

Davenport Elementary Students explore the wonderful world of science

From static electricity and worm environments to bridge weight capacities and fruit energy, students at Deanna Davenport Elementary School (DDE), in the Canutillo Independent School District, recently presented their projects at the annual campus science fair.

A total of 190 students in kindergarten through fifth grade participated in two divisions. Students in kindergarten through second grade made up the lower division, and third through fifth grade students were classified as the upper division. Project entries covered five categories including Chemistry, Earth Science, Engineering, Life Science, and Physical Science.

Fifth grade students, Michelle Ramirez and Vanity Vences, were awarded both the Grand Prize and Sweepstakes award for their chemistry entries in the 2009-2010 DDE Science Fair.

Winners in the various categories and divisions who will advance to compete in the CISD district-wide science fair in the spring are: **Chemistry - Lower Division:** Claudia Nieves, sweepstake; Daniel Arreola, first place. **Upper Division:** Michelle Ramirez and Vanity Vences, sweepstake; Jorge Reza, first place. **Earth Science - Lower Division:** Juan Campa, first place; **Upper Division:** Team of Cassedie Roberts and Xela Murillo, sweepstake; and Daniel Gonzalez, first place. **Engineering - Upper Division:** Alex Gomez and Genesis Miede, sweepstake; and Miguel Soto, first place. **Life Science - Upper Division:** Jazlin Ulloa, sweepstake; and Rogelio Milan, first place. **Physical Science - Lower Division:** Andrea Contreras, first place. **Upper Division:** Gustavo Vasquez, sweepstake; and Kassy Capetillo, first place.

Soldiers with the Army's Unit 5-52 ADA BN, stationed at Fort Bliss, were on hand to judge students' presentations along with volunteer judges from the City of El Paso's Development Services and Engineering Departments. The judges were presented with medals and certificates of appreciation for their volunteer work in making DDE's Science Fair a big success.



Sweepstakes winners from Deanna Davenport Elementary School's 2009-2010 Science Fair display their awards. Shown in photo (Front row, l. to r.) – Vanity Vences, and Michelle Ramirez, fifth grade; Xela Murillo and Cassedie Roberts, third grade; Claudia Nieves, second grade; and Jazlin Ulloa, fourth grade. (Back row, l. to r.) – Gustavo Vasquez, fourth grade; Genesis Miede, fifth grade; and Alex Gomez, fourth grade.



Fort Bliss soldiers from the Army's Unit 5-52 ADA BN, are excited to receive medals and certificates of appreciation for judging students' science fair projects at Deanna Davenport Elementary School. (Shown in photo, l. to r.) – Spc Merica and Spc. Varela.