

Belton ISD eNews

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MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT

Big Red Community,

Belton ISD has historically been a destination district and we are seeing the trend continue as our enrollment continues to steadily increase. At an upcoming meeting of the Board of Trustees, our demographer will give his annual report and share the latest projections. As a public school district, we welcome each and every new student into our district with open arms and a commitment to provide an exceptional learning experience. To accommodate our growing student

population, we are making substantial investments in facilities including five active construction projects thanks to voter-approved bonds. Our steady growth is a testament to the trust and pride this community places in our schools.

I believe another reason families seek out our community is because of our commitment to provide exceptional learning opportunities like career and technical education (CTE). Through CTE programming, students learn the valuable competencies outlined in the BISD Journey of a Graduate through real-world experiences. Within our CTE programming, students and their families have a rich array of choices and opportunities. We offer 80 industry-based certifications students can earn while in BISD, which are preparing them for their future careers.



In BISD, families have incredible opportunities to choose what is best for their student. And through these choices, we can enhance their academic experiences and prepare them for success in life beyond the classroom. It's why we do what we do.

I believe it is also important to note that trustees from Belton ISD and Temple ISD held a joint special meeting last month to amplify our priorities for our local legislators ahead of the upcoming Special Legislative Session. We sent a united message that we need a thoughtful, transparent accountability system and adequate school funding. Our united Boards clearly articulated that we strongly oppose the unregulated gifts of public funds to private entities through vouchers or education savings accounts. We will continue to advocate for these priorities throughout this session and into the future.

Thank you for being an integral part of our growing district. I am extremely proud of our teachers, staff, and students in the Big Red Community, and we appreciate your partnership. Here's to a promising future filled with continued growth, learning, and success.

Matt Smith, Ed.D.
Superintendent

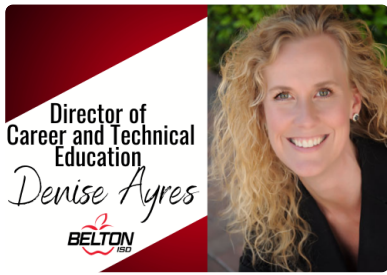
TOP STORIES



Belton ISD Hosts Parents as Partners: Special Programs Information Night

Belton ISD Special Programs is hosting the first [Parents as Partners](#) event for the school year on Tuesday, October 10 from 5:15-7:45pm. Parents and guardians are invited to Belton New Tech @ Waskow, 320 North Blair Street in Belton for 45-minute come and go informational sessions on dyslexia, testing accommodations, speech therapy and more.

Denise Ayres to Lead Belton ISD Career and Technical Education



Belton ISD has selected [Denise Ayres](#) to be the new director of the district's Career and Technical Education (CTE) department.

"Because of the economic growth of the Belton and Temple communities and in the Central Texas region, employers seek a highly skilled workforce," Ayres said. "I believe that Belton ISD is positioned to provide students with the skills needed to be

successful. I'm looking forward to leading this effort and collaboratively preparing all students to be career-ready."



Trustees Approve Proclamation Outlining Priorities for Special Session

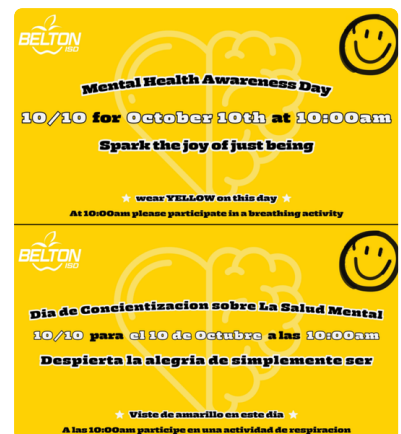
The Belton ISD Board of Trustees held a [joint special meeting](#) with trustees from Temple ISD on September 26. At the meeting, both Boards unanimously approved a proclamation outlining their priorities for lawmakers ahead of the third special session.

"This is a historic event. Neighboring districts standing together for the greater good for all students in the state of Texas," Board President Manuel Alcozer said in a statement. "This is a sign of solidarity in a time when public education is under constant scrutiny and attack. Let this exemplify what can be accomplished when we all come together for a common purpose. The time has come for us to be heard."

TRENDING TOPICS

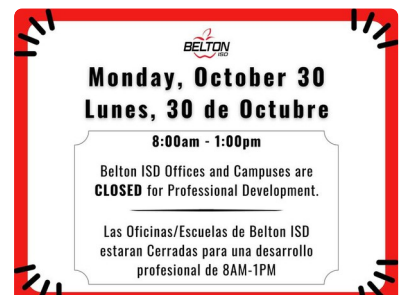
Mental Health Awareness on October 10

As part of our ongoing commitment to the well-being and mental health of our students, staff, and families, we are "sparking the joy of being" on Mental Health Awareness Day. On October 10 at 10:00am we are taking a moment to breathe in for four seconds then out for four more. This breathing activity will be repeated four times.



BISD Campuses and Offices Closed on October 30

On October 30, BISD campuses and administrative offices will be closed from 8am - 1pm so staff members can attend professional development. All BISD facilities will reopen at 1pm.



Attendance Matters

We realize some absences are unavoidable due to medical obligations or other circumstances. But, we also know that when students miss too much school— regardless of the reason – it can cause them to fall behind academically. Absences can be submitted online [here](#).



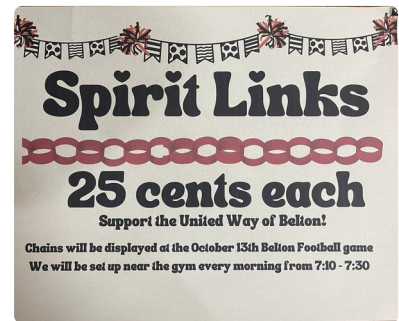
Free and Reduced School Meal Application

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](#).



United Way Kids' Campaign

Reminder: The last day to donate to the United Way Kids' Campaign is October 6. The Spirit Chain game is BHS Football verses Connally on October 13 at 7 pm.



Meet BISS Nominations Being Accepted

Do you know a BISS World-Class Employee? Meet BISS is an opportunity to spotlight teachers, staff and administrators who are changing lives in the Big Red Community. Do you want to recommend someone who personifies our world-class competencies? Submit a nomination [here](#).



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](#).



2023 Board of Trustees

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 9: [Student / Teacher Holiday](#)

October 13: [United Way Spirit Chain Game](#)

October 16: [Board Meeting](#)

October 30: [Professional Learning / Student Holiday](#)

October 31: [Parents as Partners: Parent Conferences / Student Holiday](#)

November 10: [Student / Teacher Holiday](#)

November 13: [Board Meeting](#)

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

Special Programs

PARENTS AS PARTNERS

October 10, 2023

45 Minute Sessions

You can choose any 3 sessions to attend and in any order

5:15-5:30
Art Viewing and Refreshments
donated by Which Wich

5:30-7:45
45 minute sessions

New Tech @ Waskow
320 N Blair St. Belton, TX

CHILDCARE
Ages 3 and up
<https://forms.gle/g8H3qyRY93T6sAZb7>

Please RSVP



Dyslexia at a Glance

For grades K-12

- Awareness and characteristics of dyslexia
- Testing and identification
- Qualifications of staff who provide services
- Contact information for specialists

Reading by Design - Dyslexia program overview

For grades K-12

- Scope and sequence
- Lesson components
- Effective strategies
- Progress monitoring

Testing Accommodations and Modifications

For grades K-12

- STAAR Accommodations and Modifications
- Requesting Accommodations for SAT, PSAT and TSI

Dyslexia Legislation Changes - Learn how this impacts dyslexia evaluation, identification, and instruction for your student

For grades K-12

- Information on eligibility, evaluation requests, and services
- Information on the response to the intervention process

Speech Therapy

For ages 3 and up

- Speech Therapists will be available for questions and answers - come and go style
- Come learn about speech therapy and how it works

For questions email

donna.shriner@bisd.net or misty.norwood@bisd.net

Programas Especiales

PADRES COMO SOCIOS

Sesiones de 45 minutos

Puedes elegir cualquiera de los 3 sesiones para asistir y en cualquier orden

10 de octubre de 2023

5:15-5:30
Visualización de arte y refrigerios
donados por Which Wich

5:30-7:45
45 minute sessions

New Tech @ Waskow
320 N Blair St. Belton, TX

CUIDADO DE NIÑOS
A partir de 3 años
<https://forms.gle/g8H3qyRY93T6sAZb7>
Por favor RSVP



Dislexia de un vistazo

Para los grados K-12

- Características del autismo
- Comprender los comportamientos
- Estrategias para el hogar y la comunidad

Lectura por diseño: descripción general del programa de dislexia

Para los grados K-12

- Alcance y la secuencia
- Componentes de la lección
- Estrategias efectivas
- Seguimiento del progreso

Adaptaciones y modificaciones en las pruebas

Para los grados K-12

- Adaptaciones y modificaciones de STAAR Solicitud de adaptaciones para SAT, PSAT y TSI

Cambios en la legislación sobre dislexia: conozca cómo esto afecta la evaluación, identificación e instrucción de la dislexia para su estudiante

Para los grados K-12

- Información sobre elegibilidad, solicitudes de evaluación y servicios.
- Información sobre la respuesta al proceso de intervención

Terapia del lenguaje

Para mayores de 3 años

- Los Logopedas estarán disponibles para preguntas y respuestas: estilo ir y venir
- Ven a aprender sobre la logopedia y cómo funciona.

Para preguntas correo electrónico

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2023-2024 Academic Calendar

Take the Journey

Stay Connected

We're Hiring

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