

# Belton ISD eNews

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## MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT



Big Red Community,

Last week, one of our district communication team members had the opportunity to attend Career Day at High Point Elementary. To demonstrate some of her day-to-day work, she invited students to help her create a video about what they've learned *so far* in fourth grade.

It was an engaging experience with a fun outcome. I hope you

enjoy watching it!

With the first half of the school year about to wrap, it's a good time to stop and reflect on what we've all learned *so far* this year. So take a moment to ask your students what they have learned this year and what excites them about the coming semester. Share your thoughts with your students.

I'm happy with the progress we've made toward district goals – like ensuring exceptional learning experiences for each and every student, engaging all stakeholders, supporting a World-Class team of employees, developing a district-wide culture of value, and maximizing our resources. Important work has been made toward the projects funded through the [2022 Bond](#).

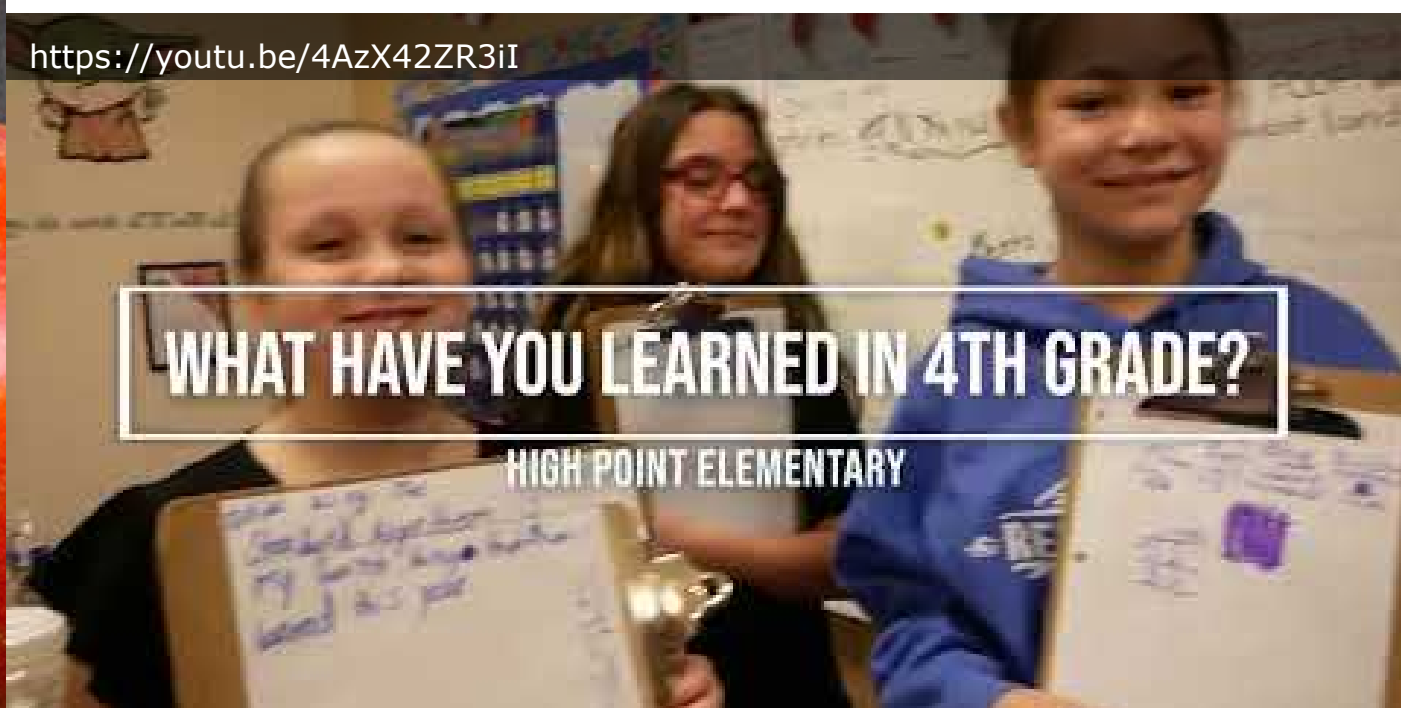
Yet we recognize there's much work to be done when we return in January. I invite you to partner with us on the journey to empower each and every learner to pursue their dreams and enrich their communities.

I hope you and your family have a restful and memorable holiday season. Enjoy the break!

Best,

Matt Smith, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

<https://youtu.be/4AzX42ZR3iI>



## NEWS

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[Standard Response Protocol Helps Students, Staff Respond During Incidents](#)

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[Student-Athletes Named to Academic All-State Teams](#)

[Trustees Approve Expanding Course Offerings for 2023-2024 School Year](#)

[The Verdict Is In: New Tech Students Thrive in Brand-New Legal Studies Program](#)

[Trustees Adopt Parameters to Guide Upcoming Attendance Boundary Changes](#)

[Burrell Legacy to Live on in Newest Elementary School](#)

## GET INVOLVED

### Academic Calendars Now Available

If you're a fan of planning, you'll be happy to know that the Board of Trustees has approved academic calendars for the next TWO school years – 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. You can access them both on our [website](#) and start penciling in the important dates now.

### On the Horizon: Attendance Boundary Changes

District leaders are currently working on possible changes to attendance boundaries based on parameters the Board of Trustee approved this week. They'll be seeking community input in late January on specific boundary options and a transition plan. Watch for more details soon!

Administrators plan to bring a final recommendation to the board in February, with new boundaries not taking effect until August 2023 at the earliest.

### Opening Soon – 2023-2024 Enrollment for New Tech

Enrollment for New Tech opens soon! The school of choice offers students a "community college feel" with a focus on project-based learning to gain real-world experience. Students can choose a Career & Technical Education program of study in government and public administration, drone (unmanned flight), digital communications or design and multimedia arts. Find out more at parent information meetings starting in January. [Learn more.](#)

### Parents as Partners

Belton ISD believes that learning experiences of our students are enhanced through the engagement of our community. Learn how you can get involved in the Big Red Community as a parent or community partner at [www.bisd.net/partners](http://www.bisd.net/partners).

### Seeking: World-Class Employees

We're always on the lookout for future World-Class Employees who are eager to fulfill the district's vision – to empower each and every learner to pursue their dreams and enrich their communities. Know anyone who might be a good fit? Maybe you? Check out our [current openings](#) and apply today!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

December 16: [Early Release](#)

December 19-January 2: [Student/Teacher Holiday](#)

January 3: [Teacher Inservice/Student Holiday](#)

January 9: [Policy Committee Meeting](#)

January 16: [Student/Teacher Holiday](#)

January 17: [Facilities Committee Meeting](#)

January 23: [Board Meeting](#)

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