

Hillsboro

H I G H L I G H T S

January 2024

From the Desk of Dr. Darrell Brown

Greetings, and a warm welcome back to the 2023-2024 school year. I am delighted to share some remarkable student highlights from the past month and offer a glimpse into upcoming events.

The Hill County Fair showcased the talents of our students, who not only participated but excelled, bringing pride to the Hillsboro community. From the HHS Community Dinner to earning spots on Waco Tribune's Super Centex Football Team, our students continue to shine bright, exemplifying the excellence we strive for every day.

Looking ahead to February, our campuses will commemorate Black History Month with various engaging activities, including projects, announcements, interactive classrooms, and a family night at Hillsboro Elementary. Additionally, we're proud to celebrate Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month, highlighting our CTE Programs of Study on our website and social media pages.

As we continue the 2023-2024 school year, our shared mission is top of mind - 'Preparing Today's Students for Tomorrow's World.' I eagerly anticipate increased student academic success across our district as we work to fulfill our mission.

HHS Culinary Community Dinner



The 2nd Annual Hillsboro High School (HHS) Community Dinner was an incredible evening for both students and guests. HHS culinary and FCCLA students successfully prepared, cooked, and served 93 guests a gourmet salad and steak dinner.

It also featured a walking dessert tour showcasing student artwork and skills. Special recognition to FCCLA students Star Perez and Abigail Rea, whose dedication and leadership played a pivotal role in managing this year's successful dinner.

Next month, FCCLA students will travel to Waco for the Regional FCCLA competition. In a unique twist, HHS competitors will recreate the entree and dessert from the community dinner in 60 minutes using only a camping stove. The competition adds an extra layer of excitement and showcases the students' dedication and adaptability.



UPCOMING DATES

- **February:**
Black History Month & CTE Month
- **February 5-9:**
School Counselor Week
- **February 10:**
HISD Education Foundation High School Dance
- **February 12:**
HISD Board Meeting
- **February 12**
HISD Education Foundation Family Dance
- **February 13:**
HES Literacy Night
- **February 15:**
School Resource Officer Day
- **February 16:**
Bad Weather Day
- **February 19:**
Presidents' Day-No School
- **February 29:**
HHS Fine Arts Showcase

2024 Hill County Fair



Hillsboro ISD students and families had a lot to celebrate at this year's Hill County Fair. The week kicked off with the Hillsboro Ag Mechanics Show Team bringing home the sweepstakes for the fourth year in a row. Students also shined at the animal and creative arts shows. A special congratulations to the following students on their accomplishments:



- Jackson Beavers (HHS): Overall Grand Champion Market Swine and Grand Champion Breeding Swine
- Payton Coleman (HJHS): Intermediate Showmanship Champion - Swine
- Hagen Pederson (HJHS): 1st Division Champ - Swine
- Daniel Sullivan (HIS): Overall Reserve Champion, Reserve Champion Born & Bred - Heifer
- Shaniah Mills (HJHS): Grand Champion Breeding - Doe

- Carson Woody (HJHS): Reserve Champion - Rabbits
- Harper Craig (HIS): Grand Champion for Clothing/Fabric Items
- Luke Marshall (HIS): Grand Champion for All Other Candy
- Aidan Bowman (HES): Reserve for Animal(s) Photo
- Celeste Sandoval (HHS): Reserve for Decorated Cakes



National Western Stockshow



Austin Rounsavall from Hillsboro High School recently competed at the National Western Stockshow (NWSS) in Denver, CO. Students interested in showing at the Stockshow must apply over the summer. NWSS randomly selects applicants using an online system, and Austin was one of the applicants selected.

At the National Western Stockshow, Austin showed her market hog and placed 5th in her class! Congratulations to Austin!



2023 Waco Tribune Super Centex Football Team



JUAN GONZALEZ
2023
WACO TRIBUNE
1ST TEAM DEFENSE - DL
SUPER CENTEX



TORY BROOKS
2023
WACO TRIBUNE
HONORABLE MENTION - LB
SUPER CENTEX



Hillsboro High School students Juan Gonzalez and Tory Brooks were selected for the 2023 Waco Tribune Super Centex Football Team. Juan Gonzalez received 1st Team Defense as a defensive line, and Tory Brooks received an Honorable Mention as a linebacker. Congratulations to both students on earning this accomplishment.

School Board Appreciation Month



At January's Hillsboro ISD Board of Trustees Meeting, the district recognized and celebrated National School Board Appreciation Month. Brooke Thompson, Michael Peavy, John Sawyer, Dr. Christopher Teague, Gerardo "Jerry" Carbajal, Guadalupe "Lupe" Mancha, and Stephanie Johnson are the heart of the Hillsboro ISD community, generously volunteering their time to support and oversee the district. Their unwavering belief in the potential of each student and their dedication to 'Preparing Today's Students for Tomorrow's World' is truly commendable. We thank you for your service.

Staff Professional Development

Hillsboro ISD educators met with Dan St. Romain with Educational Consulting at this month's Teacher Staff Development Day. The professional development provided educators with helpful insights on Positive Behavior Principles to use in the classroom.

Professional development sessions help teachers build personal, compassionate relationships with students and engage students in learning. The district received overwhelmingly positive feedback, with attendees describing the session as engaging, informative, and eye-opening.



Did You Know?

- HISSD currently employs 315 staff members
- There are 1,926 HISSD students

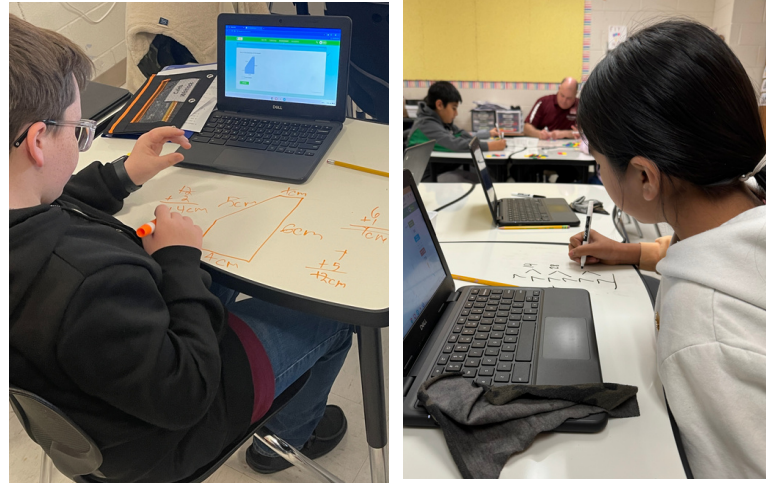
HJHS Spelling Bee



Help us cheer on our Eagles! The Hillsboro Junior High School Spelling Bee Champion, for the 2nd year in a row, is Sapphira Abreu, and the runner-up is Maya Hodges. Both advance to the Hill County Spelling Bee Competition on Monday, February 5, against Hubbard ISD. The competition will take place at the Hillsboro Junior High School library.

HIS New Writable Desks

Hillsboro Intermediate School math classrooms received new writable desks during winter break. The interactive desks provide hands-on, engaging, and impactful math lessons for our students.



Attendance Matters

We LOVE You Here!

Good attendance is an early sign that you're on track to graduate.

HISD
January 2024
Attendance:
92%

Attending school is a key factor for students to achieve learning goals, test well, and graduate. Attendance Works says missing 10% of school, or two days a month, negatively affects a student's academic performance. We encourage families to plan on attending school on time every day to achieve academic success. When students are at school, they have the opportunity to learn something new, think critically, and get inspired for their future. We love our students and can't wait to see them every day!

Hillsboro Highlights is a new, monthly digital newsletter for families and staff. We would love to hear your thoughts, please take a quick survey at the following link:

<https://forms.gle/jnuTCgkBP9tquYQ39>