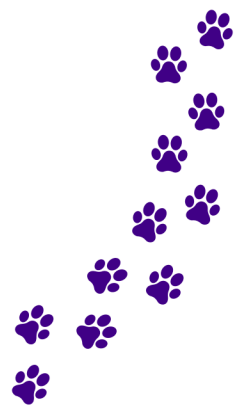




Elgin Independent School District

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READY TO SHINE



Elgin ISD students presented during the Superintendent's Report portion of the Sept. 18 Board of Trustees meeting at the Elgin ISD Administration Building. Our thanks to our students for the presentation and for being a part of our district decision-making process.

Superintendent's Message:

I am so excited to announce that Elgin ISD was named as the Partner of the Year by the Elgin Chamber of Commerce!

The partnership between the Elgin Chamber of Commerce and the Elgin Independent School District is a unique collaboration, dually focused on the engagement of our community and the success of our children. Both entities are constantly seeking innovative ways to grow those whom we serve. Our organizations are striving for success and depend on the involvement of supporters for our continued progress in how we move forward.

We are all facing the challenges of thriving in a fast-growth community, but our continued success and enrichment depend on how we work together through the challenges. We all choose to face forward with the promise of embracing and encouraging those who depend on us for their success.

This partnership is flourishing, and I look forward to all of our collaborative events such as community pep rallies, parades, festivals, school supply drives, food drives, new teacher welcome luncheons, back to school celebrations, and many other ways we can work together. The Chamber staff and the Chamber Board of Directors, as well as Chamber members, have worked tirelessly to partner with us so that our schools and families can experience the support of an entire community of business partners, all excited to see the amazing success stories of the children we serve.

Through our athletic events, fine arts performances, academic acknowledgements, student and teacher recognitions, and



Dr. Rueter

sponsorships that encourage the growth of our students, we are so appreciative of this partnership, and excited for many future endeavors together to highlight our incredible schools and communities.

We are so very proud of this honor!



Athletic Hall of Honor



Alumni Inducted Into Athletic Hall Of Honor On Aug. 31

On Aug. 31, the Elgin ISD Athletic Department hosted our Elgin Athletic Hall of Honor Induction ceremony. Inducted this year were multiple individuals who represented Elgin with great honor during their high school years and contributed greatly to their communities after high school and college.

The inductees included Pamela Fowler, Shifton Baker, and the 1973 state championship mile relay team of Charles Perkins, Edwin Price, Baker and Weldon Vincent.

Each of these individuals and relay team had "firsts" for Elgin on the track. Baker was the first Elgin High School athlete to win a gold medal at the state track meet, and Fowler was the first



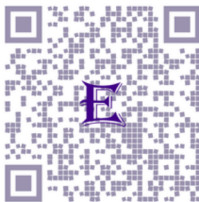
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female Elgin High School athlete to win a gold medal at the state track meet.

The 1973 mile relay team was the first relay team from Elgin High School to win a gold medal at the state track meet.

PTECH Student Featured In Video

Our partners at Make It Movement recently featured one of our former PTECH Welding students in their campaign to help young people discover their purpose after graduation. Check out Dylan Zamarron's story.



Briefly

Clear Backpacks Donated

Our thanks to Century Communities for the generous donation of 50 clear backpacks for our students Sept. 8. Century Communities is building homes in the new Trinity Ranch subdivision in Elgin.

College, Career, Military, Trade Shirt Days

Support Elgin ISD students and post-secondary goals by wearing your favorite college, career, military or trade T-shirt each Wednesday this school year.

We hope to see students and staff participating across the district this Wednesday, Sept. 27.

Neidig Career Night

Neidig Elementary will be hosting its career night on Oct. 5.



NES staff is seeking volunteers who would like to share information about their career. If you would like to participate, please fill out the form at the QR code here. A NES staff member will be in touch.

Pinwheels Art Displayed

Elgin ISD art students created public art installations as part of the Pinwheels for Peace project on International Day of Peace, Sept. 21.



Pinwheels for Peace was begun in 2005 by two art teachers as a way for students to express their feelings about what's going on in the world and in their lives. The project has grown to include more than 4.5 million pinwheel displays in over 3,500 locations around the world.

The pinwheels include messages of peace.

Elgin High School, Elgin Elementary and Neidig Elementary participated in the Pinwheels for Peace effort this year.



District Hosts Ceremony For Harvest Ridge Elementary School

Elgin ISD on Sept. 22 hosted a Topping Out ceremony for Harvest Ridge Elementary at the school's future site.

Topping Out ceremonies can be traced back to Scandinavian traditions in which pine trees were placed atop the highest beams of buildings under construction. In modern times, an individual steel beam is signed by various people before being hoisted into position.

The Harvest Ridge event included a pine tree and a beam signed by school district representatives, as well as by representatives of Harvest Ridge neighborhood developer Bohn Homes and companies involved in the construction of Harvest Ridge: LAN Consulting, Satterfield and Pontikes Construction, and Pfluger Architects.

Elgin ISD School Board Vice President Beth Walterscheidt and Superintendent Dr. Jana Rueter addressed the crowd at the event, as did Nicholas Thanos of LAN. At the end of the ceremony, the beam was hoisted into position at the future entrance of the two-story school.

Harvest Ridge is slated for completion in fall 2024.

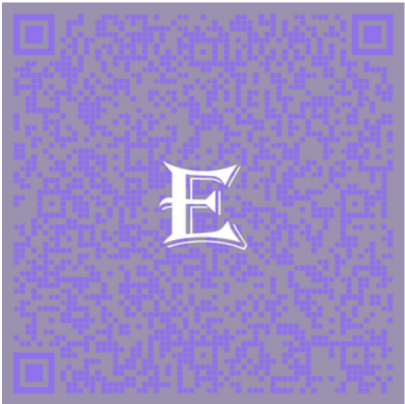


Serve On EHS Campus Alert Team

Keep our Elgin High School safe: Serve on our Parent C.A.T. (Campus Alert Team).

Parents will patrol exterior/interior areas of campus and report any safety concerns to campus administration. To apply, click the link here.

For more information, call (512) 281-3438.



Grandparents Visit Campuses

Booker T. Washington, Elgin and Neidig elementary campuses hosted their annual Grandparents Day Lunch on Friday, Sept. 8. We enjoyed having you on campus, and our students were definitely overjoyed at being able to spend time with you.

Our thanks to everyone who was able to attend. We look forward to seeing you again!



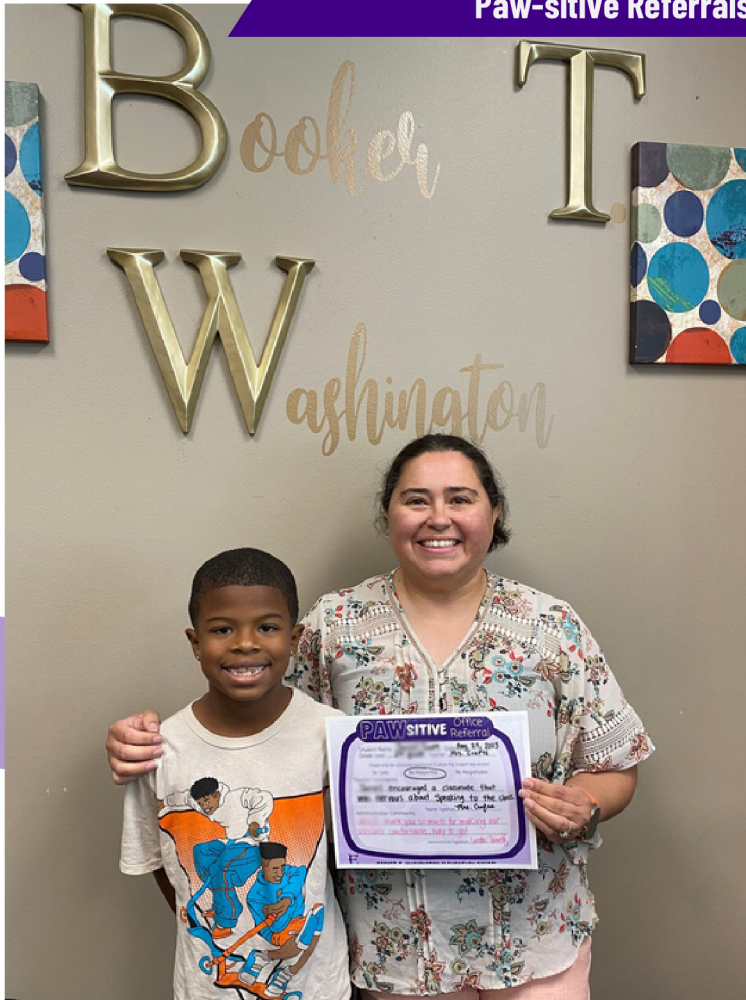
Dr. Borowicz Honored By TMEA

Elgin ISD Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Dr. Sarah Borowicz on Monday, Sept. 18 was recognized as a Texas Music Educators Association Distinguished Administrator during the EISD School Board meeting.

Dr. Borowicz was honored as an upper-level school administrator who has been instrumental in preserving quality music education programs on EISD campuses and in the district.

Elgin ISD Coordinator of Fine Arts & Advanced Academics Alyson Keller presented the recognition to Dr. Borowicz that evening.

Paw-sitive Referrals



Booker T. Washington students were recently honored for their good behavior. Our thanks to our students in making a "paw-sitive" influence on our campus, and for our faculty members for recognizing the good being done at school.

Substitute Appreciation



We enjoyed celebrating our amazing substitutes earlier this month for National Substitute Appreciation Week! We are so thankful for their support in helping us run our best RACE this year.

Foundation Hosts Fundraiser

The Elgin Education Foundation on Sept. 21 hosted its annual fundraiser at TopGolf in Austin. All proceeds from the event support the Foundation, and the students of Elgin ISD, by providing resources to enrich teaching, inspire learning, and more.

Our thanks to event sponsors and those who turned out for a day of fun or who provided generous donations to the Foundation.



Homecoming Parade



Elgin High School hosted its annual Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally on Wednesday, starting at Elgin Intermediate and ending at Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Elgin.

Our thanks to the City of Elgin and the Elgin Chamber of Commerce for assisting with the road closures, our use of the park and for support of our programs.

