



Community Connection

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April 2024

Please note the new date for the G.W. Carver Dedication.



**G. W. Carver
Middle School
Dedication**



**You're invited!
Come celebrate
and see the
G. W. Carver
Historical Legacy
Project.**

**Friday, May 28, 2024
11 a.m.
1601 JJ Flewellen Rd.**

Thank you to the Cooper Foundation for grant funding to support the legacy artwork project.

Academic Achiever Celebrations



Congratulations to the 2024 Waco ISD Academic Achievers! These sophomores, juniors, and seniors have maintained a 96.5 GPA or above.

[Click here](#) to view additional photos from University High School's Ceremony.

[Click here](#) to view additional photos from Waco High School's Ceremony.

Campus Construction Updates



Staff, School Board members, and members of the community celebrated the groundbreaking of Kendrick Elementary. The new 93,000 square foot building will be completed in May 2025. [Click here](#) to view photos from the celebration. [Click here](#) to view more construction updates.

A group of students from Waco High School had the opportunity to see the progress of their new school and experience hands-on lessons in architecture, plumbing, electrical, and masonry. Also, The Waco Education Foundation Board had an opportunity to take a tour of the new building. [Click here](#) to view photos. The new school will be completed in Fall 2025. [Click here](#) to view more construction updates.



Core Construction recently hosted Tennyson Middle School students for a behind the scenes tour of their new school under construction. Students used virtual reality during their tour and were treated to lunch. To view more photos, [click here](#). The new building will be completed in Fall 2024. [Click here](#) to view more construction updates.

Soccer Athletes Honored with All-District Distinction

Congratulations to both University High School and Waco High School's soccer athletes as they had amazing success both on and off the field with numerous players earning All-District honors!

University High School

District MVP and 1st Team All-District: Victor Herrera

1st Team All-District: Daniel Villagomez, Julian Juarez, Ricardo Paloblanco, Juan Salas-Ramos, and Adrian Monreal

2nd Team All-District: Joel Medina, Juan Esquivel, Jeramiah Santana, Alejandro Archan, and Leo Gonzalez

Honorable Mention: Victor Julian Rodriguez, Christopher Coronado, and Jaejuan Harris

Waco High School

Utility Player of the Year and 1st Team All-District: Gael Olvera

1st Team All-District: Jonathan Middleton, Anthony Gonzalez, and Isaiah Pullen

2nd Team All-District: Carlos Velasques, Justin Adame, Jahziel Hernandez, and Lorenzo Hernandez

Honorable Mention: Gabriel Perez, David Nieves, and Stephen Talley

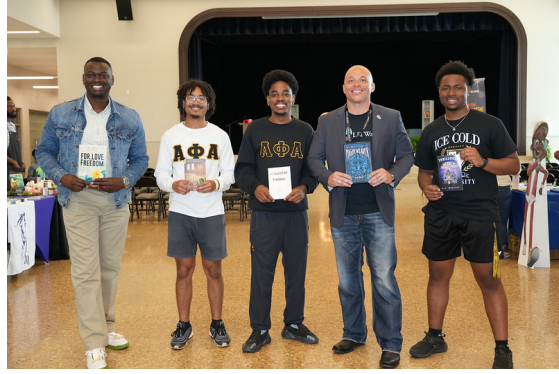


Readers are Leaders

Waco ISD students had the opportunity to benefit from two recent literacy events. LIT Waco hosted the Cen-Teen-Tex Bookfest on the Brazos in partnership with WISD. Authors and curators from around the area gathered together in a showcase of reading for the community. Waco ISD libraries also hosted "Over the Moon for Reading." The literacy event included book giveaways, readings by Texas author Kat Kronenburg, and live performances by students. Both events were huge successes!

[Click here](#) to view more photos from the Over the Moon for Reading event.

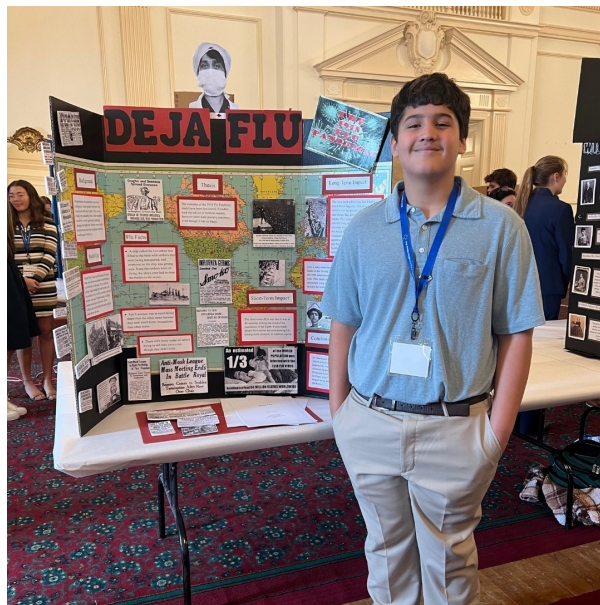
[Click here](#) to view more photos from It's Lit! Bookfest on the Brazos event.



Texas History Day Competitors



Tennyson Middle School ATLAS historical research students Henry Ochoa won 1st place exhibit and Caroline Taube won 2nd place for her research paper at the regional competition. Both students competed at the state level at Texas History Day in Austin!



A Round of Applause For...

Congratulations to nearly 200 Waco ISD teachers who qualified for the Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) for closing the achievement gap and ensuring students meet grade level standards or higher! The district's teachers earning TIA will receive a portion of the \$2.8 million being awarded by the state of Texas this year.

[Click here](#) to view more photos of the surprise celebrations.



Message from the Board President



Dear Waco ISD Community,

Spring is always an exciting time of the year as students demonstrate all that they have learned this year through various contests, activities, and STAAR testing. As I visited several campuses this past month, I was inspired by the excitement I felt from both students and staff. It was clear that teachers and staff are focused on our students and our students are thriving!

What a joy to get to witness dozens of teachers be surprised on their campuses with the state's Teacher Incentive Allotment. Not only does this increase our teachers' pay, but it is also a clear demonstration that our teachers are working to ensure our students are achieving their academic goals. We are so grateful for our amazing teachers and all of our staff who make Waco ISD the place to be!

Thank you for your continued support of Waco ISD!

Sincerely,

Stephanie Korteweg

Board Meeting

Did you miss the April 25 Board of Trustees meeting? [Click here](#) for the full board meeting.

The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, May 16, beginning at 6 p.m.

in the WISD Conference Center, 115 S. 5th Street, Waco, Texas.



Outstanding Community Partner

Each month, Waco ISD recognizes a community partner making a difference for students and staff with the award for Outstanding Community Partner. In April, the Junior League of Waco was selected to receive the award for its unending support of our students and staff.



Message from the Superintendent

Dear Waco ISD Community,

We will soon be entering our last month of school. It brings me great happiness to witness the tremendous accomplishments of both our students and staff during this busy season of celebrations. As STAAR testing has concluded, we turn our sights to graduation. I am so proud of the Class of 2024 and look forward to honoring our seniors as they receive their diplomas and enter the next phase of life. I am excited to see what the future holds for them.

Our students truly shone through STAAR testing this past month. We could not be more proud of their performance and the dedicated hard work and extra time our teachers put into ensuring that students were ready and successful. It is a reminder of the continued momentum we are making in so many areas.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10. I invite you to share special thanks and encouragement with any teachers, past or present, in your life. As an educator for 34 years, I can tell you that there is no more rewarding, nor challenging, role than that of a classroom teacher.

On Saturday, Waco ISD hosted its annual Pre-K round-up as we enrolled the district's youngest scholars for the 2024-2025 school year. We are ready to welcome them!

I am grateful to be part of a community that values public education. Thank you for supporting our students and staff.

Sincerely,

Susan Kincannon, Ed.D.



This month's Classroom Close-Up gives great insight into how Waco ISD invests in preparing students at an early age for life beyond high school with the Girl Code program at Alta Vista Elementary for fourth and fifth grade girls and the Women's Empowerment Summit for secondary female students. Both programs help prepare Waco ISD female students to be productive citizens in society.

The annual Pre-K Registration Round-Up Fun Fest was a huge success! This event encourages parents to register their children for the upcoming school year. Many thanks to our community partners for supporting the event and future WISD families and students for attending. [Click here](#) to view more photos from the event.



Community Resources



We can all play a part in helping to keep Waco ISD safe! Our anonymous online reporting system, STOPit, is available to all students, staff, families, and the community. You can report bullying, violence, and other safety concerns anytime by following this link: www.wacoisd.org/STOPit.

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for all Waco ISD Students

More Information 

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