

THIS WEEK IN WILLIS ISD

One Team, One Purpose

Thank you

for supporting our students and schools!

BOND 2020
WILLIS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bond 2020 Passes

Thank you for your support of Bond 2020. The zero tax rate increase bond passed by 54 percent. Thanks to you, the voters, each and every school will be touched through various much needed repairs and updates, Pre-K students will have a new and larger facility to fulfill the state required full-day Prek initiative, and each of our elementary schools will have a dedicated gym space.

Board of Trustee Election Results

Unofficial election results are in, and results are listed at right. Votes will be canvassed and new board members sworn in during a Special Meeting Monday, Nov. 16 at 6 pm.

Congratulations to:

Position 2: Paulett Traylor

Position 6: Charles (Coach) Perry, Sr.

Position 7: Rebecca Broussard

IMPORTANT DATES

11/13 - Early Release
11/20 - Student Holiday/
Staff Workday

Nov. 23-27
Thanksgiving Break

12/11 - Early Release
12/17 - Early Release

Dec. 18 - Jan. 4
Christmas Break

Return to School: Jan. 5, 2021

Canvas Parent Trainings

The Canvas Parent Trainings are well underway, but there are still some openings if you would like to sign up for a session. The sessions will cover how to log in, how to navigate, how to submit assignments, and more!

Meetings are held from 5-6 pm in Spanish and 6-7 pm in English

Tuesday, Nov. 10 at Meador Elementary:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a4ea9a92babf85-canvas7>

Thursday, Nov. 12 at Lynn Lucas Middle School:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a4ea9a92babf85-canvas4>

NEW!

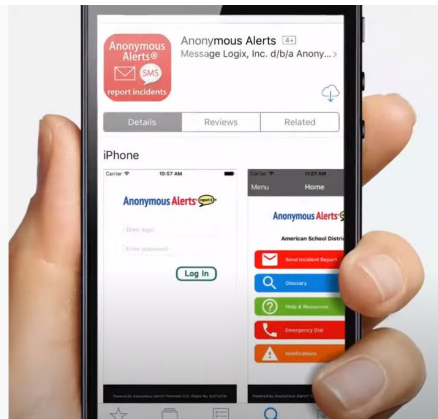
Anonymous Reporting System - Anonymous Alerts

Willis ISD is excited to introduce a new communications tool called Anonymous Alerts®. Anonymous Alerts® allows students or parents to quickly, easily, and **anonymously report urgent information to school officials** across all of our school campuses. Students or parents can report bullying, depression, illegal substances and other sensitive topics through private messages to our administration. This program will take the place of the former phone number system, and is available to all students and parents grades K-12.

We believe that the best way to address problems that our students face in school is personal contact with a teacher, school administrator, psychologist or counselor and we strongly encourage and fully support that continued practice. However, we do know that sometimes there is a concern that a student or parent may want to communicate anonymously.

How do I place an incident report from Internet connected computers/tablets?

- 1) Go to <https://report.anonymousalerts.com/willisisd>.
- 2) Or, go to willisisd.org and click on the web button.
Fill out your incident report.



How do I place a report from an iPhone or Android phone?

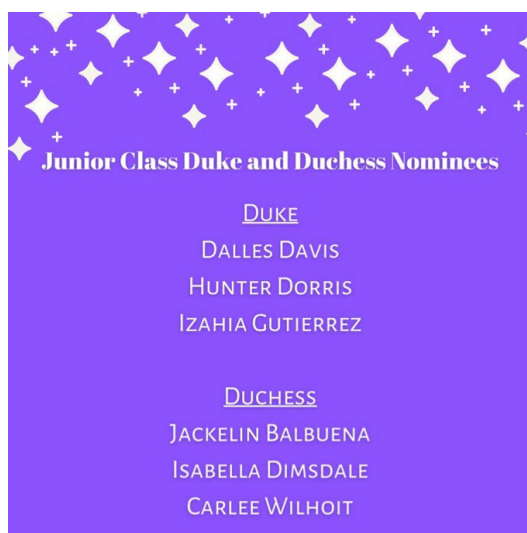
- 1) Download the app: From the iPhone Store, download the free app by searching for "Anonymous Alerts". If you have an Android phone, go to the Play Store, search for "Anonymous Alerts" and download. The app button is red with white writing. (The app will be pushed out to all Willis ISD issued devices such as Chromebooks and iPads).

- 2) After downloading the app, click on it and enter activation code: willisisd

- 3) Watch an informative video about the app here: <https://youtu.be/oNuAsg-qlrU>

The mobile app and Web-based reporting system provides secure 1-way or 2-way encrypted messages. All reports remain completely anonymous, although submitters have the option to reveal their identity if they prefer to have a person-to-person discussion. The program should only be used for serious and urgent matters. If a situation is imminently life threatening, it is imperative to call 911.

At Willis ISD, our number one priority is the safety of our students. We encourage students and parents to utilize the system as needed to enhance the safety and wellbeing of their child and other students.



Light Up the Kats



WHS Student Council Earns Statewide Recognition



The WHS Student Council students coordinate the campus' recycling program.

For outstanding achievement in leadership, service, and activities that serve to improve the school and community, Willis High School has been recognized by the Texas Association of Student Councils (TASC) in the area of community service. TASC has 1258 member schools. Of those, Willis High School is one of only 371 student councils statewide to receive this highly-esteemed honor.

"I'm so proud of the students that worked so hard to accomplish this recognition" said Lindsay Carey, advisor of Willis High School Student Council. "We will continue this work for the 2020-21 school year as we focus on our theme 'WE over ME'. These students have truly embraced the role of student leadership on our campus and will continue to make the Willis community better each day."

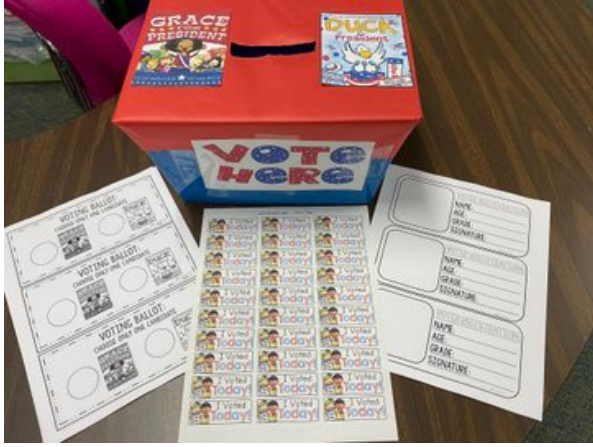
Student Council members develop proven skills in team building, problem solving, project planning, and decision making. Through their co-curricular activities, student council members serve their communities while strengthening their academic and civic skills. Senior Megan LeBlanc, member of the Willis High School student council expressed her excitement in earning this recognition saying, "I am proud of the work that we did to benefit the community and our school, so getting recognition for that feels amazing and motivates us to continue to work together and create new opportunities."

TASC is a non-profit serving high school and middle level student councils in Texas. Sponsored by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals, its purposes are to develop leadership abilities in students, promote democracy as a way of life, and uphold high standards for local councils. TASC members work every day to make schools a place where students and staff want to be and to leave our world better than they found it. With 1258 member schools, it is the largest state student council organization in the US.

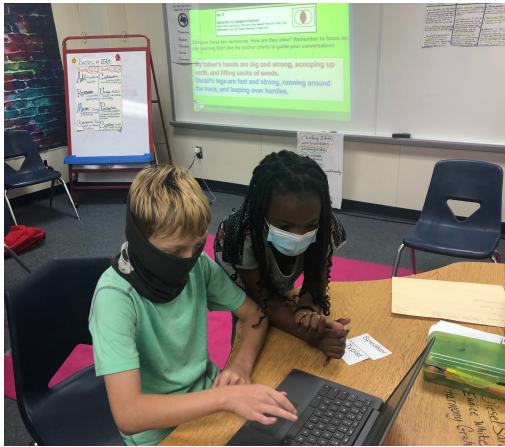
CONGRATULATIONS

Learning to Vote at Turner

Turner Elementary students practiced their skills by registering and then voting for Grace or Duck for President.



Hard at Work (and Play!) at Parmley



Making Memories at Meador!

