

As interim superintendent, I am happy to report several recognitions, events, and honors that are taking place in the Harlandale I.S.D. October is “Principals Month” and we are grateful for the campus leadership that all of our principals provide. On October 10<sup>th</sup> our district recognized Mr. Fred Garza and his staff for “Texas Education Human Resources Day”. October 15<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup> was designated National School Bus Safety Week and National School Lunch Week. We recognize our Transportation and Child Nutrition employees for their outstanding contributions to our community.

On October 9<sup>th</sup> the library at Tejada Academy was named in honor of the late Judge Andy Mireles. The third annual Harlandale Education Foundation Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Republic Golf Course, starting at 1:30 PM. For the third straight year the Harlandale ISD has been named one of the Top Fifty Workplaces in San Antonio by the San Antonio Express-News. Zachry Holdings, Inc., through an employee fund-raising program, recently presented Stonewall Flanders Elementary with a check for \$16,932, which will be used for field trips, supplies and new technology.

LULAC National Education Service Centers (LSNEC) recently announced that, based on LSNEC’s grant application through the United States Department of Education, McCollum High School was selected to be recipient of a one-million dollar Upward Bound Math and Science Program grant. Sixty students will be chosen to participate in the five year program, which will offer a variety of services to prepare students for higher education. We are excited and most appreciative of LULAC National Education Service Centers for their efforts in targeting students in our district for these grant funds.

In the Harlandale I.S.D., we are honored to be serving ten percent of the entire Bexar County Pre-K population. We believe in the benefits of early education instruction and we are committed to offer an outstanding Pre-K program. Pre-K instruction increases our student’s academic skills and language development, as well as enhancing social skills, improving emotional and motor skills, problem solving techniques and building relationship abilities. Working together as a community, we will continue to provide every child with an excellent education. Please remember: You make a difference.