

Belton ISD eNews

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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Big Red Community,

With the Thanksgiving break upon us, I want to take a moment and share a few reasons I am particularly thankful this season. I am truly grateful for -

- Each and every student in our district. The skills, talents and character of our students are unmatched.
- Parents for their continued partnerships.
- Teachers and staff for their unwavering service to our Big Red Community.
- Principals for being strong leaders.
- Community partners for investing time and energy into district services and programs.



Finally, I want to express my thanks for the BISD Board of Trustees for continuing to provide steadfast leadership: President Manuel Alcozer, Vice President Chris Flor, Secretary Erin Bass,

Janet Lee, Suzanne McDonald, Jeff Norwood, and Rucker Preston.

Belton ISD is a thriving and vibrant community, and I am very thankful and proud to have been a part of it for almost four years. BISS is not perfect, but we strive each day to be better than we were the day before. Through it all, we will continue to remain focused on our vision to empower each and every learner to pursue their dreams and enrich their communities.

Please enjoy a wonderful opportunity next week to spend time with friends and family, make good memories, and have a happy Thanksgiving!

With deep gratitude,
Matt Smith, Ed.D.
Superintendent

TOP STORIES



Belton ISD Celebrates Students Earning Prestigious American All-Star Jerseys

Lake Belton High School seniors Selman Bridges and Micah Hudson were presented with All American All-Star Game [jerseys](#) on November 2, 2023.

Bridges is a corner for the Lake Belton Broncos football team, and Hudson is a wide receiver. Bridges received an Army All-American jersey and has committed to Arkansas. Hudson received an Under Armour All-American jersey and has committed to Texas Tech. Both students will be playing in their respective all-star games.



Camp Champions: Fostering Inclusivity, Inspiring Champions

Belton ISD is committed to fostering inclusivity and providing opportunities for each and every student to thrive. In this spirit, the district created an exceptional learning opportunity by introducing [Camp Champion](#) in 2019. Camp Champion is proud to be a dedicated participant in the Special Olympics.



Miller Heights Elementary Selected as Temple College Adopt-a-School Pilot Campus

students.

Temple College's adoption of Belton ISD's Miller Heights Elementary School as part of a [pilot program](#) that marks an innovative collaboration between the two schools. This partnership reflects a commitment to advancing educational opportunities and fostering a supportive learning environment for

TRENDING TOPICS

Igniting the Flames of Culinary Passion and Student Success

Belton High School's culinary program turned up the heat by starting an inaugural [BBQ Club](#). Tiger Pit BBQ and Tiger Smokehouse BBQ are the two competitive teams that intend to compete regionally with hopes of advancing to the statewide and national level through High School BBQ, Inc. BHS Culinary Arts Instructor, Chef Armond Alexander and BHS Construction Careers Instructor Michael Carrillo are leading the BBQ Club.



High Point Elementary Students Create Thanksgiving Magic at the Local Grocery Store

High Point Elementary's K-5 Functional Academics Teacher [Dr. Silke Piper](#) started the annual tradition of having students prepare a Thanksgiving meal for their parents five years ago. Her students vote on a menu and work on measurements based on guest count. This year they implemented shopping for and purchasing the items for the meal. The local grocery store became a vibrant classroom filled with Journey of a Graduate related opportunities.



Free and Reduced School Meal Application

Belton ISD families are invited to submit a Free and Reduced School Meal Application for the 2023-24 school year. Free and Reduced meal applications are for more than just meals! The application is available [online](#).

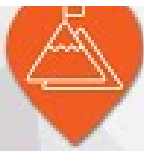


THE JOURNEY OF A GRADUATE

Come on a journey with us! Please enjoy this presentation of these Belton ISD students sharing how they are living out our exceptional learning experiences through our Journey of a Graduate competencies: perseverance, adaptability, collaboration, communication, critical thinking, and empathy.

Exceptional Learning Experiences - The Journey of a Graduate in Belton ISD

EXCEPTIONAL LEARNING EXPERIENCES
THE JOURNEY OF A GRADUATE IN BELTON ISD



GET INVOLVED

ENGAGE & EMPOWER WITH

VOLUNTEER AND PARTNERSHIP SYSTEM



Belton ISD believes the learning experiences of our students are enhanced through the engagement of our community. That's why we welcome your partnership! Whether you are a parent, guardian, community member or business leader, we are excited to have you join us.

If you would like to serve with us, sign up with our new [volunteer management system](#).

Volunteer Readers Needed



To be a Literacy Partner

Contact Education Connection
512.813.5918
info@education-connection.org



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2023 Board of Trustees



Staff & Student Holiday

NOVEMBER 20-24, 2023



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 20-24: [Student / Teacher Holiday](#)

December 5: [Parents as Partners - Behavior Supports & Autism Information](#)

December 7: [Parents as Partners - Family Access 101 & Internet Safety for Parents and Guardians](#)

December 11: [Board Meeting](#)

December 15: [Early Release](#)

December 18 - January 1: [Student / Teacher Holiday](#)

January 2-3: [Student Holiday / Teacher Workday](#)

January 15: [Student / Teacher Holiday](#)

January 22: [Board Meeting](#)

February 13: [Parents as Partners - Work Readiness & CTE Programs](#)

February 19: [Professional Learning / Student Holiday](#)

February 20: [Teacher Learning & Workday/Student Holiday](#)

2023-2024 Academic Calendar

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