

**FELIX G. BOTELLO
WAR HERO AND
COMMUNITY LEADER**

Felix G. Botello was born in Millett, Texas, in 1924. As a child, he worked in the onion fields of South Texas. In 1939, his family moved to Dallas. He attended Crozier Tech High School until 1942, when he volunteered for the U.S. Army and fought in the Pacific during World War II.



Botello was assigned to the 37th Engineers. One of the toughest fighting branches of the service, combat engineers often were the first to enter a war zone to remove landmines and booby-trapped explosives.

While serving in the Philippines, Botello earned three Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star with Clusters for heroism. On several occasions, he put himself in harm's way to save the lives of his fellow soldiers.

He lost his sight completely in one eye and partially in the other from injuries he sustained in an explosion. Doctors spent more than a year helping him recover from his injuries.

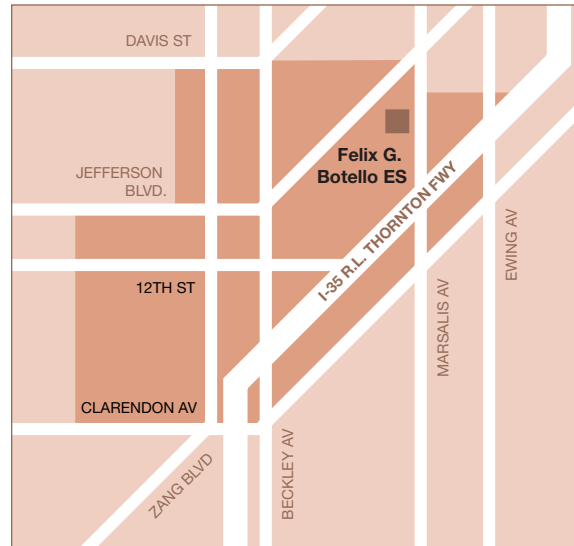
Undeterred by blindness, Botello returned to the United States, finished high school, and studied law at St. Mary's University in San Antonio. Throughout his life, he kept his promise to help a human being every day of his life and was a profile of character, courage, and commitment. He was a role model to many, promoting family values, patriotism, and education. His former commander, Major General Robert Beightler, once visited Botello in Dallas and said, "If it weren't for heroes like Felix, we would not be here today."

Botello died in 1990 at the age of 65.

FEEDER PATTERN

Grades PreK-5	Grade 6	Grades 7-8	Grades 9-12
Felix G. Botello ES	James Bowie ES	W.E. Greiner MS	W.H. Adamson HS
Felix G. Botello ES	John F. Peeler ES	W.E. Greiner MS	W.H. Adamson HS
Felix G. Botello ES	John H. Reagan ES	W.E. Greiner MS	W.H. Adamson HS

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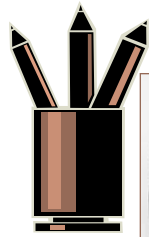
**Felix G. Botello
Elementary School**
225 S. Marsalis Avenue
Dallas, TX 75203



**FELIX G.
BOTELLO
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

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of the Dallas
Independent
School District*





FELIX G.

BOTELLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



INTRODUCTION

The new Felix G. Botello Elementary School serves about 400 students in Oak Cliff. The school is located at the corner of Marsalis Avenue and Jefferson Boulevard. The school is receiving students from James Bowie, Harrell Budd, John F. Peeler, and John H. Reagan elementary schools.

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SPECIAL FEATURES

The new Felix G. Botello Elementary School is a two-story facility that uses natural light throughout the public spaces to give students, staff, and visitors a welcome feeling.

A **grand staircase** in the school's entry separates one campus wing, which is designed for multiple group activities, from the quiet wing of classrooms. In this way, students and visitors can gather and meet in these public spaces of the school without disturbing classroom instruction. These public spaces also facilitate using the building for **community and social events** and support the school's significant **parental involvement and volunteer programs**.

The building has about 91,000 square feet and includes **41 classrooms plus science and computer labs, art room, music room, media center, auditorium, gymnasium, and kitchen and cafeteria**. The large **covered entry keeps students out of inclement weather** while they wait for school buses and parents to pick them up at the end of the school day.

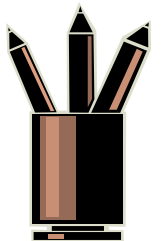
Students and neighborhood children have many opportunities for **structured physical activity and play** at the school's **basketball and tennis courts, athletic fields, and in the fenced playground area**.

ACADEMIC FEATURES

Students are given many opportunities to explore their creativity in the school's **computer and science labs** and through the **music and art programs**. In addition to the core curriculum, the school offers **computer technology, orchestra development, ballroom dancing and ballet folklorico**. Campus programs focus on **academic excellence** in core areas, as well as **problem solving, vocabulary development, and college readiness**. Students are encouraged to achieve perfect attendance.

Enrichment and after-school activities include **fitness for students and faculty, handbell instruction and Science Club**. Local LULAC chapters provide **after-school reading and trips to the library**.

The school has an **active PTA** and a **Board of Friends committee**. In addition, parents and community members have many opportunities to participate in the school's **volunteer program and Love and Logic parenting classes**. Because of Felix Botello's professional interest in the law, **a group of attorneys is partnering with the school, and students attending Adamson High School are assisting with the Academic Decathlon team**.



Grade levels
Prekindergarten
through fifth grade

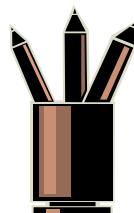
Enrollment
400 students

Size
91,000 square feet

Number of classrooms
41

Construction cost
\$12 million

Opened
January 2007



FACTS & FIGURES