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BELTON ISD SUPERINTENDENT DR. MALINDA GOLDEN

Hello Belton ISD,

As these final weeks of the school year approach, I am filled with immense gratitude and pride for the incredible journey we have shared. This year has been marked by growth, resilience and a deep commitment to the success and well-being of each and every student in Belton ISD.

Your partnership has been invaluable. From supporting your children's learning at home to actively participating in school events and sharing your insights, your engagement has enriched our school community in countless ways. We deeply appreciate your trust, your understanding and your unwavering dedication to your children's education.

Our dedicated teachers, administrators and staff have once again demonstrated extraordinary passion and expertise. Their tireless efforts, creativity, and unwavering commitment have created engaging and supportive learning environments where students have thrived academically, socially and emotionally. We are so fortunate to have such a remarkable team.

This year, we have celebrated many achievements, both big and small. From academic milestones and artistic performances to athletic triumphs and acts of kindness, our students have continued to inspire us with their potential and their accomplishments. We have also navigated challenges with grace and determination,

always keeping the best interests of our students at the forefront of our decisions.

As we look ahead to the summer, we encourage you to enjoy quality time with your families and to foster continued learning and exploration. We believe that these experiences outside the classroom are essential for growth and development.

We are already eagerly anticipating and planning for the start of the new school year and the opportunities it will bring. We remain committed to providing a high-quality, equitable and enriching educational experience for all students in Belton ISD. We will continue to build upon the successes of this year and to find innovative ways to best serve our students' evolving needs.

Thank you once again for your partnership, your support and your belief in our schools.

Sincerely,

Malinda Golden, Ph.D.
Superintendent

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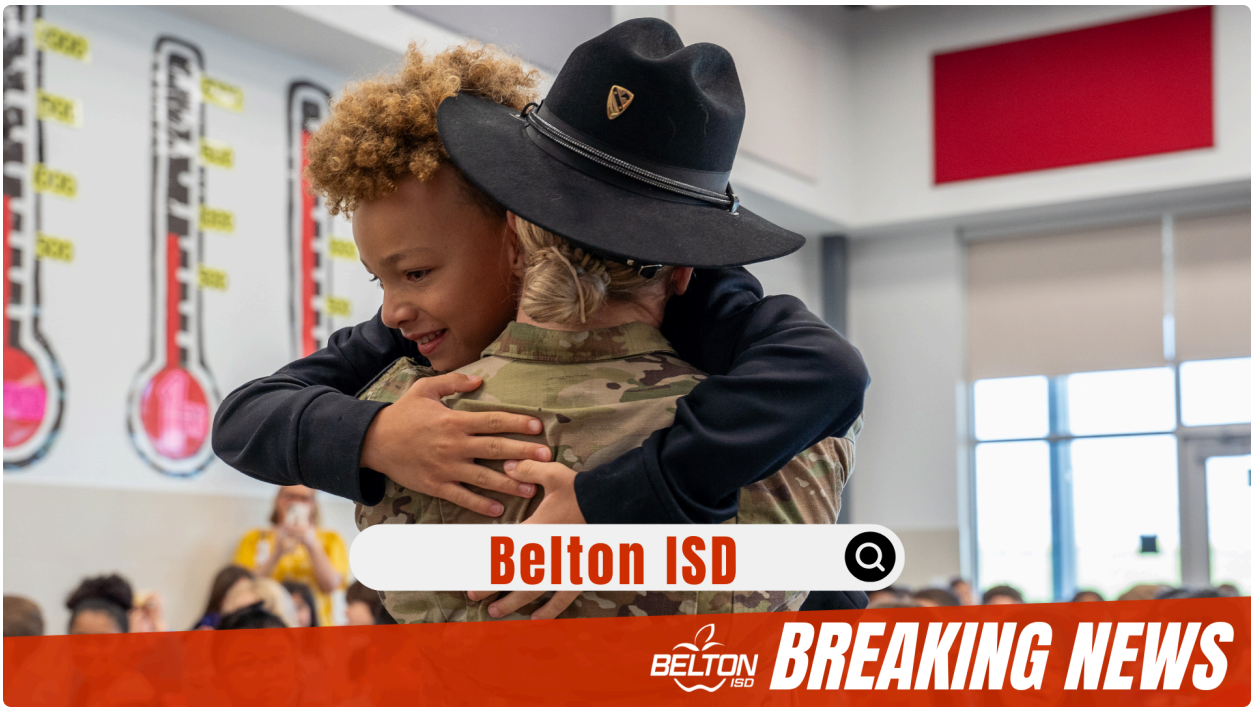
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BREAKING NEWS

Belton ISD to Celebrate Athletic Excellence at Wall of Honor Ceremony

Belton ISD is proud to announce the 2025 Wall of Honor inductees: Mallory Bankhead, TJ Johnson, Trap Johnson and John Roach. The induction ceremony will take place Saturday, May 17, 2025, at 10 a.m. at Belton High School, with a meet-and-greet beginning at 9 a.m.

This year's honorees represent decades of athletic excellence and leadership:

- **Mallory Bankhead** anchored the Lady Tigers' defense as a standout goalkeeper, leading them to the Regional Finals.
- **TJ Johnson** became Belton's all-time leading scorer in basketball, setting school records and leading the Tigers to a district title.
- **Trap Johnson** earned All-State honors and guided Belton basketball to four straight playoff appearances and a historic postseason win.
- **John Roach** helped power Belton football to back-to-back district championships, earning All-State recognition along the way.

The community is invited to attend and celebrate these outstanding athletes and their impact on Belton ISD.

John Roach
Trap Johnson
TJ Johnson
Mallory Bankhead

Lake Belton High Students Shine at Entrepreneurship Pitch Night

The entrepreneurial spirit was on full display at Lake Belton High School's fifth annual Entrepreneurship Pitch Night on April 25, 2025. Students wowed a panel of local business leaders by pitching creative startups "Shark Tank"-style—and crushed it!

Throughout the year, students in the INCubatoredu program developed startups, conducted market research and worked with mentors from businesses like UPS, T-Mobile and Cen-Tex Automotive. Business teacher Jay Walker said the program challenges students to think critically, create solutions and build real-world skills.

Big congrats to Team FLIX for winning top prize with their innovative student-athlete social media app!

The event celebrated the innovation, collaboration and hard work of Belton ISD's future business leaders.

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Belton High School Student Council Earns State Recognition

On March 31, 2025, Belton High School's Student Council earned top honors at the Texas Association of Student Councils (TASC) 89th Annual High School Conference with their video "Burning of the B," highlighting the school's long-standing homecoming tradition.

Under the leadership of sponsor Danielle Conner, students showcased the spirit and pride of Belton High through this meaningful project, which was named one of the Top 10 videos statewide. Seniors Angel and Haylee, who helped lead the effort, said the project strengthened their leadership skills and deepened their appreciation for the Big Red Community.

The BHS Student Council's achievement reflects the tradition, service, and school pride that define Belton ISD student leaders.

Smokey Bear Visits Charter Oak to Celebrate Student Artists

Charter Oak Elementary welcomed a special visitor—Smokey Bear—on March 27, 2025, to celebrate students whose artwork was selected for the Texas A&M Forest Service's 2025 Wildfire Prevention Calendar.

Four former Charter Oak fifth graders were recognized:

- Rhone (front cover)
- Lauren (April feature)
- Charlotte (June feature)
- Brylee (Honorable Mention, back cover)

The project, led by teacher Candy Crocker-Dukich, combined science, social studies and art to teach wildfire prevention and civic responsibility. During the visit, Texas A&M Forest Service representatives delivered Smokey Bear goodie bags to every student and staff member.

The experience left a lasting impression, with current fifth graders already excited to enter next year's contest.

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May 12: Regular Board Meeting
May 17: Wall of Honor Induction Ceremony
May 21: 2-Hour Early Release
May 21: Last Day of School
May 22: Class of 2025 Graduation Ceremonies
May 26: District Closure (Memorial Day)

June 16: Regular Board Meeting

July 21: Regular Board Meeting

2025-2026 Student Calendar

2024-2025 Academic Calendar

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