgt Fletcher; Britney Fletcher; student organizer, Correlle Cotton; band director, Jim Cathey

## FMS Band

The Floresville Middle School Band donated toiletries to Social Services to benefit the less fortunate students in FISD.

