Welcome BACK!!!!

We had an awesome summer program! Students got to dissect pigs in Science, show off their artistic talents in Painting, explore careers related to Math, paint maracas in Spanish class, and build a website in Computers class. Let's not forget, the hard work we gave back to the community. We were able to help out at: Meals on Wheels, Trinity Fair Havens, Midland Haven Healthcare Center Inc., Casa De Amigos, and Keep Midland Beautiful. Good Job Guys!

We also enjoyed trips to MCM Ice Skating Rink, Big Sky Drive-In, Alfredo’s Paletteria, and everyone’s favorite Ms. Lovelía’s house for a swim and dinner. While we are discussing trips, our BIG, week long, trip was to Memphis, Tennessee. It was great! We will all certainly remember it. We will have pictures up soon on our website.

As we begin the new academic year we will be adjusting to a couple of changes. For some of our students, they have finally made it to High School. Congratulations!! For others it’s a BIG year, their SENIOR YEAR!!! Our Seniors that just graduated in May ’07, they also are starting their first year at college! (see GRADUATES below to see where they all went). As for some of the staff, it will be our first Fall Semester with our students and we are very excited. Either way, we must remember to stay focused this year and try our BEST at everything that is at task.

We look forward to another great year and have great activities planned for the students. We have eleven seniors this year and know they are excited about their last year in high school and we will be working with them to plan for college.

Graduates:

Once again, congratulations, to all our High School Graduates who are now College Freshmen. Look where they all went:

Charlotte Aleman - Santa Monica College
Darius Anders - University of Texas at San Antonio
Bryant Baeza - University of Texas of the Permian Basin
Isabel Carrillo - Angelo State University
Zach Chavez - Midland College
Nereida Gomez - Midland College
DeAmber Lane - Texas A&M-Kingsville
Adriena Perkins - Midland College
Isaac Romero - Midland College
Orfa Sifuentes - Midland College
Elisa Suarez - Angelo State University
Brenda Vasquez - Midland College

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Tutoring:

When:
- Begins Sept. 11
- Every Tuesday and Thursday
- 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Where:
- Midland College Portable 7 behind the UB Office
Summer 2007

Summer Banquet Awards

Math:
Outstanding Student - Annika Nunez
Most Improved - Brandon Govan
Computers:
Outstanding Student - Andrea DeLaCruz
Most Improved - Brandon Govan
Art:
Outstanding Student - Monique Navarrete
Most Improved - Antoinette Lee
Community Services:
Outstanding Student - Sofia Tarango

RA Awards:
Funniest Guy:  Mario Siqueiros
Funnies Girl:  Felicia Stadmire

Best Hair:  Priscila Gomez
Best Hair:  Trenton Robinson
Best Attitude:  Andrew Sotelo
Best Dressed:  Trenton Robinson
Biggest Sweetheart:  Carline Vita
Best Smile:  Brandon Govan
Best All Award:  Sofia Tarango
Pokey Award:  Antonea Roseberry
Dobbie Award:  Sandy Tang
Most Studious:  Tana Villela
Most Athletic:  Bryant Baeza
Ms. Sunshine:  Charlotte Aleman
Most Inspirational:  Adriena Perkins

Summer trip to Memphis, Tennessee

Our trip to Memphis started out slow. The first day of the trip (Monday) we mainly traveled. Arriving around 7 pm, everyone settled into their rooms at the Drury Hotel and had some pizza for dinner. Later, we all got ready for a swim in the indoor/outdoor pool and hot tub at the hotel.

Tuesday, we were on our way to tour Lemoyne-Owen College, where we were pored rain on. Then, it was off to lunch around the Peabody Place. Shortly after we all met up at the Rock-N-Soul Museum, where we learned about the history of music and the Blues. After that we were off to Graceland where we toured Elvis Presley’s Mansion! Unique it was! By this time, it was dinner time. We were taken to BB King’s Blues Club. While we waited, there was live music. Ruth was asked to sing on stage. She did well, of course. We then ate and had time to walk and shop on Beale St. Beale St. is a historical street in which there are many tourist shops, restaurants, etc. Then it was time for some more action! We were taken on a trolley. A shuttle looking train that goes average car speed on the street. Taking us to many sites of Memphis including a pyramid. The pyramid is reminiscent of Egypt. Reasoning behind this is that the word “Memphis” has its origins in Egypt. Afterwards, it was time to see the Marching Ducks at the Peabody Hotel. These ducks came out of an elevator, marched in-line to an indoor water fountain and swam around for a few minutes. At 5pm, on cue they marched out of the fountain and into the elevator and back to their bedroom! And we were off to our hotel for a swim.

Wednesday, we toured the University of Memphis! Then the National Civil Rights Museum (location of our group picture below). Very interesting museum, it informed us, all about Martin Luther King Jr.’s life and assassination, as well as slavery, and equal rights of “colored” people. Next, we were off to the Memphis Zoo (my favorite!). After that we went for a cruise on the Mississippi River aboard a riverboat!

Thursday, we checked out of the hotel early in the morning and were off for a tour, given by the Heritage Tours, to historical places in Memphis, including a “Slave Haven.” This was a house that contributed to the “underground railroad” (you might remember from history class). The house dwellers helped escaping slaves from being detained by the law! Interesting place! Next, was lunch on Beale St. After more shopping and walking we were off to Mud Island aboard a “monorail.” This is a trolley who’s tracks are overhead instead of underneath. Its positioning and location made for a very scenic and enjoyable ride. Once there, we walked IN a river walk. Almost everyone walked barefooted in it. It was a miniature replica of the Mississippi River (our nation’s largest river!), that you could actually walk in. At the end, a pool of water with a fountain in the middle awaited us. Almost everyone got drenching soaked within minutes!! We dried up a bit and then it was off to see the Mississippi River Museum. That was the end! We traveled home after that and arrived around 8am FRIDAY.

I had a BLAST and can’t wait till next summer’s trip! You must see the pics! Come by the office to see them...
Fall 2007

Upcoming events:

September:
6 - Pizza Lunch @ MHS
8 – Saturday Academy
11 – Tutoring Begins @ UB Office:
   Tues & Thurs 6-7:30 pm
13 - Pizza Lunch for LHS
25 - Senior Student/Parent
   Meeting Davidson Lect. Hall 7pm
27 - The Ten Tenors 7pm - MC
29 – Saturday Academy ATC

October:
4 - Pizza Lunch @ MHS
6 - TX Tech Homecoming Game
11 - Pizza Lunch for LHS
13 – Saturday Academy ATC
13 - The Seussification of Romeo and Juliet @ Permian Playhouse 2:30pm
16 - PSAT Review (Soph & Jrs)
   @ MC PE Rm 6pm
27 – Saturday Academy ATC

November:
1 - Pizza Lunch @ MHS
8 - Pizza Lunch for LHS
10 – Saturday Academy ATC
17 – Saturday Academy ATC
17 - Thanksgiving Feast
   6 pm Roadrunner Room
21-23 Thanksgiving Holiday

December:
TBA - Cinderella @ Midland Community Theatre
8 – Saturday Academy TBA
*Christmas Party*
21-Jan 8 - Christmas/New Years’ Holiday

Welcome our new UB Members:

Mr. Claybrooke, our Science teacher from the summer program, will continue to be our Science teacher through the academic year.

Ms. Talerico, our Reading and Writing teacher from the summer, will be helping us at our Saturday Academies with Writing classes. Although she is not pictured, you will meet her soon enough...

“Mr. Claybrooke helping Priscila dissect a fetal pig!!!
“A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.”
-Henry B. Adams

Birthdays this semester:

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“Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.”

-Marian Wright Edelman

Every job is a self-portrait of the person who did it. Autograph your work with excellence.

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