

WHITE SETTLEMENT ISD

GUARDIAN GAZETTE

SUPERINTENDENT'S SIGNAL

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the Mid-Year Survey. Your feedback will be incredibly valuable in helping us plan for the remainder of the school year. The following schools/departments earned a week of jeans, designated by the principal/director: Brewer High School, Brewer Middle School, Blue Haze Elementary, Liberty Elementary, First Class Learning Center, Police Department, Special Programs and Technology.

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Why don't superheroes ever get lost at school?
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GRANT RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to our team members who were awarded innovative teaching grants from the WSISD Education Foundation! The foundation awarded \$20,000 in grants to individuals who participate in the Blue Jean Incentive program. The foundation board earmarked an additional \$19,500 raised during its annual Golf Tournament for grants to be awarded in August, bringing the total to approximately \$30,000. Be on the lookout for the grant application this spring. [Click here](#) for a list of recipients.

JINGLE BELL JOG

A huge shout out to Athletic Coordinator Josh Richards and our PE Coaches for facilitating the largest Jingle Bell Jog to date! More than 1,500 people signed up! Thanks to everyone who helped make it such a success by volunteering and participating in the event. We look forward to next year!



GRANT RECIPIENTS CONT'D



INSTRUCTIONAL ALL-STARS

The WSISD Board of Trustees and Administration recognized the WSISD's first Instructional All-Star Teachers for the school year: Allison Denham from Liberty Elementary and Jenna Counts with Brewer Middle. Honorees consistently implement district curriculum, model district initiatives, and maintain a positive, student-focused attitude.



Denham uses STEMscopes with fidelity, reflected in the growth of her students' mathematical reasoning. She also supports her third grade team by internalizing lessons, doing the work before teaching, and helping colleagues deepen their understanding of each scope.

Counts fully internalizes the HMH curriculum and is a leader on her seventh grade team. She consistently seeks growth opportunities and takes feedback with a positive, reflective mindset. She maintains positive relationships with her students and ignites a passion for writing by helping them find creative outlets. When you walk into her classroom, students are always engaged and taking ownership of their learning.

EXPECTATIONS FOR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION WITH STUDENTS



All staff members must use ParentSquare for all electronic communication with students (emails, text messages and phone calls). Staff must have an educational or extra-curricular need to communicate with the student, and communication must be limited to matters within the scope of the employee's professional responsibilities. For instance, teacher communication should be related to classwork, homework, tests, etc. For a coach or sponsor, communication must relate to the extracurricular activity. Employees should not communicate directly with any student between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

When in doubt, do not send communication. The district is required to report any inappropriate contact to SBEC. This is not limited to communication that is sexual or romantic in nature. Sharing personal problems, marriage issues, or mental health struggles, or treating a student as a confidant or emotional support could also be considered inappropriate contact.

Employees are also prohibited from knowingly communicating with students through a personal social media page. Staff members must create a separate "professional" page for the purpose of communicating with students, and direct messaging should not be utilized.

RESTAURANT NIGHTS

- 1/15 Brewer Band Boosters Raising Cane's Night
- 1/26 - Senior Celebration 2026 Chick-fil-A Night

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Paw-sitive Shout Outs are back! Nominate any WSISD staff member who shows GRIT, leadership, and kindness by May 18. All staff are eligible, and shout-outs will be shared on social media. [Click here to nominate.](#)

BOOMERJACKS OFFERING 20 PERCENT DISCOUNT



Now through Aug. 31, 2026, BoomerJacks Lake Worth will offer a 20 percent discount to all WSISD staff members on all food and non-alcoholic beverage purchases. Employees must show a district ID on dine-in only orders.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER TEACHERS & EMPLOYEES OF MONTH

Campus/Dept.	Teacher	Employee
Brewer High	Emily Banat	Emma Simmons
Brewer Middle	Lindsey Kappan	Kayla Swinford
Fine Arts Academy	Dara Miller	Ashtyn Johns
Blue Haze	Bethany Bailey	Lorena Rosales
Liberty	Carmen Castillo	Rocio Cruz
North STEAM	Ryne Lofton	Laura Lamb
West Early Learners	Kendra Benedict	Marcy Medino Samano
Guest Teacher	Julie Talamantez	
Child Nutrition	FCLC	Central Admin
May Navarro	Victoria Johnson	Jen Tyler
Operations	Special Programs	Technology
David Taylor	Julie Wilson	JC Bowen
C&I	Transportation	Custodial
Jada Gehring	Juan Martinez	Gabriela Villanueva
Nurse		
Carey Eby		

January

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DISTRICT VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT JAN. 8

On Jan. 8, the Texas Education Agency will conduct a District Vulnerability Assessment in WSISD. Three individuals will speak with teachers and front office staff to see how they function on a daily basis. All team members should revisit the Standard Response Protocol (SRP) procedures and be aware of the location for your school's AED and trauma kits.

As a reminder, the district expectation is that no doors will be propped open at any time, and all doors will be closed and locked during instructional time.



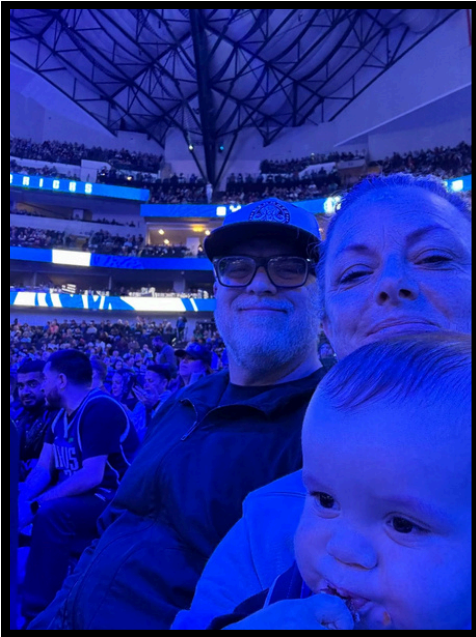
CLASSROOM/OFFICE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

As a reminder, to ensure that our facilities are safe and in compliance with district insurance regulations to maintain lower rates and prevent hazards, all staff must adhere to the classroom/office safety requirements that were sent via email prior to the holidays. The Operations Team will conduct spot checks. Click [here](#) for the guidelines.

Questions? Email rsummerhill@wsisd.net.

WSISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION BLUE JEAN INCENTIVE WINNERS

Congrats to Behavior Specialist Amy Ganninger, who won 4 tickets to the Dallas Mavericks game, North STEAM Academy Assistant Principal Kim Harmon who won tickets to a TCU game, and Brewer Middle School Counselor Morgan Moore who won a \$100 gift card as part of the WSISD Education Foundation's Blue Jean Incentive program. Employees who participate in the program are eligible for the monthly drawing.



They always follow the hall of justice.