

# The Laredo Letter

Serving the students, staff, and parents of the Laredo School Community

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## Our School is the Best by Ethan

In my opinion, I think Laredo is the best school. First I think it is the best school because it has good books to learn. Second I think Laredo is the best school because it has terrific teachers. Laredo is cool!

## Science Club by Camila

In science club we have talked about many different topics. Two of them are habitats and the laws of gravity.

What we learned about habitats is that animals have a habitat that has what they need to survive. Some animals already have special abilities to help them survive. For example, the octopus can camouflage with its surroundings but it also lives in the ocean which is its natural habitat. We tested this out by throwing M&Ms at Mr. Zola and then tried to find them.

Then we counted them there was more yellow than brown that is because the grass was kind of brown so just like the octopus the brown M&Ms camouflaged with its surroundings. That is one of the things we learned in science club.

Another thing we learned in science club was the laws of gravity and who discovered gravity. The laws of gravity are about how gravity works. There are three laws. The first is an object at rest will stay at rest and an object in motion will stay in motion unless acted on. The second law is an object with an unbalanced force will accelerate in the direction of that force. And the third law is that every action has an equal and opposite reaction. Forces come in pairs. There is an action and a reaction. The man who created the three laws of motion is Isaac Newton. We did an interesting experiment where we had a bottle and cardboard that we had to cut into the shapes of rockets wings so that we could fly them to see how high they would go. We didn't clearly see which one went the farthest up, but I know that the rocket that my team and I made went pretty far up. That was just another thing we learned.

We have learned so much in science club. It was fun and interesting learning something new and fun. I also loved the experiments. I had an amazing time!



## Important Dates

- **May 4** Parent Coffee
- **May 8** Tae Kwon Do Graduation
- **May 18** Skate City
- **May 19** Volunteer Breakfast
- **May 24** Kindergarten Continuation
- **May 24** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Continuation
- **May 25** Awards Ceremonies
- **May 25** Last Day of School
  
- **August 8-9** Student testing days
- **August 10** 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> First Day of Class
- **August 14** Kindergarten First



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**Bike Extravaganza...**Laredo families enjoyed a day of preparing for Colorado's bike season. Dung's Cycles came out to safety check bikes and provide a safety course to help students understand the importance of being aware while riding through the neighborhoods. Tips included watching for the eyes of car drivers and completely stopping at stop signs. In order for students to enter the raffle, they had to write about how a bike would improve their life.



### How Would Winning a New Bike Improve Your Life? by Stephanie

Do you ever wonder what a bike would do to your life? Winning a bike would help my life because I could ride it to the park, race my friends, and share it with my family. First of all, I would like a bike because I could ride it to the park. I really like to go to the Apache Park, and they have an amazing course to ride. But sometimes, I can't ride it because I don't have a bike with me. If I did have one, it would definitely change my life. Next, I would like a bike to race my friends. My friends are always competitive and ask me to race. But they are usually on a bike, and I am on roller skates. If I had a bike, it would definitely help me win. Last, I would like a bike so I could share it



with my family. Not everybody in my family has a bike, and it is really hard to go places like school. So if I had a bike, my family would be so thankful. I hope you can see why winning a bike would be a lifesaver.



## 24 Tournament

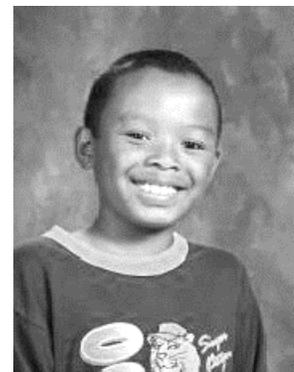
This month, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders from each classroom competed in the Laredo 24 Math Game Tournament. Each competitor won his or her classroom tournament. The students impressed everyone with their mastery in multiplication, division, addition, and subtraction. Congratulations to the winners of the Laredo 24 Tournament:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Emily Padilla
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Anthony Cordova Sanchez
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Joshua Virvez
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place: Enrique Del Villar



## Laredo Students Continue to Earn Scholarships and Win Contests

Keith earned a scholarship to a Mad Science NASA space camp for a week this summer. In the future, he wants to work in a field that involves science, specifically outer space. So we were thrilled with his opportunity.



Third Grade learned to write persuasive essays. Layla's essay won a turkey hunting trip with her father.

In my opinion I should be chosen to go turkey hunting because it would be a good experience to go turkey hunting. I want to spend time with my daddy. I want to spend time together with my dad because my dad works very hard. My dad is always busy doing chores like washing the dishes and making our lunches. Turkey hunting would give my daddy and me some time to be together.

Turkey hunting with my dad would give me experience to harvest my own animals so I don't have to depend on someone else to find my food. If I can hunt my own food, then I can grow up to be independent.

If I kill a turkey, I will feel proud because it would be my first time to kill a turkey. I might be a little scared at first because the gun is loud and it hurts my ears, but I will wear ear plugs or ear muffs so my ears don't explode or crack.

I want to touch a turkey and feel its feathers because I have never felt one before. I want to taste the turkey meat. I wonder if it will taste like lamb chops.

I think hunting is important in Colorado because if we didn't hunt animals, there would be turkeys and other animals everywhere. We would all starve to death. Or we would only be able to eat fruit and vegetables and peanut butter and jelly or honey sandwiches.

I want to learn how to use a gun to hunt animals so I could eat some meat that I killed. Sometimes it's sad when animals die. My dog, Sissy died, but we wouldn't eat her, because we love her, and we miss her.

When you hunt animals, it's different because they are wild. They are not pets.

These are the reasons why I want to be chosen to go turkey hunting. Thank you for reading this and I hope you pick me to go hunting with my dad.

Hopeful turkey hunter,  
Layla

**Looking Forward to 2017-18 School Year...** Every school day counts in order for learning to occur. Students who miss only a couple days per year learn more.

Yes, it is unbelievable we would be thinking about next school year. As you begin making summer and fall plans, we want you to be aware of the following dates to ensure your student is in school every day.

- August 8-9: Student Testing Days (schedule to be announced)
- August 10<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade First Day of School
- August 14<sup>th</sup>: Kindergarten First Day of School
- October 16-20: Fall Break
- November 22 – 24: Thanksgiving Break
- December 22 – Jan 5: Winter Break
- March 26 – 30: Spring Break
- May 24: Last Day of School

**Brrr...**The mornings continue to be chilly. Is your child missing their jacket? Check lost & found, we have many coats and sweatshirts.



Per district policy, dogs are not allowed at school. With so many people, we do not want them to become frightened and harm a student.

