



Community Connection

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December 2025

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Waco ISD Welcomes Lanny Williams



Waco ISD is excited to announce the selection of Lanny Williams as the district's new Director of Athletics. Williams will take the reins from Coach Ed Love, who

served WISD students and families for 44 years.

Williams brings a distinguished career of 26 years in educational and athletic leadership, with a strong background in promoting academic excellence, strategic planning, and fostering a positive, competitive culture. He most recently served as the Director of Athletics in Manor ISD. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

Waco Family Medicine Behavioral Health Partnership

Waco Family Medicine and Waco ISD recently announced a new collaboration to expand access to behavioral health services for middle school students. The initiative will embed licensed behavioral clinicians directly on school campuses, beginning with pilot programs at Cesar Chavez, Tennyson, and G.W. Carver Middle Schools. The pilot program is scheduled to begin this academic year. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

Student and Staff Accolades

Ms. Sheryl Davis, Waco ISD's Chief Financial, will retire after 22 years with the district. Waco ISD celebrates her exceptional contributions and years of dedicated service.



Affectionately called "Coach Love" by all who know him at Waco ISD, Mr. Ed Love, Athletic Director, is retiring after an impressive 44 years of devoted service to the district. Waco ISD salutes his remarkable achievements and long-standing devotion to the district.

The Quilt of Valor Foundation awarded Mr. Marcos Cruz from Bell's Hill Elementary a Quilt of Valor. He is the fourth employee at Bell's Hill Elementary to receive a quilt this year. This special gift is a handmade quilt embroidered with the words, "Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation."



Waco High School's JROTC Orienteering Team recently competed at the Texas Stampede Orienteering meet in Athens, Texas. The competition showcased their skills and teamwork amidst the scenic trails where they brought home four gold and four silver medals!

Three talented student-athletes from University High School signed their letters of intent to continue their academic and athletic careers! Congratulations to Justin, who will play football at Lamar University; Ronald, who is heading to Northwestern University for football; and London, who is joining Baylor University to compete in football.



Congratulations to the Waco ISD TAFE State Finalists! They showcased their skills and performed exceptionally well at the TAFE Regionals competition held at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. The finalists are now gearing up to represent the district at the state competition in Dallas this February.

Board Meeting



Did you miss the December 18 Board of Trustees meeting? Click [HERE](#) to watch the full board meeting.

The next regular meeting will be held on January 22, 2026, at 6 p.m. in the WISD Conference Center, 115 S. 5th Street.

Outstanding Community Partner

Each month, Waco ISD recognizes a community partner making a difference for students and families with the Waco ISD Award for Outstanding Community Partners. December's Community Partner is McLennan County Pack of Hope. They are currently supplying over 300 students across the district with packs filled with nutritious food to help prevent hunger while they are not in school over the weekends, which is the equivalent of 66 hours. Waco ISD is truly grateful for the partnership with McLennan County Pack of Hope, and their dedication to help ensure our students in need have access to food while they are away from campus.



Notable District Events

Waco ISD is always busy celebrating and bringing together our students and staff. Click the photo(s) below to view more pictures from each event.



Mark your calendar!



South Waco Elementary School
OPEN HOUSE
And Makerspace Dedication

January 5, 2026
| 11 AM |
South Waco Elementary



Join us as we
celebrate the new and
wonderful additions to
South Waco Elementary,
including the
new Maker Space!



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Waco ISD

December 13 at 6:00 PM · 🌐



MAKING MUSICAL MEMORIES! 🎵 The [Tennyson Middle School](#) Choir had an incredible opportunity to perform alongside the talented [Wade Bowen](#) at the Hippodrome! 🎤 ✨ ... See more



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