

# PANTHER TRACKS



## DESTINATION IMAGINATION



2nd grade team (L-R) Jordyn Jensen, Jackson Reed, Gus Ganske, Gage Bautista, Asa Conley, Ahyan Shabbir



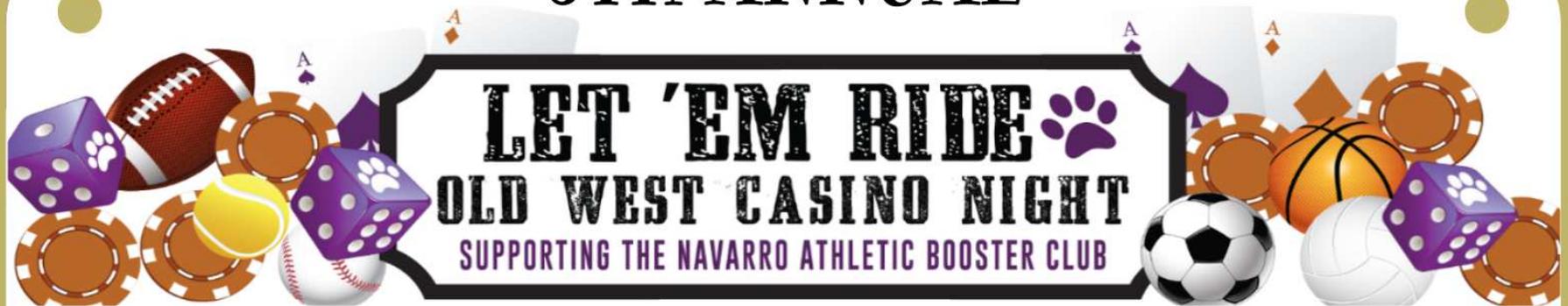
5th grade team (L-R) Mason Moore, Callen Welsh, Scarlett Chandler, Kambrie Scheel

This past Saturday Navarro had two Destination Imagination teams that competed in the DI Regional Tournament in San Antonio. The 5th grade team will go on to compete at the state DI tournament in Arlington at the end of the month.

DI is an international problem-solving competition for students of all ages. Our student-led STEAM-based Challenges reinforce core social-emotional learning (SEL) competencies—social awareness, relationship skills, responsible decision making, self-awareness, and self-management.

## CASINO NIGHT

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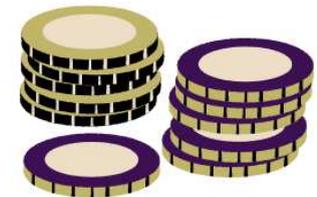


SATURDAY, MARCH 26

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30

DINNER 6:00-7:00

LIVE AUCTION 9:00



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## SELF CARE STATION



Nurse Schnautz's Navarro Education Foundation Grant is being put to use at Navarro Elementary School!

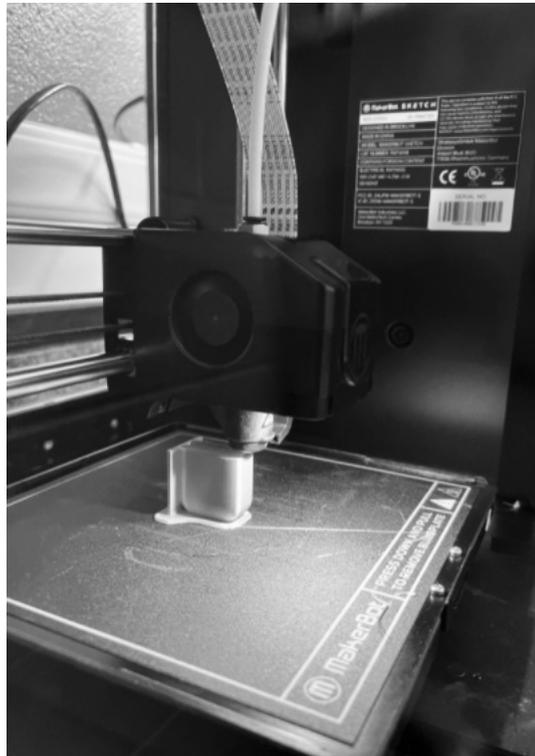
Our third grade classroom teachers have located an area in their classrooms and have set up a similar Self Care Station for our students. The Self Care Station was created to support our student's independence and learn simple ways to care for themselves during nonemergency situations.

These stations are located in their classrooms where students are able to grab a band aid for a small cut, chapstick for chapped lips, apply lotion for dry hands, etc.. This helps students learn to care for themselves and limits the amount of instructional time missed when leaving the classroom to attain these items from the campus nurse. There is also a small "self care log" that students will indicate the reason for visiting the self care station.

This provides the student the opportunity to practice their writing and spelling as well.

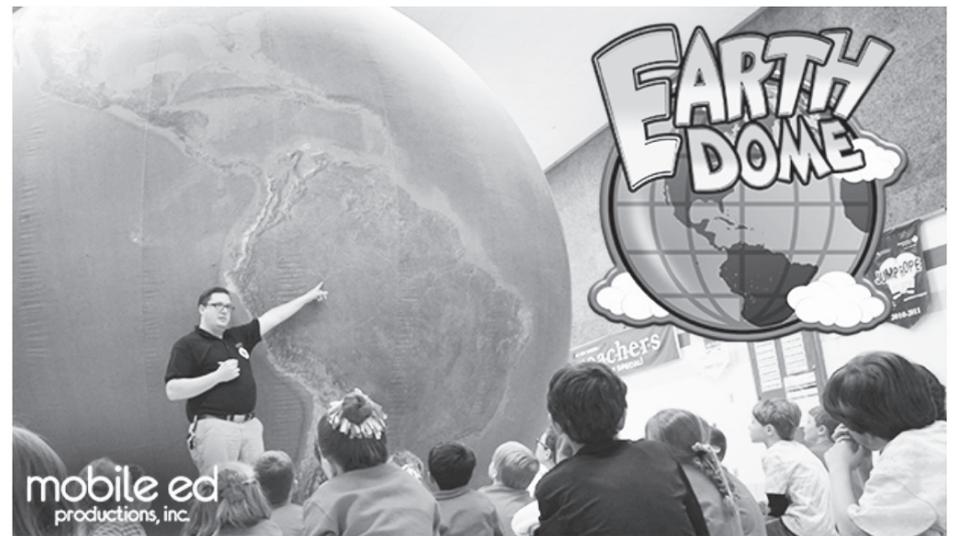
Thank you the Navarro Education Foundation for their support and Nurse Schnautz for her great ideas!

## DOOR GUARD



Sixth grade technology applications students were challenged to design a 3D print that would benefit a classroom. Daniel Moore designed a "door guard". The door guard enables the teacher to keep her door locked while keeping the lock from fully engaging. In an emergency, the door guard is quickly removed and the classroom is locked down without the teacher having to go outside the room and use her key to lock the door. After a few various attempts and some careful measuring, Daniel found this design to be the most successful.

# GLOBE



6th Grade wanted to invite you to come check out our Earth Dome presentation funded by NEF. There will be 45 minutes presentations each Social Studies class period during 1st - 6th periods.



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# JH NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



# PET HOSPITAL



Mrs. Hunter's class had some fun before spring break. We set up a Pet Hospital and had to help sick pets by solving multi step word problem

# READ ACROSS AMERICA



On National Read Across America Day, students, teachers, parents, and community members around the nation come together to read books and celebrate the joy of reading. Launched in 1998 by the National Education Association (NEA), Read Across America is the nation's largest celebration of reading. This year-round program focuses on motivating children and teens to read through events, partnerships, and reading resources that are about everyone, for everyone.

Navarro Elementary School participated in National Read Across America Day with activities, crafts, and by dressing up like a favorite Dr. Seuss character. Over 500 members of the school community participated in the annual Reading Restaurant Literacy Night on March 1st, where students and families were served dinner by school staff. Each child was given a book to read and take home, and families were provided information about how they can encourage reading at home. Thank you to all of those students, teachers, parents and support staff members who made reading a special highlight for the week.

# BIOGRAPHIES FOR ALL



Navarro Elementary second grade students recently completed a biography unit. Students were able to choose a person they wanted to research and write a biography for. They used books from the school library along with online sites to complete their research. Students wrote a summary of their person from what they learned. They also created a poster for their person. Students then presented to the first grade classes. They held their posters and read their summary.

# VASE



Art 4 AP  
Sarah Villareal,  
*Wax Poetic*,  
oil and candle wax on board



Art 4 AP  
Avery Brown,  
*Self Control*,  
oil on board



Art 4 AP  
Jacqueline Springs, *Rain On Leaves*, digital photograph

We had many talented High School Art students participate in the Visual Art Scholastic Event (VASE).

The students that participated were Avery Brown, Jera Hudson, Hannah Johnson, Jessica McCrary, Lydia Shanafelt, Jacqueline Springs, and Sarah Villareal.

The competition was virtual this year so their work and writing really had to speak for themselves. All artworks received a top score of 4 and advanced to Area judging. Hannah Johnson will be advancing to State with 2 artworks! Ms. Ryan does believe this is a first for Navarro! The State competition will be held April 29-30. Please congratulate these students for their hard work and skill! This is a tough competition!



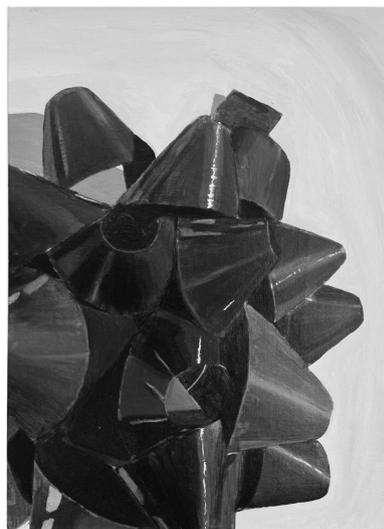
Art 4  
Hannah Johnson,  
*Cautious Optimism*,  
oil on wood



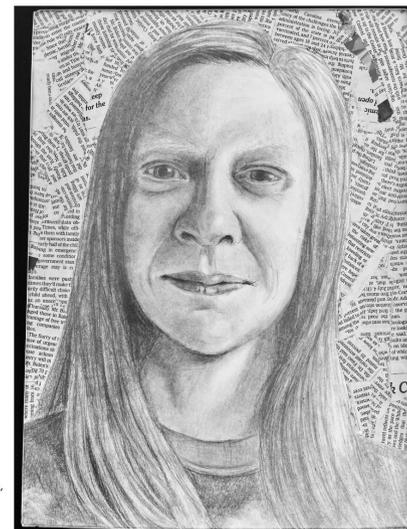
Art 3  
Jessica McCrary,  
*Bowl of Joy*,  
Oil on wood



Art 4  
Hannah Johnson,  
*10 Shot*,  
Ball point pen on paper



Art 2  
Jera Hudson,  
*The Shine of Consumerism*,  
Acrylic on canvas board



Art 2  
Lydia Shanafelt,  
*Patience*,  
Graphite on paper with  
newspaper collage

## WRITE LIKE A PRO

Navarro Elementary Third Grade Teachers were given a once in a lifetime writing experience from Region 13 Service Center. Award winning children's author Christina Soontornvat partnered with Region 13 to host Write with a Pro. The process was made possible through a self paced online learning course for teachers to refine their craft of writing instruction. The learning focused on powerful yet practical processes to engage students in writing. Participating educators were given classroom instructional strategies to immediately implement with students.

Completing artifacts and reflection was the heart of the e-learning course. Once teachers complete the 6 hour course, students were invited to Region 13, in Austin to an interactive writing workshop with Christina Soontornvat as the host.

Christina introduced herself, explained how she became a published author, then she let the students in on her secrets to telling a really great story. Students practiced identifying the change of hearts in popular books. Next, Navarro Writers helped create a story chart, they invented characters listed a want for each, followed by the problem. The chart was completed with a change of heart. Students could not wait to develop the stories based off the chart. Once materials were distributed, students began making the stories come to life.

During the independent writing students were able to conference with Mrs. Soontornvat, Region 13 staff members or classroom teachers to help expand their thinking or solve any road blocks. The best part: Students requested extended time to write. The learning session ended with story sharing from students, and class pictures with the award winning author. Each class received autographed hardcover copies of *A Wish in the Dark*, and *The Ramble Shamble Children*. Students received a light up pen, and put them to use when we arrived back on campus to scribe a thank you letter to Christina, and Region 13. Many students included in their letters to her that they would one day be published authors themselves.

Parents from both ELAR classrooms kindly donated Christina Soontornvat's books so students could have access to her award-winning published books. Currently students are working their way through *The Changelings*, and *A Wish in the Dark*.

Students were completely engaged in the learning hour, Christina was energetic, making connections to current events while encouraging students to take risks. She was ecstatic about their love for writing and how they participated in her lesson. They received compliments from Region 13 staff members as well as from Christina.





Congratulations to our JH Band students who earned all First Division ratings at the UIL Region 12 Concert and Sight Reading Evaluation.

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