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Officials from Luna County and Deming Public Schools recently visited a classroom at Bell Elementary School to celebrate the hard work and creativity of students.

Luna County manager Charles “Tink” Jackson, Special Projects supervisor Glory Juarez and Deming Board of Education member Matt Robinson visited the fourth grade classroom of Aaron Rogers on Thursday, Aug. 20 to see Lego creations and stories explaining the scenes created and written by students. The classroom buzzed with excitement as the three visited with students to hear the stories explaining what they had built with Lego blocks.

“I was impressed with the imagination and skill of those students,” Jackson said. “It’s amazing to see students that young creating entire storylines in their minds, then playing it out on paper and with Lego blocks. Our future is bright with those students, and I hope some will serve in county government or seek elected office after graduating from Deming Public Schools.”

The students were charged with creating a scene with Lego, then writing a story explaining what the scene depicted. Most students wrote an entire page with themes ranging from action to comedy and romance. Skeletons, aliens, adventurers and royalty were just a few characters of many – all of which were unique creations by the students.

“Educators at Bell Elementary have done a fantastic job of getting students excited about education by putting the power of creativity into their hands,” Robinson said. “I had such a proud, heartwarming feeling seeing the students’ passion come across on paper and with Lego blocks. Educators at Bell, including Mr. Aaron Rogers, Ms. Amber Abbott and Mr. Eduardo Hernandez, the principal, deserve high praise, not only for their own creativity in instruction, but for inviting community members to witness the instruction in action.”

Luna County is a proud supporter of Deming Public Schools and stands ready to help however it can.

“The professionals within the school district deserve the community’s continuing support and involvement,” Jackson said. “Teachers, support staff and administrators work extremely hard in conditions made increasingly more difficult by mandates that come from outside our community. It’s up to us, as a community, to support our school district to the greatest extent possible.”

The visit came after an invitation by Bell’s new principal, Mr. Hernandez. County officials look forward to more opportunities to visit local schools alongside school officials to become more involved in the education of local students.

PHOTO CAPTION

At left, Deming Board of Education member Matt Robinson is shown alongside Luna County manager Charles “Tink” Jackson and fourth grade students during a recent visit to Bell Elementary.

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