

## Teacher's Message



Photo by: Madison Poppe

The fun part begins now-art, recycling, creativity, and more art! ***The November newsletter will have specific workshop details***- dates, times, and locations.

They will be completely ***free*** to the public and will offer fun and innovative ways to use these materials for functional and decorative purposes.

As I look back at our September newsletter, I cannot believe how much we have done since then. It seems like we have been doing things at a breakneck speed. We have had ten cleanups (the final one was last Saturday!), started our recycled art workshops, received a grant from the Museum of Cultural Affairs Department, and worked with numerous organizations throughout this process. We have sorted through bags of trash- only to find spiders, running for cover, to avoid the flailing limbs of high schoolers. We have attended numerous conferences, fairs, and festivals to spread the word about our positive message.

We have done a great deal, but there is still more to come. We will have a workshop scheduled for early November, where the Girl Scouts will create amazing pieces of art out of items that would have either been in a landfill or harming the animals and plants in our desert.



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If you have been wanting to help us, but have been unable to, no fear- ***there are plenty more opportunities to be a part of this!*** We still need a great deal of help washing and sorting items on Saturdays. We will also need you to spread the word to your families and friends about the art workshops and contests we're going to offer all over the city.

Thank you so much to everyone that has gotten involved and kept us going.

For more details about our project:

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# STEAM miniCAST 2016

By: Candace Printz



“miniCAST El Paso is the premier science and technology education conference in the Far West Texas and Southern New Mexico area. Open to all educators K-12 that are interested in improving their science and/or technology skills, miniCAST provides a “Big Time” conference setting compressed into a single day of learning.” This year miniCAST went from a STEM conference to a STEAM conference by adding on Art to the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math components. This was the perfect opportunity for It’s Your World to showcase how our artistic efforts can help the environment.

We set up a non-profit booth, that students manned, to better explain our project. We also got to give a hands-on-workshop to teachers, allowing them to make magnets, earrings, lanterns, and necklaces out of aluminum cans that we collected in the desert. Time went by too quickly, as teachers reluctantly left, wanting more time to work on their creations. We were so happy to be a part of this event and share our ideas with everyone.

Photos by: Jazmin Olivas



We were also very excited to see all the science teachers in action, awing us with liquid nitrogen, shocking us with explosions, and teaming up with us in the endeavor.



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# EDHS- Fall Festival

By: Victoria Duque



Photos by: Candace Printz

Before El Dorado High School's two-week intercession, the school hosted its annual fall festival. Food, fun, and games are the key elements of the fall festival, and the It's Your World booth was no exception. Participating for the first time, It's Your World set up a game for attendees of the fall festival to play. Our game was a challenge, to hit as many balloons as possible with a select amount of darts. Both fall festival participants and the It's Your World crew had a great time challenging themselves as well as their friends. The game was a total success and all of the money raised will go towards our project.

## Storage Wars!

By: Andrea Ramirez

With such big plans  
comes big necessities!

Already having completed our cleanups,  
we—the volunteers for this project—were left with some pretty big demands in regards to space. I mean, how could one collect all that trash—soon to be art—and then be without any storage for our possessions?

Well that's not our concern anymore, all thanks to our gracious and kind high school! A personal thank you goes out to you—El Dorado High School and SISD—on behalf of us, the volunteers of the "It's Your World" project! Being granted enough storage we are now able to store supplies, snacks, and art pieces in a portable located at El Dorado High School. Now we have a stress-free compartment which allows for all our "trash", safety items, and art supplies to be stored safely and securely! We have gone from drowning in garbage to an organized art and supply room!



# Intercession

By: Jazmin Paz

Over the fall intercession, I got the opportunity to meet with Ms. Printz and other members of the It's Your World team to continue the process of washing and sorting the trash that we'd collected so far. Our portable is where we store everything we plan on using- from glass bottles to bottle caps, cigarettes, and generous donations of reusable items. It was very disorganized and we took advantage of the two week break to organize the portable in a way that we were able to walk around without tripping over trash bags and boxes of sorted materials.

Ana Maldonado, a student who helped us over intercession, said, "I had lots of fun interacting with others who were helping out at the event. It's amazing being a part of something so great." I am happy that I was able to help during the days that our meetings were held; I can truly say that our project has come a long way. I can still remember sitting together with my peers at the first "board meeting" on the first week of school, discussing how we were going to make such a huge project succeed. Seeing how my fellow members and friends have the motivation to continue with this project is such a wonderful thing to experience, and—despite the hot Saturday mornings, the spiders crawling out of zillions of trash bags, and the tedious task of washing and sorting—I have loved every minute of this beautiful project. I think I speak for everyone when I say that our world is something that should be preserved and taken care of. After all, it's what we are passing on to future generations.







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