

March 9, 2022



Message from Superintendent



This past weekend, I attended the annual tennis and golf tournaments hosted by the Belton Educational Enrichment Foundation (BEEF). Thank you to everyone who participated and to those who cheered on the competitors, especially in Monday's chilly weather. I love seeing so many in the community come out to support the Foundation.

Led by a volunteer board, BEEF awards grants to teachers to stimulate innovation and excellence in education. Even more remarkable is that 100% of their funding comes from private donations, much of it from businesses and residents right here in BISD.

Our partnership with BEEF is helping us ensure that each and every student can experience coding, computer programming, and engineering opportunities as they learn core content in our classrooms. As recently as last Tuesday, BEEF awarded checks to BISD elementary schools to support the development of robotics programs throughout the district. Foundation board members handed out almost \$45,000 in checks that will have a direct impact in creating exceptional learning opportunities available for our youngest scholars. But the efforts of our foundation don't stop there. They also award scholarships to graduating seniors pursuing education beyond graduation.

BEEF is one of the best examples of how the learning experiences of Belton ISD students are enhanced through the engagement of our community. And it's not the only one. Last week, BISD gathered with local faith-based leaders over lunch to explore how we might continue to partner together to expand support in our Big Red Community. The energy and dialog at the luncheon was great, and we plan to continue these conversations in the future.

Thanks to the support of community leaders, excellence is part of the culture here in Belton ISD. That's very apparent in this week's newsletter. Keep reading to learn about

noteworthy honors and achievements earned by our amazing students and staff.

I am a proud member of the Big Red Community, and it's my pleasure to share these celebrations with you.

Thank you and have a great week,

Matt Smith, Ed.D.
Superintendent

News



Seven Students Advance to State Art Competition

Musicians Earn Superior Ratings at UIL Contests

Secondary Students Place at Regional History Competition

Rite of Passage: High School Seniors Register to Vote for First Time

Belton High School Senior Named National Merit Finalist

Belton ISD Wins State PR Awards

What's Happening

May 22 Bond Election Information

The Belton ISD Board of Trustees unanimously approved an order calling for a bond election to be held on May 7. The bond addresses district growth, aging and evolving facilities, program equity and safety. If approved, this bond will not increase the tax rate. [Learn more.](#)



Input Sought on How to Utilize Federal Funding

Belton ISD is seeking stakeholder input on how to utilize one-time federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funds to support our efforts to sustain the safe operations of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on students. [Read more.](#)



Save the Date: Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration

Pre-K and kindergarten registration for the 2022-2023 school year will be held in late April. Watch for more

information in the coming weeks.



Spring Break is Almost Here!

All schools and district offices will be closed for spring break the week of March 14-18. We look forward to seeing students back at school on March 21!

Upcoming Events

- March 7-11: Texas Public Schools Week
- March 9: NBMS Parent Bond Presentation
- March 11: **Transfer Application Deadline**
- March 14-18: **Spring Break**
- March 18: Tidwell Field Naming Ceremony
- March 24: Community Bond Presentation
- March 22: BMS Parent Bond Presentation
- March 23: Jace Jefferson Batting Cages Dedication
- March 24: **Community Bond Presentation**
- March 28: **Board Meeting**
- March 29: Chisholm Trail Parent Bond Presentation
- March 30: Southwest Parent Bond Presentation
- March 30: Sparta Parent Bond Presentation
- March 31: Charter Oak Parent Bond Presentation

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