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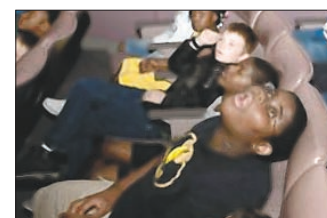
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Vista Academy of Garland first-graders Hunter Vaughan and Shaula Avalos squeeze water from sponges for a water race during the school's annual field day June 3.

Field day a celebration of school year's end

By KARINA RAMIREZ
Contributor

Vista Academy of Garland held its end-of-the-year Field Day June 3.

Second-grade teacher Audrah Webb led a team of 20 teachers and staff to coordinate the event, and more than 15 family volunteers assisted with the day's activities.

Earlier in the week, with the help of teachers, the students created individual class shirts for each grade level in colors that included yellow, blue, pink, purple and green.

"Nearly 200 students, many with families who came to participate, rotated with their class among 10 different stations," said Campbell Gillis, campus director of the school. "Each stop featured different games and

activities, including relays and races and even a watermelon seed spitting contest."

Six- and seventh-grade students volunteered during the event. They encouraged the younger kids and acted as referees at each of the 10 stations set up during the activities.

After the outdoor events, students participated in an end-of-the-year raffle in the school gym.

During the year, students earned raffle tickets for good behavior and attendance, which they used to compete for more than 70 prizes that included iPod shuffles, handheld games, water guns and games.

Karina Ramirez contributes to neighborsgo on behalf of Vista Academy of Garland.

IN THE CLASSROOM

Warren Center to open Garland location in July

By ANNA LEBLANC
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MORE INFO

When: 4 to 6 p.m. July 21
Where: The Warren School, 2625 Anita Dr. in Garland
To learn more, call 972-490-9055 or email anna.leblanc@thewarrencenter.org

The Warren Center will host a ribbon cutting ceremony July 21 in honor of its expansion into the Garland ISD service area.

The public is invited to meet employees of the Warren Center, board and community members, and city and district leaders from both Garland and Richardson.

The center is a nonprofit organization governed by a volunteer board of trustees. The agency annually serves about 1,000 children who need therapy to improve motor skills, speech, feeding, cognition, social skills and sensory difficulties, including vision and hearing, by designing a plan for each child's needs.

The expanded organization will employ 70 therapists and professionals at two locations in Garland and Richardson. Fund-

ing for the non-profit comes from the Texas Early Childhood Intervention program, Medicaid, private insurance, United Way and private donations.

Children served through Early Childhood Intervention live in a service area that extends north to the Collin County line, west to the Dallas North Tollway, south to Baylor Hospital, and east to Rowlett and Wylie.

Anna LeBlanc contributes to neighborsgo on behalf of the Warren Center.



Submitted photo by ANNA LEBLANC

Shelly James, early intervention specialist for the Warren Center, works with triplets August, Henry and Luke Hale and their mother, Ashley Hale.

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