

FAMILIES AS PARTNERS

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Mc Bee Families Visit Baylor University!



As a part of their higher education strategy, the Mc Bee Think Tank allocated funds to help send the 5th graders and 17 parents on a tour of Baylor University. Students and parents spoke with several department heads, observed class in session and ate in the campus dining hall. Parents and students alike were extremely impressed and gained a vision for their higher education dreams.



“It was an amazing time to go and see a college, we got to see how schools are different. It was also a nervous time because one has thoughts like you know you want to go to college but you have to work hard and you have to try and give all you can,” commented Ashely, 5th grade student.

Parent Victor Martinez felt it was time well spent and said, “This was a great experience for the students and parents that went. We are glad that McBee is helping students be more prepared for the future.”

McBee also hosted a parent presentation on paying for college, and has several more student and parents events in the works, including local campus tours for 3rd and 4th grade. They are well on their way to creating a college going culture.

Parent Leader Spotlight: Rosa Mar Martinez of Wooldridge

Rosa Mar, mother of two, was born in San Luis, Mexico. She has always been a community servant, connecting her neighbors to resources and bringing in services to her community.

When Rosa joined the Wooldridge family, she was initially afraid to get involved. Then when her son came home with a poorly assembled reading book, she realized that the teacher was relying on students to assemble the books and saw an opportunity to get involved. Since then, she has become a leader in the PTA, the Campus Advisory Committee, the LPAC, and now the Families as Partners Think Tank.

“It’s an honor to help the school,” says Rosa. “I feel pride when I see the students using materials we help create, and that the



teachers entrust us with this work. No matter what’s going on at home, you can still help, and you don’t have to be an expert.”

Rosa is particularly interested in social and emotional learning and immigration, and is working with our team to connect her campus with these resources. Her leadership skills have inspired other moms to get involved on campus as well.

“My dream is to help my children go to college, no matter how old they are, I will always be there to support them.”

Maestro en Casa

Congrats to Lucy Read Pre-k! Over 20 parents are participating in Maestro en Casa, an educational program that promotes immigrant integration and parent engagement while enhancing English language skills.

Parent Camp, November 12th 8am–1pm Padron Elementary School

Parent Leaders from all 5 campuses and their children will convene for leadership training and information sessions on higher education, literacy, social emotional learning, special education and more! Breakfast and lunch provided, please see your Parent Support Specialist to sign up.



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