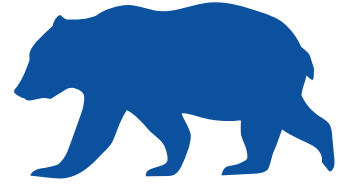


BEAR BULLETIN



Building Future Leaders

NO SCHOOL

Thursday & Friday, Oct. 10 & 11

Staff Development Day

NO SCHOOL

Monday, Oct. 14

Holiday



PINK
out

BREAST CANCER
AWARENESS DAY

Wednesday, Oct. 9

WHITE SETTLEMENT
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHITE SETTLEMENT ISD

ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL NIGHT

All pre-k through 6th grade students who wear a school or Brewer shirt get in free with a paying adult.

BREWER VS BIRDVILLE

FRIDAY, OCT. 18 • 7 P.M. • BEAR STADIUM



LIFE IS A MOVIE - REEL CHOICES

A teen discovers a magic red ribbon that lets her glimpse different "movies" of her life based on her choices. When she's faced with drugs, she sees two futures: one spiraling into darkness and another full of adventure and success. She realizes she's the director of her own life and chooses to stay drug-free.

COMING OCTOBER 21 - 25

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More Info

MONDAY, OCT. 21



DREAM CHASERS

Pajama Day. Follow your dreams. Don't use drugs, alcohol or tobacco/vapes.

TUESDAY, OCT. 22



CHANNELING STARS NOT SUBSTANCES

Dress as your favorite movie or TV star/character. Your "role" is to be safe, healthy, and drug-free!

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23



Blinding Lights: A Future Too Bright for Drugs

Wear Neon & Sunglasses. Your future is too bright for drugs and alcohol.

THURSDAY, OCT. 24



Drug-Free Decade

Dress from your favorite decade. Being drug-free never goes out of style.

FRIDAY, OCT. 25



ALL-STARS AGAINST SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Wear a shirt or jersey with your favorite sports team.

Fentanyl Education and Awareness

October is Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Month, and WSISD will join school districts across Texas to educate our students and families and increase awareness of the dangers of fentanyl and potential overdoses. Our district will promote drug, alcohol and tobacco/vaping prevention and awareness during Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 21 through 25. As required by law, all sixth through 12th graders will receive age-appropriate instruction related to fentanyl abuse prevention and drug poisoning awareness through EVERFI® from Blackbaud® the Prescription Drug Safety: Know the Truth Fentanyl Fast and Fatal course. To learn more about the course, click the [link](#).

While WSISD has not had any cases of fentanyl deaths, there is a growing threat to the health and safety of our youth. Fentanyl is a narcotic that has reached a growing number of communities across Texas. According to the Centers for Disease Control, teen overdose deaths related to Fentanyl have tripled over the last two years. Over half of all overdose deaths are related to Fentanyl use. Fentanyl is generally used in the medical field to treat severe pain. Sadly, an underground market has developed for this drug, and it is often marketed to youth. Fentanyl can come in many forms, and even the smallest amount can be lethal. It is often mixed with other drugs such as cocaine and heroin. Prescription medications can also be laced with it. In some cases, Fentanyl pills were made to look like candy. Oftentimes, the individual has no idea that what they are taking has Fentanyl in it.

What can you do as a parent to prevent your teen from falling prey to this deadly trend?

1. Talk to your teen. Talk about the dangers that they may face at parties and social events.
2. Let them know that they can talk to you about things that concern them.
3. Monitor their social media and app usage. This is a common way that teens get access to this drug.
4. Encourage your teen to get involved with extra-curricular activities, church, and school and community organizations. Keeping your teen involved can help battle loneliness, isolation, and hopelessness.
5. Know how to access WSISD's anonymous reporting tool, [TipLine](#). Report any suspicion that Fentanyl use may be occurring in the schools or that someone may be abusing it. Encourage your child to do the same. You could save a life.
6. Monitor your child's behavior. Has their behavior changed lately? Do they have a new set of "friends?" Are they keeping to themselves more often than usual?
7. Seek help if your child is facing a mental health challenge or if you suspect they are using any substance.