

# the *Special's Scoop*

HAPPY AUTUMN!

from The Special Area Teachers



## WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

- Hispanic Heritage Month
- STEAM PBL Showcase
- Class Updates
- Stellar Specials Students



And just like that, the seasons have changed and we are closing in towards the end of the 1st Semester! Your students have learned so much over the last 13 weeks and we have had so much fun!

In Special Area Classes, we have been busy at work exploring Hispanic Heritage, prepping for the school PBL Showcase, and much more! Hispanic Heritage Month runs from September 15th to October 15th and is a time for our students to learn about Hispanic culture and the amazing and influential things hispanic persons have done. We celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month by talking about culture and influential persons in our classes, like Gloria Estefan in Music or Dr. Ellen Ochoa in STEAM Lab. For the school PBL Showcase, students found ways to explore Environmental Justice in all of our Special Area classes.

As we continue to journey through the second half of the semester, we want this issue of the Special's Scoop to highlight the amazing things your students have done in the last few weeks.

Enjoy this month's issue, Your Special Area Teachers at Boyd Elementary



# S.T.E.A.M.

WE ARE MOVING RIGHT ALONG AFTER COMPLETING OUR FIRST PBL! HERE IS WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE STEAM LAB!

## KINDERGARTEN

We are having loads of fun getting to know the class Robots! So far, we have met Sphero Spark, Sphero Bolt, and Sphero Mini. Our newest friends are Bee Bot and Sphero Indi. I see some Kinders learning to code with Indi very soon! Kinders are also investigating attributes of Rocks, Soil, Water and Air.



## SECOND

Star Size and Brightness - How enormous can stars be? We are about to find out!



## FOURTH

Stars and Planets – We will compare and contrast the physical attributes of stars, star patterns, and planets. We will also discuss the solar eclipse from October 14th!



## FIRST

Light and Sound is up next! Look for some fun coming as first graders explore sources of light and how we hear sound.



## THIRD

Plants and Animals in the regions of Georgia. We will learn how plants and animals adapt to their environment.



## FIFTH

Classification of Plants and Animals – How do Scientists sort plants and animals? We will find out!

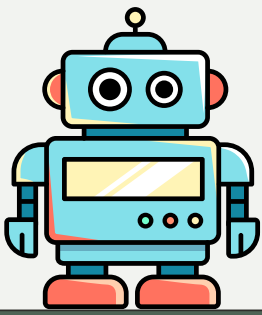


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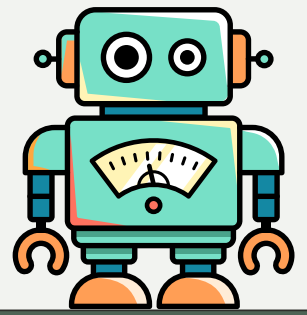
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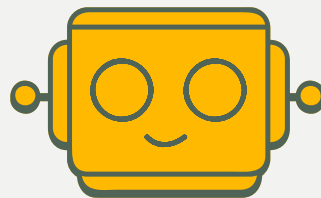
# ROBOT-MANIA!



## ROBOTS AND DESIGN THINKING: BUILDING A COMPANION OUT OF RECYCLED MATERIALS

Mr. G

3rd-5th graders in art used recycled materials to create 3D robots! Students explored creativity and critical thinking skills by ideating and sketching robot designs, then bringing them to life by constructing small models using recycled materials like wood and plastic. Take a look at the robot companions our students created using wood, plastic, and some creative imagination!





# ¡HOLA!

# MOSAIC ART

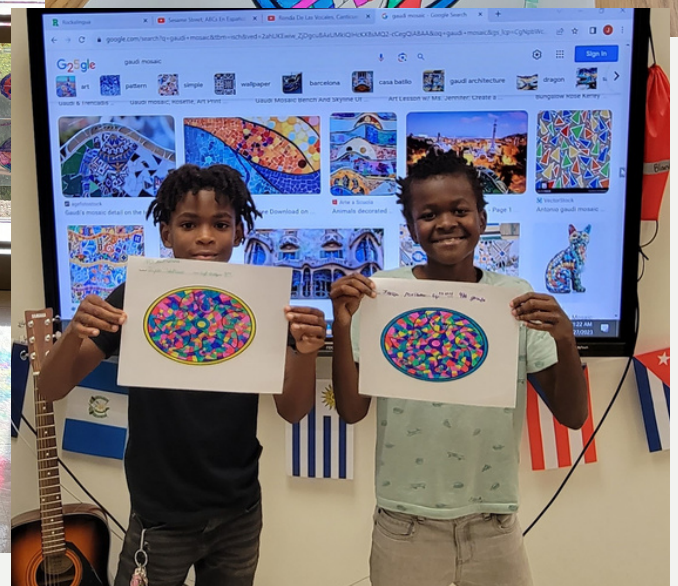
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## ANTONI GAUDI MOSAICS

### Señor Blanco

Studying Gaudí's work as part of our STEAM PBL was a wonderful way for students to appreciate the intersection of art, science, and engineering in the real world. His architectural creations and mosaics serve as a perfect example of how creativity and innovation can transcend traditional boundaries and produce something truly extraordinary.

Gaudí had a deep appreciation for natural light and its role in architecture. His designs often incorporated clever techniques to maximize the use of daylight. In our STEAM PBL, the students learned about how Gaudí's mosaics used light to create breathtaking visual effects.





# ¡HOLA!

# SPANISH CLASS

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## COLUMBIAN FOLK DANCING

### Señor Blanco

Did you know there are over 20 countries in the world that are primarily Spanish-speaking? Our students do! In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, we have been studying each of the countries and their culture!

Part of learning about the culture is learning about their art, like dancing! Students watched and learn a traditional Colombian Folk Dance in class and partnered with each other to perform.







# HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



## MMM...QUESADILLAS!

### Our Visit from Chef Greg

We were very fortunate to be able to host a professional chef, Chef Greg during our Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations!

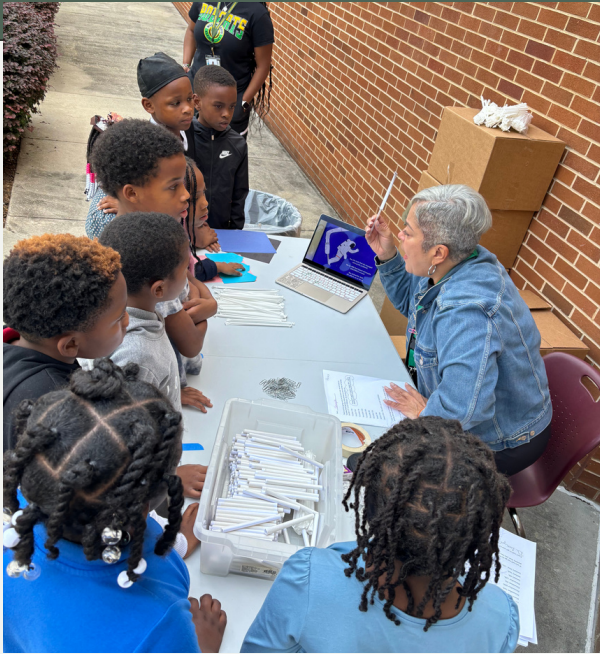
Chef Greg visited our 1st grade students and taught students all about Latin Cuisine. He even demonstrated how to make Cheese quesadillas for our students! After the students learned how to make this tasty dish, they got to ask Chef Greg questions about cooking and Latin food and fare. To end our presentation, students got to try the quesadillas!

Our 1st grade students are quesadilla pros now! Get your student to show you how to make them next time for dinner!





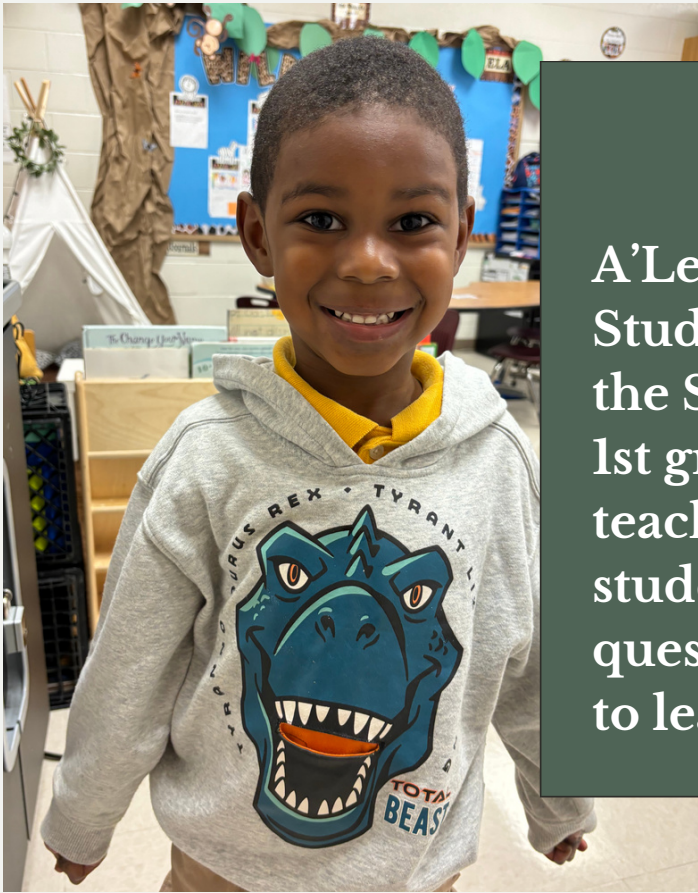
# Hispanic Heritage Month Festival



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# Stellar Special's Students



## A'LEGEND JOHNSON

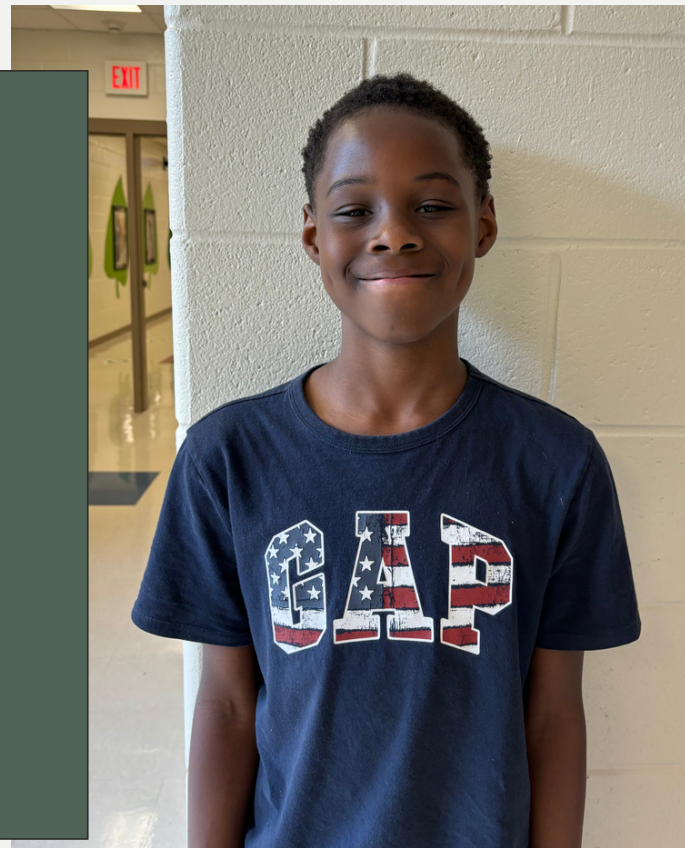
K-2nd Special's Stellar Student

A'Legend is a Special's Stellar Student for this month's issue of the Special's Scoop! A'Legend is a 1st grade student who is helpful, a teacher's helper, and is a model student. A'Legend always answers questions, is focused, and is ready to learn. Keep it up A'Legend!

## J'SHAWN BROWN

3rd-5th Special's Stellar Student

J'Shawn Brown is a Special's Stellar Student for this month's issue of the Special's Scoop! J'Shawn is a very bright student and a natural leader amongst his peers. He always gives 110% and encourages those around him to be their Boyd BEST! Way to go J'Shawn!



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# See what our Students have been up to in Special's Classes!



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