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Hello Belton ISD,

I am deeply grateful for your continued partnership with Belton ISD, which is essential to making this a successful educational journey for your child. While our teachers and staff are dedicated to providing an excellent education, we know that true student success is a collaborative effort between the school, the student, and the family. Your partnership is the most powerful resource we have.

At the September board meeting, a Parent Rights and SB 12 Resolution was adopted that outlines our district's commitment to our families as partners on their child's learning journey. We know that with your partnership, we create a seamless connection between home and school, which can

significantly improve a student's academic achievement, self-confidence, and overall well-being. By showing that we all value learning, we can inspire our students to do the same.

We have updated our Parents as Partners website (https://bisd.net/parentsaspartners) to include links to resources and opportunities available for you. There are many ways to get involved, and we encourage you to find the opportunities that work best for your family:

- **Learning Sessions:** We provide a variety of parent learning sessions throughout the year, and you can find the schedule and recordings of past sessions on the Parents as Partners site.
- **Communicate with Teachers:** Establish an open line of communication with your child's teachers. They are your primary partners in understanding your child's progress, strengths, and areas for growth.
- **Stay Informed:** Stay up-to-date on your child's assignments and grades through our online parent portal. You can also monitor our school and district websites for important announcements and events.
- **Engage in School Events:** Attend school events such as open house, parent-teacher conferences, and extracurricular activities. These events provide a chance to connect with staff and other families.
- **Support Learning at Home:** Create a consistent schedule for homework, reading, and free play. Talk to your child about their day and what they are learning. Every conversation about school reinforces its importance.
- **Volunteer:** If your schedule allows, please consider volunteering in the classroom, at the front office, or during school events. Your time and presence make a meaningful difference.

We are committed to providing you with the resources and support you need to be an active partner in your child's learning. If you have questions about how to get more involved, please contact your child's teacher or principal.

Thank you for being an indispensable part of the Belton ISD community. Together, we can ensure each and every child can thrive in school as they learn, grow and become equipped to pursue their dreams.

Sincerely,

Malinda Golden, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Upcoming Community Presentations on the 2025 Bond

The district will host two community presentations to share details about the proposed projects in the 2025 Bond. Join us at **5 p.m. on Oct. 1 at Belton Middle School** or at **5 p.m. on Oct. 6 at Lakewood Elementary School**. Additional information is available at www.bisd.net/bond2025.

SAFETY & LEARNING SPACES

BELTON ISD | 2025 ELECTION

Please join us!

Come and learn more about the proposed projects and packages

Community Presentations

Belton Middle School	Lakewood Elementary
October 1	October 6
5:00 pm	5:00 pm

Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming Election Voting Dates

Election Day is **Tuesday, November 4, 2025**, with polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Early voting will run **October 20–31** at multiple locations across Bell County, including Belton, Killeen, Temple, Salado, Harker Heights and Morgan's Point.

For a complete list of early voting locations and times, visit the Bell County Elections website.

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NOVEMBER 4, 2025
7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Visit the Bell County Elections website for locations:
https://www.bellcountytx.com/departments/elections/election_day_locations.php

EARLY VOTING INFORMATION

Dates + Times

Monday, October 20 to Friday, October 24 - 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday, October 25 - 7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sunday, October 26 - 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Monday, October 27 to Friday, October 31 - 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Locations

- Belton - Bell County Belton Annex, 550 East 2nd Ave
- Killeen - True Deliverance Ministry 709 W. Dean Ave
- Killeen - Jackson Professional Learning Center, 902 Rev R A Abercrombie Dr.
- Killeen - Senior Center @ Lions Club Park, 1700 E. Stan Schlueter Loop
- Temple - Temple ISD Admin Building, 401 Santa Fe Way
- Salado - Salado Annex, 11057 Event Drive
- Harker Heights - Parks & Recreation Center, 307 Millers Crossing
- Morgan's Point Event Center, 60 Morgan's Point Blvd

Insights on the Journey

Belton ISD's annual update, *Insights on the Journey*, is now available! This publication highlights the Big Red Community's achievements, growth and vision for the future — all centered on inspiring dreams and empowering futures. Read it here.

Two Belton ISD Students Named National Math Stars

Congratulations to Lakewood Elementary third-grader Aayana Jain and Sparta Elementary fourth-grader Rosalynn “Rosie” Canto, who have been named National Math Stars! They are among just over 100 students nationwide selected for this prestigious 10-year program, which provides academic advising, tutoring, technology and enrichment opportunities to support success in STEM fields.

This is Belton ISD’s first year to participate in the program, and both students advanced through a rigorous selection process before earning this recognition. We’re proud of Aayana and Rosie for their perseverance and passion for math!

Belton High’s Claudia Knox Named Region 12 Outstanding Principal

Congratulations to Belton High School Principal Claudia Knox, honored as the Region 12 Outstanding Principal of the Year by TASSP.

A leader in Belton ISD for 21 years — 14 of them at Belton High — Knox is celebrated for her student-centered approach, strong school culture and dedication to excellence. This honor recognizes her impact and advances her as a contender for the statewide Texas Principal of the Year award.

Seven Belton ISD Schools Earn Purple Star Designation

Seven Belton ISD campuses have been recognized as Purple Star Designated Schools, honoring their commitment to supporting military-connected students and families.

Charter Oak Elementary, High Point Elementary and Lake Belton Middle are the newest schools to receive this recognition, joining Lakewood Elementary, Southwest Elementary, Belton Middle and Belton High School. Nearly 30 percent of Belton ISD students are military-connected, and this designation highlights the district's dedication to making sure they feel welcomed, supported and valued.

Belton ISD Art Teachers Showcase Work in Inaugural Exhibit

For the first time, Belton ISD art teachers are stepping into the spotlight with an exhibit at the Cultural Activities Center in Temple. Eleven teachers from across the district will display artwork in a variety of mediums and styles, with pieces available for purchase.

The exhibit, coordinated by Belton ISD and the CAC, celebrates the creativity of teachers as both educators and artists. Community members are invited to view the show, which will remain on display for about a month.

Watch the video below to see highlights from the exhibit.

Charter Oak Elementary Students Dig Into Gardening

Charter Oak Elementary students are growing their own learning opportunities with a new campus garden. Every grade level—including special education classrooms—now has a garden bed to care for, with third graders growing cabbage through the Bonnie's Cabbage Program.

The project, brought to life through the vision of Principal Ashlie Thomas, the PTO and community partners, gives students hands-on lessons in science, teamwork and the joy of seeing their efforts flourish.

October 9-13: Student Fall Break
October 13: District Closure (Fall Break)
October 14: Parents as Partners – Fentanyl and Opioid Awareness
October 20: Regular Board Meeting
October 31: Parent Conference Day (Student Holiday)

November 10: Student Holiday
November 11: District Closure (Veterans Day)
November 17: Regular Board Meeting
November 20: Parents as Partners – CTE Showcase
November 24-28: District Closure (Thanksgiving Break)

December 15: Regular Board Meeting
December 19: Student Early Release
December 22-January 2: District Closure (Christmas/Winter Break)

January 5: Student Holiday
January 13: Parents as Partners – Course Selection for Middle & High School
January 19: District Closure (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
January 26: Regular Board Meeting

2025-2026 Student Calendar

Take the Journey

Stay Connected

Digital Backpack

We are Hiring

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