



TMC's Alice Center earns NAEYC Accreditation

TMC's Migrant & Seasonal Head Start (MSHS) Center located in Alice, TX has earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) – the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals. A center's NAEYC Accreditation is a sign that they are a leader in a national effort to invest in high-quality early childhood education and to help give all children a better start.

Earning NAEYC accreditation recognizes TMC's commitment to offering the children of our migrant community an educational program with the highest professional standards. NAEYC Accreditation allows our service community to know that the children served by our Centers are receiving the best care and early learning experiences possible. Approximately 8 percent of all preschools and other early childhood programs in the nation are currently accredited by NAEYC.



Starr County Classrooms Awarded School Readiness Certifications

The Texas School Ready Project announced today that 29 classrooms in Starr County were awarded the "School Readiness Certification for 2009-2010" by the State Center for Early Childhood Development at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. A ceremony was held at South Texas Community College to announce the 29 classrooms that were certified from Hidalgo. TMC CEO Mary Capello congratulated the teachers on their certification and presented the teachers with their Certificate.

The following are schools whose classrooms received the Texas School Ready! Designation. Roma ISD had 13 classrooms designated and Rio Grande City ISD had 10 classrooms receiving designation. Classrooms from several Head Start Centers in Starr County received the School Ready! designation. They include two classrooms at Las Lomas Head Start Center, two classrooms at the Roma Child Development Center, one classroom at Los Laureles Head Start Center, and one classroom at La Rosita Head Start Center.



14th Annual TMC Hebbroville Dia De Los Niños Receives Grant

Since 1998, TMC has held “El Dia De Los Niños” in Hebbroville, Texas to celebrate and empower children of the community through educational focused activities. ConocoPhillips has teamed with TMC to ensure that children of rural areas are able to participate in a fun filled day to promote positive involvement with their family. Last year, over 20 ConocoPhillips volunteers and 30 Jim Hogg County Planning Committee members assisted in the planning and organizing of the event, making it the largest celebration in Hebbroville to date.

Through this effort, ConocoPhillips has awarded the 2011 TMC Hebbroville *Dia De Los Niños* with a grant of \$5,000 for scholarships, activities and educational/physical activity prizes given away during the festivity. This year’s event took place on April 22, 2011 at the Jim Hogg County Park.



Pictured (L-R) - Billy W. Cremar, Randy Black, Rodney Rodriguez, and Albert Pena

Alton Center Holds Transition Ceremony

TMC’s Alton Center hosted a transition ceremony for the children of the Center who will be transitioning to the Mission Consolidated Independent School District or the Sharyland Independent School District. The Guest Speaker at the Ceremony was Judge Ricardo P. Rodriguez Jr. of the 92nd District Court in Hidalgo County. Judge Rodriguez also issued the diplomas to the children that will be transitioning.

Judge Rodriguez provided the parents with words of encouragement asking them to continue helping their children with an on-going education. He stressed the importance of keeping children off the streets and how it breaks his heart to see many young children not finishing their education.

He told the parents and the children about his sister Renee Rodriguez –Betancourt who is an Attorney. He explained to them that they grew up as migrants and that she is a former TMC Alumni.

