

Canutillo Elementary holds Swearing-in Ceremony

Students learn valuable civic lessons during school election process

The newly elected Student Council Officers for Canutillo Elementary School (CES) were officially sworn-in to office Friday, January 15th during a special ceremony held at the Canutillo High School Auditorium. As part of the traditional events surrounding an election, students were sworn in before their peers, administrators, parents and teachers. They were also required to address the audience and make their swearing-in statements.

Following the ceremony, CES held an inaugural ball at their own school's cafetorium. Students dressed up and treated the event like a traditional Presidential Inauguration.

The Inauguration marks the beginning of a new venture for the students of CES. After electing officers in December, the student body now experienced the second phase of the election process—the oath, swearing-in and the celebrations.

Educators are hopeful the experience provided a valuable lesson for students in understanding the election process. "What the children hopefully saw is that an oath is more than a mere formality that adds to the pageantry of a commissioning or induction ceremony—it provides the necessary foundation for leadership decisions," said Dr. Stephanie Zelenak, CES Instructional Coordinator. She explains the goal is to expose students to civic involvement at a young age, so as they begin thinking about their careers, they will be motivated and committed to being actively involved in their communities.

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