



Dragon's Lair

December 2018 ~ 2nd Nine Weeks

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Principal's Message

Happy Holidays Dragon Family!

It is with great excitement and celebrations that the 2018-2019 fall semester draws to a close. As I think back to the first day of school, I wonder to myself, where has the time gone. As a new staff member on the Fred Moore campus, I was not sure what to expect. I have to say, that within the first student interview, I knew without a doubt that Fred Moore was a special place - the place where I belonged.

I want to thank our wonderful students for their hard work in obtaining their credits and taking responsibility for the times that they had to adjust to get the job done. Remember Dragons, what you are doing every day at school is amazing, we are here to help support you along this journey. Our campus is very blessed to have hard working, dedicated teachers, a social worker, office, custodial, and cafeteria staff that work diligently to make sure the needs of our students are met!

We close out the semester with the celebration of our 2018 December Graduates! Graduation will be at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at the Gateway Center at the University of North Texas. We hope you can join us to celebrate our wonderful students. It has been an honor to work with each of our graduates and see their energy, dedication and perseverance.

In closing, I would like to take a moment to give a special THANK YOU to Ms. Melinda Schultz, our social studies teacher, who after working with our Dragons for the past twenty-seven years, is retiring. Ms. Schultz has positively impacted the lives of the many students that have been in her classes; she is a selfless individual that strives to always do what is best for her students. Ms. Schultz, you will be truly missed on our campus, we wish you the best as you embark on the next chapter of your life. You will always be a Dragon!

On behalf of the Fred Moore High School Faculty and Staff, we want to wish you and your families a Happy Holiday Season and a prosperous new year! As we continue to cultivate a positive and collaborative culture, we invite our families and community members to come by our campus and share in our learning and growth. Dragons, be safe, get some rest and be ready to conquer 2019!

Warmest regards,

Jackie San Miguel, Associate Principal

Ms. Schultz Retires - The End of an Era

Interview by Tara Lawson, Diego Martinez and Victoria Ventura

Ms. Melinda Schultz started teaching at Fred Moore in January of 1991 when she was 29 years old. Now after 27 years, she is retiring. Her favorite thing about Fred Moore is the kids and they are who she will miss the most because they feel like family. What she will not miss is in-service days. After retirement, she's going into business for herself and looking forward to doing whatever, whenever she wants, which includes spending more time with her parents and traveling.



DL: What motivated you to become a teacher and why a history teacher specifically?

MS: *I had ended up getting married, so we moved to Las Vegas, then we ended up going broke which caused us to move back to Denton. I started going to school and I needed some income, so I started subbing. In 1991 the superintendent, Ray Braswell, started this program for kids that were at risk. I knew Ray, and I knew his wife, so they asked me to come in and become a teacher.*

DL: Has teaching given you a new outlook or perception on life?

MS: *It keeps you young. I mean you're around kids all day long, you get to have all the new ideas that are going on, and it just keeps you young.*

DL: How do you describe your experiences here at Fred Moore?

MS: *It's been wonderful! It's the kids; It's always been about the kids.*

DL: Throughout the years, how has Fred Moore changed?

MS: *It started out on a grant that Ray Braswell wrote. The majority of the kids were pregnant in the program. In 1992, the building was renovated and the name changed to Fred Moore Learning Center to serve more kids in different situations.*

DL: Do you think it's important for the teacher to keep a good relationship with their students?

MS: *You have to start out with respect. If you don't have*

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Calendar

by Christopher Alanis
& Mariah Hill

December

- ☐ **07** Last day for December graduates to submit work
- ☐ **12** Bell Ringing Ceremony
- ☐ **14** Graduation practice (MANDATORY) & Senior handprints (1pm - 3:30 pm)
- ☐ **19** GRADUATION - UNT Gateway Center 2:00 pm (Doors open at 1pm)
- ☐ **19 & 20** Early release - 1:05 pm
- ☐ **20** Grading period ends
- ☐ **21** Staff Development - No Classes
- ☐ **24 - Jan 04** Winter Break

January

- ☐ **07** Staff Development - No Classes
- ☐ **08** 3rd Nine Weeks Begins
- ☐ **21** MLK Holiday - No Classes

March

- ☐ **11 - 15** Spring Break - No Classes
- ☐ **18** Staff Development - No Classes

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a mutual respect then you're not going to be able to teach them anything. It's all about relationships; everything you do in life is about relationships. It's because I love working with students that it doesn't feel like a job.

DL: Do you think there's more to being a teacher than just teaching? Why?

MS: *Here at Fred Moore, because we're so small, we're a family, so everyone's involved and associated with someone or something whether it be good or bad. We're small enough that we get to know each other. It's different from a big campus where you don't know anybody which is what makes the relationship between student and teacher that much more important.*

DL: If you could give any advice to a new teacher or someone that's thinking about becoming a teacher, what would it be?

MS: *You better like kids.*

DL: Who is your favorite student over all the years of working at Fred Moore?

MS: *Two, Christabell Estep and Leticia Lopez Hill who both graduated in 1992.*

DL: How would you describe the staff here at Fred Moore?

MS: *They've been wonderful, like family.*

DL: Have you enjoyed your time here at Fred Moore, watching it grow into what it is today?

MS: *I loved it here. I just don't want it to turn into a regular high school. I think we have to keep in mind that we ARE an alternative school so we must stay true to our roots.*

DL: So many students have an admiration/love for you, how did you make those connections?

MS: *I just treat you the way I want to be treated, the Golden Rule. If everyone followed it, the world would be a much better place.*

Custodial Award

Mrs. Olivia Olivas was presented the Distinguished GEM Award by her supervisor in recognition of her superior work ethic and willingness to help whenever she is needed. Ms. Olivia received a \$50 gift card along with her certificate.



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Student Spotlight

Student Awards

1st Nine Weeks

Student of the Nine Weeks -
Paige Garrison



Attendance Award -
Sarah Gonzales



High Academic Achievement
- Angie Guerrero



Most Positive Influence -
Lazaro Guzman



New Leaf - Cameron Welch



2nd Nine Weeks

Student of the Nine Weeks -
Valeria Escalante



Attendance Award -
Martin Mendoza



High Academic Achievement -
America Chairez



Most Positive Influence -
Desiree Williams



New Leaf - Emma King



*Perfect
Attendance*

At Fred Moore High School, our attendance goal is 98%.

The following students have had
perfect attendance since they started at
Fred Moore High School this semester.

** Judah Allen * Martin Mendoza * Kevin Varela **

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College and Career Day



On Oct 25th, 2018, Fred Moore High School held a College & Career Day (Passport 2 Success). We had many exciting activities (e.g., the fair with vendor tables, the keynote speaker, breakout sessions, prizes, pizza).

Students also had the opportunity to speak to representatives from many colleges, vocational schools and some branches of the military before the keynote address. After the speaker, each student attended two presentations of their choosing. The breakout sessions we designed to be beneficial to each student's interests and future. The sessions included:

TechHire Jobs, Grants, & Training - NCTC

“What's Your State of Mind?” - Lady Charmaine Respass

Hands-On Banking Skills - Wells Fargo

Interviewing 101 - UNT High School Career Connect

Local Jobs for Grads Using Workforce Resources - TX Workforce Solutions

Mexican immigrant, and US Army veteran, Oscar Vazquez came to speak with students about his struggles with deportation/ICE. He told the students many important things, but two things stuck out: “No one can take your education.” and “Companies love prepared people.” Mr. Vazquez also spoke about the movie, Spare Parts, inspired by his high school experiences. The student body watched the movie a few days prior to the fair.



We ended the day with many prizes/giveaways and many memories were made.

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Veteran's Day



On November 11th Fred Moore honored our local veterans with a special Veterans Day celebration program.

The program started off with a Welcome and Introductory Remarks, from Gregory Gatzke, followed by a Presentation of the Colors by DHS ROTC.

The Pledge of allegiance and pledge to the Texas flag spoken by Lazaro Guzman Ramirez, which lead into a wonderful rendition of the National anthem performed by Amanda Rye, Bailey Guice, and Magali Diaz.

Mrs. Schultz introduced our guest speaker, Spec. 4 Sandra Miller United States Army.

Sandra Miller spoke to the students about many of her experiences in the army, and although many were difficult Miller stated, "I would go back and do it all again." After her speech, students thanked her for her service, and Miller was sure to make it a point that she will help and protect students whenever needed. The program ended with Special Recognitions from Mrs. Cates.



Fred Moore Graduates

Fall Class 2018 - 2019

Congratulations to all of the graduates that finished this Fall!

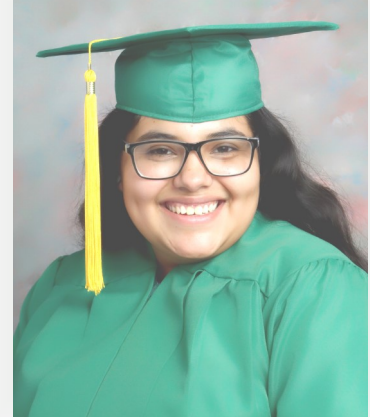
We are excited to honor and celebrate all of their hard work that they put into graduating.



Christopher Antonio Alanis



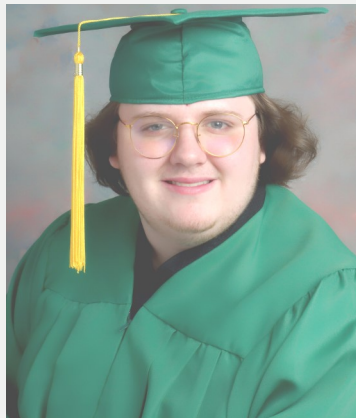
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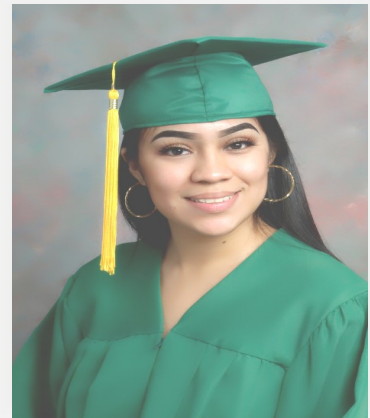
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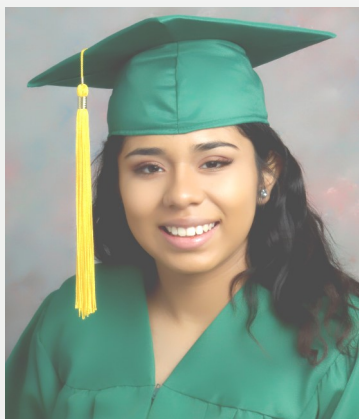
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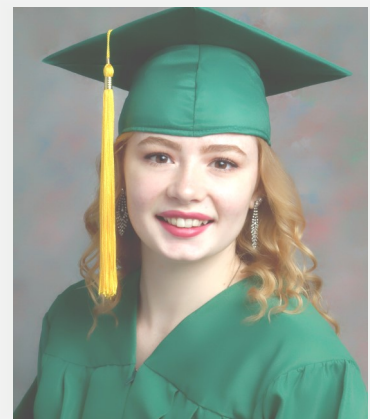
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Mariah Alexandra Hill



Tara Rose Lawson

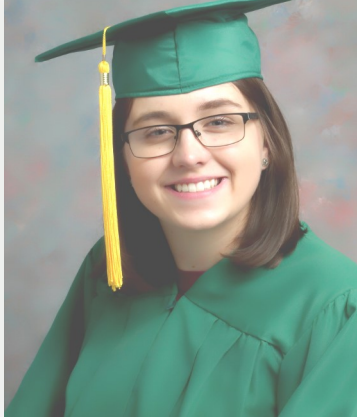
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Denton, TX 940-387-3747

for capturing these special memories for Fred Moore High School.



Hali Rene LeGear



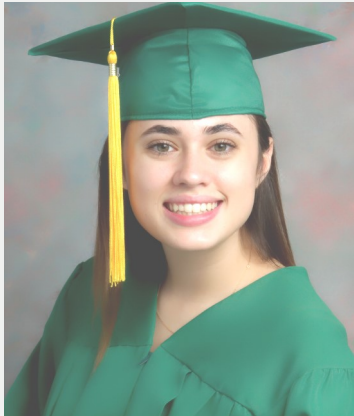
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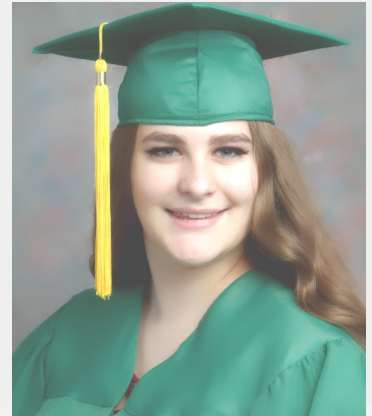
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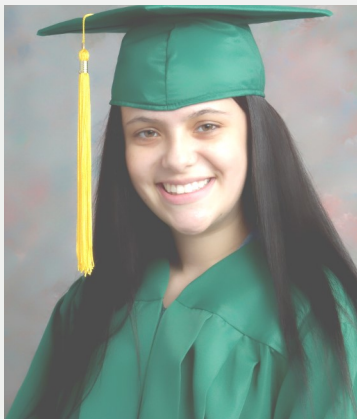
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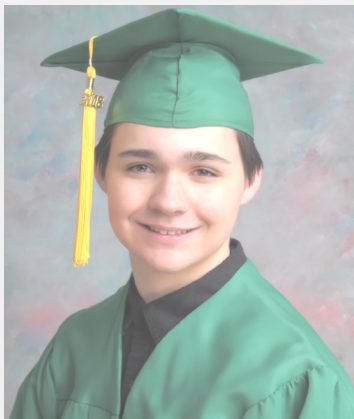
Jasmine Elizabeth Parada



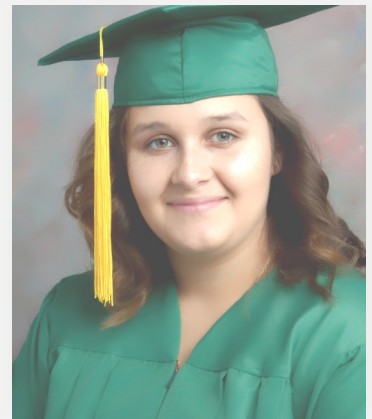
Amanda Marie Rye



Kaitlin Olivia Stuhler



Zachary Paul Wages



Cameron Paige Welch

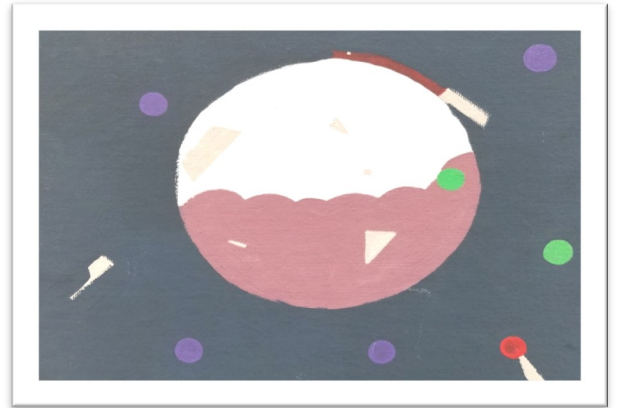
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Art.

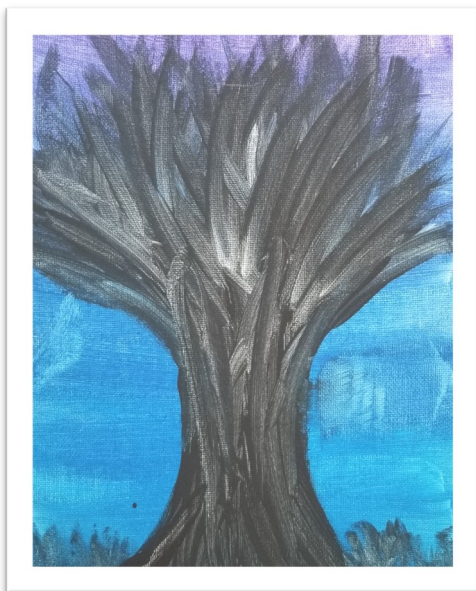
Art Club is sponsored by Ms. Schultz and meets Tuesday mornings during Advisory. This semester the focus has been on painting.



Wasteland by Koi



I'm Never Coming Down by Koi



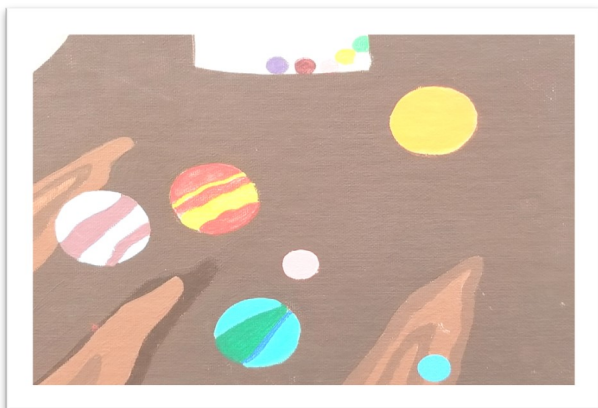
Midnight by Ashley



The Grinch is Hairy by Tara



Yeah...This Isn't Finished, Sorry by Tara



Do Not Eat, Choking Hazard by Koi



Soaring Up by Valeria

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Lazy Day by Koi



#LLM by Sarah



Untitled by Bailey and Diego



I Swear I'm Not Demented by Tara



Church by Ashley



Chick by Victoria



Untitled by Bailey



The Giving by Sarah

Take a stand Lend a hand - Stop bullying!

By Sarah Gonzales, Emma Hanna-Huff and Tawnya Lytle

The FMHS Interact Club sponsored Anti-Bullying Week, a student lead campaign focusing on encouraging all to choose respect over bullying. Sarah Gonzales kicked off Anti-Bullying week with encouraging goodie bags. The bags included candy and had positive messages on them such as “You're making a difference.” On Tuesday, we started the positive sticky notes that also had sayings on them, like “you are enough”, “Be kind”,

A photograph of three students, two girls and one boy, smiling and holding a large white sign that reads "#FMHS ANTI BULLY WEEK". They are in a school hallway with lockers and a bulletin board in the background. The photo is framed by a decorative zigzag border.

Being around you makes everything better.

and “ I hope you feel beautiful today”. We also had a volunteer speaker, Stephanie Avery, who was kind enough to come to Fred Moore and talked to us about the effects of bullying, signs that someone is a victim of bullying, as well as, signs of being suicidal. She also gave the students some resources if they needed help. We continued the sticky notes throughout the week and also put some on the Chromebooks for the students. On Wednesday, we wore blue, which brought awareness to anti-bullying. For Thursday, we created a photo booth where students were encouraged to take a photo and share their excitement for the anti-bullying week activities! Last, but not least, the week culminated with a handprint pledge against bullying. Students came up during lunch and traced their hand and signed their name as a commitment to

Your presence is a gift.

You matter!

stand up against bullies!

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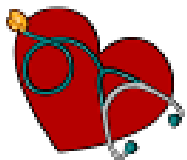
You make a difference!

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BUY YOUR Yearbook

- Each book costs \$30 dollars, and it will feature;
 - 2 personal pages, if you want
 - Autograph page(s)
 - Full color pages
 - A hard cover
- Cover contest - due February 14 (Valentines day. Maximum of 3 submissions each)
- Senior quotes (December 14th for December graduates and March 22nd for May graduates)
- See Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. Ware or Kylie Martin for more information

Nurse News



Outsmart Germs for a Healthy Holiday

How Germs Spread

The main way that illnesses like colds and flu are spread is from person to person in respiratory droplets of coughs and sneezes. This can happen when droplets from a cough or sneeze of an infected person move through the air and are deposited on the mouth or nose of people nearby. Germs are also spread when a person touches respiratory droplets from another person on a surface like a desk and then touches his or her own eyes, mouth or nose. Viruses and bacteria can live 2 hours or longer on surfaces like tables, doorknobs, and desks.

How to Stop the Spread of Germs

- Cough or sneeze into a tissue and then throw it away or cough into your sleeve.
- Try to keep your hands away from your face. Wash your hands frequently.
- Sing the ABC song while you wash your hands. When you wash your hands use soap, warm water and wash for 15 to 20 seconds.
- When soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based disposable hand wipes or gel sanitizers. Rub your hands until the gel is dry. The alcohol in the gel will kill germs.



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On October 29th, 15 of our Interact members, their friends and family, as well as one Guyer High School student joined the Rotarians, and Rise Against Hunger members to pack food (dried vegetables, soy protein pieces, rice, and nutritional packets) into small plastic bags. There were three different sections with their own individual tasks; the first group was responsible for putting the food in the bags, which would then be passed to the second group, who were equipped with heat-seal presses. Finally, the bags would be placed in cardboard boxes to be prepared to be

shipped to their final destination(s). Every time the last group would box 1,000 bags, one of the Rise Against Hunger members would ring the gong set up at the back of the gym. Next to that gong was a table with samples of the food that we were packing, 'Rise Against Hunger' bracelets, pens, and pins, and cardboard fans. In addition to that, there was a cardboard "Rise Against Hunger" stand with a selfie frame. At the end of the event, we had a total of 10,153 bags packed, far exceeding our goal. Thank you to everyone who attended to help us!





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 Everyone is welcome!

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