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CMR BUSH TEACHES TEXAS HISTORY AT STORM AND HILLCREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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SAN ANTONIO — Today, Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush visited 4th grade students Hillcrest and Storm Elementary Schools as part of his Year of Education Initiative. Commissioner Bush kicked off the school year by teaching an interactive Texas History Map lesson on cotton, cattle and railways using replicas of restored maps from the General Land Office Archives. As a special surprise at the end of the lesson, Commissioner Bush invited students to hold a piece of Texas history, a cannonball that was found inside a restored Alamo cannon.

Commissioner Bush works with 4th-grade students at Storm and Hillcrest Elementary Schools as they explore a restored map of Texas’ railways.

Commissioner Bush began the day by touring Storm Elementary school, followed by becoming teacher for the day for two 4th grade classes. As a former school teacher, Commissioner hoped to inspire the next generation of Texans as they begin the school year. Later in the day, Commissioner Bush’s stopped by Hillcrest Elementary School, where he taught Ms. Peavler’s 4th grade class about Texas history and how to use a primary source. Following the lessons, teachers were gifted maps from the GLO and copies of all the GLO generated lesson plans.

Earlier this year, Commissioner Bush dedicated 2019 to having a “conversation with the future,” engaging with school children and teachers across the state. Commissioner Bush was joined by San Antonio District 3 Councilwoman, Rebecca Viagran at Hillcrest Elementary school and enjoyed the opportunity to work with San Antonio ISD to teach Texas History to the future leaders of Texas.

Hillcrest teacher, Kaitlin Peavlers, Hillcrest secretary, Crystal Galan, Land Commissioner George P. Bush, and San Antonio Councilwoman Rebecca Viagran

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