



FEBRUARY 2026

BIG RED LETTERS

BELTON ISD SUPERINTENDENT DR. MALINDA GOLDEN

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Hello Belton ISD,

Welcome to February! While we are all enjoying the return of warmer temperatures, the final week of January served as a vivid reminder of how unpredictable Texas winters can be.

As we settle back into our routines following Winter Storm Fern, I want to start with some news I know many of you are waiting for: **At this time, we will not need to make up any bad weather days.** Our 2025-2026 calendar was intentionally designed with "banked" minutes to accommodate up to three weather-related closures. We are grateful that our learning schedule remains intact despite the recent chill.

Closing schools is a decision we never take lightly. We recognize that it disrupts your work schedules, complicates childcare, and—let's be honest—often leads to a bit of "cabin fever." However, the safety of our students and staff is the single most important factor in every decision we make.

Between the ice-covered roads and the freezing fog that lingered over our campuses, the conditions last week were among the most challenging we've seen in recent years. I want to

extend a special note of gratitude to our Facilities and Maintenance teams. These dedicated individuals worked in sub-freezing temperatures to ensure our pipes remained intact, our walkways were salted, and our buildings were warm and ready for our return.

One of the greatest strengths of Belton ISD is that we never face these challenges in isolation. Our district is uniquely positioned across two wonderful cities, and our "One Team" approach was on full display last week.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to our partners at the City of Belton and the City of Temple. Throughout the storm, our leadership team remained in constant communication with:

- Emergency Management Officials to monitor real-time road and bridge safety.
- City Public Works Departments, who prioritized clearing bus routes and even assisted in de-icing our campus parking lots.
- Local Law Enforcement, who provided vital updates on intersections and traffic flow.

Because of this seamless coordination, we were able to transition from "ice mode" back to "learning mode" as safely and swiftly as possible.

As we move into February, let's carry that spirit of resilience and community with us. Thank you for your patience, your trust, and for being the heart of Belton ISD. Let's make this a fantastic (and hopefully much warmer) month!

Sincerely,

Malinda Golden, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Student Calendar Approved for the 2026–27 School Year

Thank you to our families, staff, and community members who took the time to share feedback during the development of the 2026–27 student calendar. Your voices mattered and helped shape a calendar that supports learning, planning, and family time. The Belton ISD Board of Trustees approved the 2026–27 student calendar at its December 15, 2025 meeting, and we're grateful for your continued partnership in supporting our students and schools.

Please click here to view the student calendar in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).



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BELTON ISD BREAKING NEWS

Circuit Breakers Make History in Belton ISD

Belton ISD celebrated a milestone with the debut of its first Unified Robotics team, the Circuit Breakers from Lake Belton High School. The team earned second place in its first competition and advanced to the state level, showcasing how inclusive opportunities in STEM bring students together through teamwork, creativity and problem-solving.



NBMS Sixth Grader's Peace Poster Advances to State, Eyes Nationals

North Belton Middle School sixth grader Kimberly Lezama is representing Belton ISD at the state level of the Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest, with her artwork now in the running for national recognition. Inspired by the theme *Together as One*, Kimberly's first-place local finish showcases her powerful artistic voice and creative vision.



Leon Heights Elementary Celebrates 70 Years of Community and Legacy

Leon Heights Elementary will celebrate 70 years of learning, relationships and community roots in Belton ISD. Since opening in 1956, the campus has served generations of families, building traditions and connections that continue to shape students, educators and alumni. A special anniversary ceremony on Friday, February 6, will honor the people and stories that make Leon Heights a place where generations begin.



Back to Belton: Former Student Returns as School Nurse

Belton High graduate Andrea Stonebrook has returned to Belton ISD as a school nurse at James L. Burrell Elementary. A product of the district's health science pathway, Stonebrook now serves the same community that helped shape her career, bringing her journey full circle from student to healthcare professional and highlighting the impact of growing future leaders in Belton ISD.



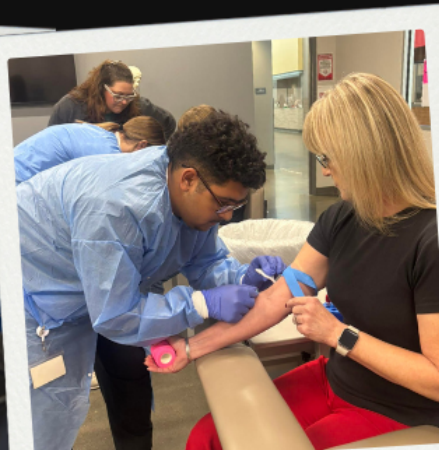
Belton ISD students are taking center stage this Spring!

Families and community members are enjoying a season of student-led theatre productions across three campuses. Lake Belton High School recently presented *The Wizard of Oz*, while Belton High School will present *Seussical the Musical* later this season. At Belton New Tech @Waskow, students will also present *The Bold, The Young, and the Murdered*. Together, these performances highlight the creativity, collaboration and talent of students both onstage and behind the scenes.





GOLDEN moments



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SAVE THE DATE!



February 10: Parents as Partners – Understand Assessment Reports

February 10: Parents as Partners – Wellness, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

February 13: Student Holiday

February 16: Student Holiday (President's Day)

February 23: Regular Board Meeting

February 24: Parents as Partners – Dual Language/ESL Programs

March 16-20: District Closure (Spring Break)

March 23: Student Holiday

March 30: Regular Board Meeting

April 3: District Closure (Good Friday)

April 6: Student Holiday

April 20: Regular Board Meeting

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