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ELGIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOND  2024



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# CHAMPS!



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# Superintendent's Message:

Over the past month, I've had the privilege of engaging with many of you regarding the upcoming Elgin ISD May 4 Bond Election. Your input and feedback have been invaluable, and I am grateful for the thoughtful discussions and questions raised thus far. As we look ahead, I am excited to continue sharing information about the bond with more groups within our community. I encourage each of you to take the time to educate yourselves on what's included in the 2024 bond referendum by visiting our bond website at [elginisdbond.org](http://elginisdbond.org).



Dr. Rueter

Stay tuned for upcoming opportunities to learn more about how the bond would impact our schools and our community. Your involvement and collaboration are essential as we work together to shape the future of our district.

## Details on the 2024 Bond Election

Elgin ISD is holding a bond election on Saturday, May 4, and we encourage our community to be informed about Bond 2024 and make a plan to vote.

### What is a bond?

A bond is similar to a home mortgage or home improvement loan. School districts in Texas utilize bonds for dedicated funds to finance renovations and new facilities. A bond is a contract to repay borrowed money with interest over time. All school districts must ask voters for permission to sell bonds before they can fund these major projects. There will be NO TAX RATE INCREASE if voters approve both bond propositions on the May 2024 ballot.

### What does the bond package include?

The 2024 Elgin ISD Bond will appear on the ballot as two separate propositions.



**Proposition A** will provide a new elementary school, a new middle school, enhancements to the high school to address capacity, priority maintenance, general campus upgrades, athletic improvements, new buses, phase 2 of the transportation building, and land acquisition.



**Proposition B** will ask voters to provide a dual career, educational arts audio/video technology space through a press box renovation. This includes instructional classroom space to address student growth, safety repairs, audio upgrades, and a new scoreboard for the CTE A/V programs.

### When can I vote?

Early voting begins April 22 and runs through April 30. Election Day is Saturday, May 4.

Find out more about Bond 2024 at [www.elginisdbond.org](http://www.elginisdbond.org).

## April 2 Selected as Make-up Day After Storm Closed Schools

We'd like to remind parents and staff that Elgin ISD students will be attending school on Tuesday, April 2, due to the storm-related student holiday in January.

However, April 1 and March 29 remain student and staff holidays on the Elgin ISD calendar.



## April 8 a Day of Learning About the Solar Eclipse

With the solar eclipse quickly approaching on April 8, we are excited to share this experience with our school community! The next total eclipse occurs 300 years from now, so this is a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn about a rare event of a lifetime.

### Timeline of the Eclipse

While Elgin is just outside the path of the total eclipse, we are very close and will have a great viewing experience. The full eclipse event, with a



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noticeable change in the brightness of our sky, is 2 hours and 40 minutes. The event will begin around 12:17 p.m. and last until 2:58 p.m. Maximum darkness takes place around 1:37 p.m. and is expected to last about two minutes.

**A Day of Learning**

Our Teaching and Learning team has provided instructional activities tailored to different levels, encompassing science, language arts, math, and the fine arts. Students will explore the science behind the solar eclipse and its significance.

**Safety**

Solar eclipse glasses will be made available to all staff and students on the day of the event. Those observing the event will be required to wear eclipse glasses and students will be supervised to ensure safety while viewing.

We know that some parents might prefer their student(s) not participate in the outdoor viewing of the eclipse. Please let your student's teacher or school administrator know if you do not want your child to view the eclipse, and we will ensure that they have alternate opportunities to learn about and experience the eclipse.

We look forward to seeing Wildcats experience this special event together on Monday, April 8!



## Women's History Month

Elgin ISD proudly celebrates the contributions of women, contributed in or outside the classroom, or as inspirations to our students and staff.

#OTOTOF #WomensHistoryMonth

## Job Fair set for Saturday

Please join us at our Elgin ISD Job Fair this Saturday, March 23, at Neidig Elementary. We invite you to visit with principals and district personnel, and learn more about our Elgin ISD community.

RSVP:

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSeVO8gORJQ.../viewform...>

Visit our Jobs page:

<https://www.applitrack.com/ElginISD/onlineapp/>

**Elgin ISD  
Job Fair**

Neidig Elementary School  
Saturday, March 23  
9 a.m. to noon



## EHS Racks Up Heller Award Nominations in 6 Categories

Nominations for the Heller Awards for Young Artists were announced on March 3 and Elgin High School's "Alice By Heart" earned nominations in six categories.

The Heller Awards annually recognizes high school musical theatre programs in the greater Austin area.

Nominations include Caleb Clemons for Featured Performer; Alyssa Ruiz for Student Marketing; Brandy Serrano for Student Design; Ensemble, Choreography and Orchestra.

EHS's production of "Alice By Heart" was created under the leadership of Cherisa Cromer and Jessica Martinez.

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Winners will be announced at the Heller Awards ceremony on April 17 at the Long Center for the Performing Arts in Austin.



## Bond Election Presentation at Meyer's Next Thursday

Community members are invited to attend an open presentation on the 2024 Elgin ISD Bond Election on March 28 at Meyer's Elgin Smokehouse. The event takes place from 8–9 a.m.

Elgin ISD Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jana Rueter will be presenting on the upcoming bond election and answering questions.

Breakfast tacos, coffee and orange juice will be served.



March 28  
at Meyer's Elgin Smokehouse



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## ELGIN ISD BOND INFORMATION SESSION



## TAFE Students Advance To Nationals

Elgin High School students have qualified to represent Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE) at national competition.

EHS students competed at the TAFE Teach Tomorrow Summit State competition in Round Rock from Feb. 28 to March 1.

Wildcats qualified in three events, and brought home Gold, Silver and Bronze awards as well. The students and their competitions are listed below:

### Teacher Created Materials–Elementary (for grades K–5th)

- Montserrat Fuentes–Carrillo: National Qualifier
- Keira Aldaco and Shelsy Garcia: National Qualifier

### Creative Lecture

- Selene Plancarte–Borja: National Qualifier
- Montserrat Fuentes–Carrillo

### Breakout Session: Bronze Certificate

- Stephanie Carbajal–Carbajal
- Crystal Carrillo
- Keira Aldaco
- Gabriella De La Rosa
- Mia Cedillo
- Shelsy Garcia

### Chapter Yearbook – Gold Certificate

- Montserrat Fuentes–Carrillo
- Keira Aldaco
- Shelsy Garcia

### Interactive Bulletin Board–Elementary (for grades K–5th)

- Graciela Lopez and Mia Cedillo: Silver Certificate
- Ana Mendez and Stephanie Aguillon–Reyna: Gold Certificate

### Interactive Bulletin Board–Secondary (for grades 6th–12th)

- Kaylee Aguirre and Gabriella De La Rosa: Gold Certificate

### Children's Literature–(Pre–K)

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- Michelle Rico-Cuellar and Gabriella De La Rosa

**Children's Literature--(K-3rd grade)**

- Stephanie Padilla and Pricila Cruz

**Children's Literature--(Pre-K Spanish)**

- Selene Plancarte-Borja

**Children's Literature--(K-3 Spanish)**

- Stephanie Carbajal-Carbajal and Crystal Carrillo

STATE TAFE



## FFA Students Compete at State

Three Elgin High School FFA members – Paden Maass, Noah Cooper and Jonah Crowell – qualified for state after excelling at the Area 12 Tractor Technician Contest at Sam Houston State University in January.

They took a 100-question exam over mechanical, electrical and hydraulic systems, and identified and appraised 20 components or parts from agricultural tractors/machines. They also located and corrected malfunctions in an Agricultural Tractor and performed a vehicle inspection.

The three competed at the state contest on March 3-4 at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

STATE FFA



## Students Qualify for UIL State in Band, Choir

Elgin High School students earned medals and qualified for state after competing in UIL Solo and Ensemble Band and Choir.

UIL State Solo & Ensemble Contest recognizes talented students across Texas who have earned top honors (a first division/superior rating) on the most difficult of solos or small ensembles listed on the UIL "Prescribed Music List".

At the contest they perform in front of esteemed judges – many of whom are music professors across the state – and they have the opportunity to receive critiques and suggestions.

Below are our Elgin ISD state-qualifying students in band and choir:

**State Solo & Ensemble Band**

- Michael McCrary
- Kenneth Joesel
- Jimmy Navarro
- Valentin Segura
- Emiliano Aguilar
- Aidan Pritchett
- Oscar Patino

Armando Martinez & Jessica Martinez: EHS Band Directors; Christian Gonzales: District Percussion Director

**State Solo & Ensemble Choir**

- Carlos Basilio
- Brandon Clear
- Jake Johnson
- Edgar Lopez
- Cyanne Nuells
- Gabrielle (Parker) Valle
- Aedan Henze

Cherisa Cromer: EHS Choir director

STATE SOLO &amp; ENSEMBLE





## Art Student Qualifies for State VASE

Elgin High School Visual Art students competed in the Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE) competition in late February. Eighteen students competed, capturing 15 medals while one student, Chasity Maldonado, advanced to state.

VASE is one of the largest of its kind in the nation for high school students, allowing them to develop creative works of art and then discuss their artwork with professionals using an interview and showcase format.

By advancing to state, Chasity's artwork was acknowledged as among the top 10 percent in her division.

STATE VASE



## Elgin Intermediate Enjoys Adventure Dash

Elgin Intermediate students enjoyed a day of fun during the EIS PTA's Adventure Dash Fun Run school fundraiser on March 7.



## EMS Students Advance in Spelling Bee

Three Elgin Middle School students qualified for Nationals and Internationals after competing in the regional finals of the National Spelling Bee on March 2.

EMS scholars who qualified are:

- Cavanaugh Fowler
- Trent Sanchez
- Marcus Austin

Our thanks to EMS science teacher Catherine Zamora for leading the students to success.



Navy JROTC



## Inspection Time for Navy JROTC

Elgin High School Navy Junior ROTC students took part in an inspection on Wednesday, March 6 at the EHS cafeteria and gym. Guests in attendance included Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jana Rueter, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Peter Perez and school board Vice President Beth Walterscheidt.



## Fashionably Educated at EES

Elgin Elementary hosted its Pre-K Alphabet Fashion Show on Friday, Feb. 23. The littles displayed their fashionable knowledge of the alphabet in morning and afternoon shows.

## BTW Raises Funds Through Fiesta

Booker T. Washington Elementary parents and staff turned out to celebrate the campus' first-ever Fiesta! The BTW PTA raised more than \$1,500 through the celebration, and students enjoyed watching principals get pie in their faces.



## EHS Powerlifting



## Girls Powerlifting Brings Home Title

Elgin High School Girls Powerlifting on Saturday, March 16 was named Class 5A Small State Team Champion by the Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association.

The team amassed 26 total points at the THSWPA girls state championship event in Frisco, emerging victorious by a single point over Edcouch-Elsa High School.

Three EHS student-athletes placed first at state – Elizabeth Nunez, Maria Yanez and Nya Kirk Jones – while one more, Jordin Seeger, came in second overall.

The team is led by coaches Stephanie Ferguson and Jacob Rowe.



## Neidig ES



Neidig Elementary students recently enjoyed Dress Like Principal Martinez and Dress Like Your Teacher days.



## VS HENDRICKSON



Elgin High School Varsity Softball travels to Pflugerville tonight for a game at Pflugerville High School, but takes on Hendrickson at home on Tuesday, March 26.

The Lady Cats stay in town to face East View on Thursday, March 28 before heading out of town for an April 2 game against Connally.

## VS GEORGETOWN



EHS Varsity Baseball is also out of town tonight, facing Connally at 7 p.m. The Wildcats face Georgetown on the road on March 26 but return home on March 28, also to face Georgetown.

Varsity also will be on the road against Cedar Creek on April 2.

## EHS Girls Soccer



Your Elgin High School varsity girls soccer team took on Pflugerville on March 5 at Wildcat Stadium. The girls captured a victory on Senior Night.

