



Nelrod Consortium Scholarship Program

While many "A" and "B" students have multiple venues of encouragement to achieve higher goals, "C" students are often victims to circumstances beyond control. It is our hope to make their choice to achieve higher goals easier.

This is a scholarship program for "C" level high school students living in public and assisted housing throughout the U.S. The scholarships would be sufficient to encourage further education and to defray a portion of books, software, supplies and other materials. Most other scholarship programs provide limited or no support for these items.

Deserving students will be chosen to receive one (1) \$1,000 scholarship to encourage further education and to defray a portion of the cost and other materials. The number of eligible awards will be based on funding availability and the number of applicants.

If you are interested in applying, *contact the service coordinator at your site* right away. Your application to the Nelrod Consortium must include a letter of reference from the Housing Authority. **The last day to submit your application to us is Monday, May 17.**



San Marcos Housing Authority will be conducting Pre-REAC/Annual Inspections in each public housing unit the week of May 10 - May 14, on May 24, and on May 28.



Work orders will be submitted and completed to correct any deficiencies after the inspection is completed. Contact your site manager if you have any questions.

ALLEN WOODS HOMES — PODER LEARNING CENTER



Our friendly neighborhood Easter Bunny came to visit and join in on our Easter celebration fun! The kids had a whole field to hunt for eggs. They used their imagination to color paper eggs, and took pictures with the Easter bunny to remember the day. Spring was peeking around the corner as the kids played outside on a perfectly sunny and cool day. Thanks to resident Christi Leal for getting the Easter Bunny to bring smiles to our kids.



Senior Cooking Class



Kate Blankenship, Family and Community Health Agent from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, has been doing a series of classes called *Be Well, Get Well* for our elderly residents. She discusses topics such as how to read a food label, how to incorporate exercise

in your day, and knowing different types of expiration dates. At the end of each class, Kate fixes up a simple healthy recipe for the attendees to take home and try on their own. They also get to try a sample! For more information on how to join the class, call Maria, Senior Service Coordinator, at 512-396-3367.

LEAP! STRETCH! DANCE!

Ana Baer Carillo, is an Associate Professor of Dance at Texas State. She is the Head of the Bachelor of Fine Arts program in Performance and Choreography Track in the Department of Theatre and Dance. She is also a choreographer and videographer of international renown. We are so blessed that she set up a trial dance class at PODER. Students from Ana's class taught kids different dance styles for three weeks. They liked hip-hop the most! We hope this becomes a permanent offering at PODER!



Springtown Villa



This year was the first year we didn't get to watch the children from Allen Woods hunt for Easter eggs. (Dang Covid-19!) So this year, when the Easter Bunny came, Edna and Alan



finally got to ask, "Where do you hide all the prize eggs?" Lucky for us the Easter Bunny didn't give out any secrets. You can't blame them for trying though!

Texas AgriLife Cooking Class



Kate Blankenship is a Family & Community Health Agent from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension-Hays County. She came to teach us about nutrition on two separate occasions this month. The first day she taught us how to make a healthy breakfast. On her second visit, she showed us how to make a bean salad with corn, cilantro, onions, and tomatoes . . . all covered in lime juice. It's called "Cowboy Salad." It's nutritious, easy to make, and oh, so delicious!

Kate plans to come back twice in May. She will show us how to make a wonderful supper and an amazing desert. She brings a lot more than just recipes. She also teaches us about healthy habits that contribute to our overall well-being. Besides nutrition, Kate is also very knowledgeable about food safety. She taught us the importance of cooking and storing foods at specific temperatures to avoid food poisoning.

C. M. ALLEN HOMES — KAD KORNER STORE

STILL DEALING WITH THE BIG FREEZE

Events at the KAD Center are pretty much on hold because of the repairs in progress. The repairs could take a month or more. The after-school program is still going on (sometimes at the park across the street), but it can be disrupted by rain and the repair schedule.



Juan Zia from ARCIL sets up the walker for Ms. Torres.

Ms. Bonnie was so much help when I had to get my walker. I got one but it was not the right size and she kept calling them to check on it. She has been a big help and a wonderful blessing. I finally got my walker and it was worth the wait! ~ Dora Torres



Oh what fun it is to see Valentina and Jason trying to out-score each other!

Congratulations to two high school seniors that will graduate this month:



Melisa Ibarra
Kalea Gumbs

Kalea is applying to ACC to pursue a degree in Sports Medicine. Wishing the best to both our girls!

It was such a pleasant surprise to see former KAD participant, Cody Iverson, on a recent visit. Cody said, "I couldn't be in San Marcos and not stop at KAD, where I spent so much time at the after-school program, getting help with homework, tutoring, mentoring by Texas State University student volunteers, fun activities, and, of course, our summer trip to Schlitterbahn. So many great memories!" Cody always enjoyed doing community service and helping in any way he could. He happened to stop by at the right time to help out with food distribution to some elderly residents. It is always a pleasure to see former KAD kids stop by and share how things are going in their lives. ~ Bonnie Pecina

CHAPULTEPEC HOMES & ADULT LEARNING CENTER



Easter came a few days early for Chapultepec as our after-school program sponsored a fun activity for everyone to enjoy. The kids had a tasty snack and EGGtivity inside before going on a large Easter egg hunt outside with their families. Everyone was welcome to join the hunt, and participants both young and old enjoyed their EGGcellent rewards.



Escape From Teen Night



Our teens this month had to use their brains to uncover and solve clues to help them find Ms. Maria in a fun "escape-room" styled activity. The teens worked together to solve puzzles which lead them to finding Maria who was trapped in her office!

FSS Chapultepec Events

Chapultepec recently had its first FSS class since last year. It was a budgeting class, sponsored by Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union. The participants learned a lot and were excited to learn more! We will be having our next event on **May 26**.



MAY**2021****Sun****Mon****Tue****Wed****Thu****Fri****Sat**

The month of May (in Latin, Maius) was named for the Greek Goddess Maia, who was also identified with the Roman goddess of fertility, Bona Dea, whose festival was held in May. The Roman poet Ovid says that May is named for the maiores, Latin for "elders," and that the following month (June) is named for the iuniores, or "young people". In the late Russian Empire, Mayovka was a picnic in the countryside or in a park in the early days of May. Eventually, "mayovka" came to mean an illegal celebration of May 1 by revolutionary public, typically presented as an innocent picnic.

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*Commissioners meet on the 4th
Tuesday of each month @ 5:30 PM.*

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