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Hello Belton ISD,

As the month of November unfolds, bringing with it cooler weather and falling leaves, it also ushers in a powerful feeling of thankfulness. This is a wonderful time to pause and reflect on the many blessings in our lives—especially the gift of our students, the dedication of our staff, and the unwavering support of our community.

We have so much to celebrate in Belton ISD, and I am personally grateful for the countless ways you partner with us to empower each and every learner. From the daily efforts of our teachers to the volunteers who enrich our campuses, your commitment to our shared vision is truly inspiring.

While we cherish our blessings, this holiday season also serves as a crucial reminder to look beyond our own tables and remember those in our community who may be facing difficulties. The holidays can be a challenging time for many families grappling with illness, financial hardship, or loneliness.

The greatest lessons we teach our students are often those they learn by watching us serve others. This November, we encourage you to participate in these community-minded activities:

- Participate in Campus Drives: Keep an eye out for flyers or messages from your student's school regarding canned food drives, toy collections, or coat drives. These items often stay right here in the BISD community to help our own families.
- Support Local Charities: Consider volunteering for or donating to local non-profits like Helping Hands Ministry of Belton, one of our valued community partners. Helping Hands is anticipating a growing need this season, with more than 800 families expected to visit the food pantry in the coming weeks. A small financial gift or a bag of groceries can make a big difference for a neighbor in need.
- Sponsor a Family: Many local churches and community groups run "Adopt-a-Family" programs for Thanksgiving and Christmas. This is a powerful, hands-on way to provide meals or gifts directly to a family in need.
- The Gift of Time: Visit a homebound senior, volunteer to walk dogs at the local animal shelter, or spend time reading to younger children. Sometimes, the most valuable donation is your time and attention.

This spirit of gratitude and giving is not just a holiday ideal; it is a core value that shapes the kind of citizens we hope our students will become. By practicing thankfulness and extending a helping hand, we build a stronger, more compassionate Belton community.

I wish all of our families a warm, peaceful, and meaningful November. We look forward to seeing your students finish this fall semester strong!

With sincere gratitude,

Malinda Golden, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming Election Voting Dates

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

For a complete list of Election Day polling locations and times, visit the Bell County Elections website.

VOTE

ELECTION DAY IS TOMORROW!

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BELTON ISD BREAKING NEWS

Two Lake Belton High School Seniors Named National Merit Semifinalists

Belton ISD is celebrating six extraordinary students recognized in the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program, including Lake Belton High School seniors Dhruv Bhat and Alex Yuen, who have earned the prestigious title of National Merit Semifinalists. This honor places them among the top one percent of high school seniors nationwide and gives them the opportunity to compete for two of approximately 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly $30 million.

Also recognized are Belton High School seniors Anahitaa Malhotra and Katherine Nickerson and Lake Belton High School seniors Abran Guajardo and Taylor Rogers, who have been named National Merit Commended Scholars for their exceptional academic distinction.

These students' achievements reflect the dedication, perseverance and excellence that shine throughout Belton ISD.

Alex Yuen

Dhruv Bhat

Dr. Golden Selected for Holdsworth Superintendent Program

Dr. Malinda Golden has been selected to join The Holdsworth Center's Superintendent Leadership Program, an 18-month leadership initiative for superintendents across Texas.

One of only 17 chosen statewide, Dr. Golden will receive executive coaching and leadership training, bringing valuable strategies and insights back to support Belton ISD students, staff and families.

The Holdsworth Center, founded in 2017, is dedicated to building strong leaders for Texas public schools.

Belton ISD Earns Superior Financial Accountability Rating

Belton ISD has once again earned the state's highest mark for financial accountability, receiving a Superior Achievement "A" rating in the School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) for the 14th consecutive year.

The rating reflects the district's strong commitment to fiscal responsibility and transparency. Belton ISD has also earned six consecutive years of recognition from national financial organizations for excellence in financial reporting.

Members of the Belton ISD Finance Team

Belton ISD Strengthens Longstanding Partnership with Google

Belton ISD is strengthening its longstanding partnership with Google to bring innovative tools and training to classrooms. This summer, the district's Technology Team visited Google's campus to learn about new developments and future innovations.

Since 2012, Google has collaborated with Belton ISD to enhance classroom technology. Through the district's certification program, 150 staff members have earned Google certifications, helping teachers create more engaging and collaborative learning experiences for students.

Explore the Revamped Parents as Partners Page

Belton ISD's Parents as Partners page has been revamped to make it easier for families to stay connected. You can now find quick access to the Parent Handbook, library catalogs, details on upcoming events, resources from previous sessions including slideshows, virtual recordings, and more, all in one convenient place.

We're also excited to introduce a new feature that allows parents to view their child's library materials. This tool is now fully set up and ready for families to use. To help with setup and access, we've created a step-by-step guide.

Here is a link to the parent guide for how to setup and access: BISD Library Access Parent Guide

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SAVE THE DATE!

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)

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

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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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