

WHITE SETTLEMENT ISD

GUARDIAN GAZETTE

SUPERINTENDENT'S SIGNAL

I hope you enjoyed your extra days off and had some downtime and rest last week. Our students will not be required to make up the days and/or use the allotted inclement weather make-up days because of the district's banked student minutes. WSISD added minutes to the school day a few years ago to cover instructional time lost during bad weather days. We will recommend that the Board of Trustees adopt a resolution that would not require staff to make up the days at the March school board meeting.

What happened when Iron Man teamed up with the Silver Surfer?
Answer on pg. 2

FINE ARTS FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our 5th Annual Fine Arts Festival is just around the corner! Join us on Feb. 9 from 6 to 7:30 p.m., and help make the night a success by volunteering. Click the [link](#) to view available time slots. As a thank you, all volunteers will earn a week of jeans the week of Feb. 9.

WHITE SETTLEMENT ISD 5TH ANNUAL FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

WHITE SETTLEMENT ISD FINE ARTS

**MONDAY, FEB. 9
BREWER HIGH
6 - 7:30 P.M.**

Arts & Crafts ⚡ Performances ⚡ Face Painting ⚡ Mini Dance Camp
Karaoke ⚡ Art Exhibits ⚡ Free Nachos & Popcorn

BREWER HIGH SCHOOL

HERO WALL SUBMISSION



The Brewer High School Hero Wall honors graduates who have served in the military (past or present) including the Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy, Coast Guard and National Guard and Reserves. WSISD will display the individual's photo on the Hero Wall in C.F. Brewer High School.

White Settlement ISD Education Foundation

TEXAS ROADHOUSE

DONATION NIGHT

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SUPPORT WSISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION

10% Donation Night for White Settlement ISD Education Foundation. Mention WSISD Education Foundation and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food purchases to White Settlement ISD Education Foundation!

★ **MONDAY, FEB. 16** ★ **4 - 10 P.M.** ★

817-769-3480 ★ 6672 NW Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX 76135

White Settlement ISD
Paw-sitive Shout-Outs

GUMPTION RESILIENCY TENACITY

INTEGRITY

WHITE SETTLEMENT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

WHITE SETTLEMENT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

STUDENT & STAFF HOLIDAY

NO SCHOOL

FRIDAY, FEB. 13 & MONDAY, FEB. 16

Students & Staff will return on Tuesday, Feb. 17.

WHITE SETTLEMENT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

WSISD CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION | FEBRUARY 2026

IMPACTFUL INSTRUCTION

Keys to Effective Classroom Discussions

- Wait Time
- Open-Ended Questions
- Productive Struggle
- Turn & Talk
- Rationalist Calling
- Collaborative Problem Solving

FROM PD TO PRACTICE

DAILY NUMERACY

Five to 10 minutes of Daily Numeracy every day may seem small, but those minutes add up. Each Daily Numeracy routine gives students another chance to make sense of numbers, explain their thinking, and work through challenges in a meaningful way. Over time, these small, consistent moments build learners who are more flexible, more confident, and better mathematical thinkers.

After a full year of consistent practice, students show stronger number sense, clearer reasoning, and greater confidence. When this experience continues year after year, the impact multiplies. What happens in those minutes matters. Your commitment to Daily Numeracy is an investment—one that lays the foundation not only for success next year but for sustained mathematical growth for years to come.

WANT TO ACCELERATE STUDENT LEARNING?

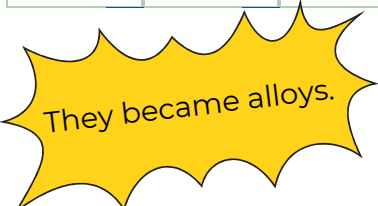
What if one simple shift in your instruction could move student learning faster? Purposeful classroom discussion can do exactly that. John Hattie's research shows that when discussions are done well, the impact is significant—more than twice the growth we'd expect in a year.

Alex Wiegman leads her class through a number talk using number lines.

Shane Cuthall uses the time in daily numeracy to review equivalent fractions.

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Happy 100 Days of School	9	10	11	12 CLOSED	13	14
15 CLOSED	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 HOPE WEEK	26	27	28



C&I NEWS

Our monthly instructional newsletter is here and continues to focus on the instructional practices that have the greatest impact on student learning. This month's issue highlights:

- The power of purposeful classroom discussion and its impact on accelerated learning
- How Daily Numeracy builds strong mathematical thinking over time
- Using Thinking Maps to make student thinking visible
- A refresher on the Fundamental Five and why consistency matters

All issues will be posted on the [website](#).

Fulfill Your Calling!

Degree Programs

- Edd in Educational Leadership K-12
- Masters in Curriculum & Instruction
- Masters in Educational Leadership *
- Masters in School Counseling
- Masters in Special Education **
- Masters in Teaching

New 33% - 40%
Automatic
Scholarships!

Alternative Certifications

- School Counselor
- Superintendent***
- Diagnostician
- Principal
- Teaching

New \$5,500
Flat Rate

For more information, please contact the following Program Directors of each program:

- Edd in Educational Leadership: Dr. Larry McHaney (larry@dbu.edu)
- MEd in School Counseling: Dr. Debbye Garner (garnerd@dbu.edu)
- MEd in Educational Leadership: Dr. Mark Martin (markm@dbu.edu)
- MEd in Special Education: Dr. Jennifer Villarreal (jenniferv@dbu.edu)
- MEd in Curric./Instruction & in Teaching: Dr. Julia Hyman (juliah@dbu.edu)

*Live online classes (include AEL/T-TESS Certification)
** Fully Asynchronous online program
*** 12 hours can be transferred into the doctoral program

DALLAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY TO OFFER COHORT AND SPECIAL DISCOUNT FOR EMPLOYEES SEEKING MASTER'S DEGREE IN COUNSELING AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

WSISD staff members wishing to pursue a Master's Degree in Special Education or Counseling are invited to attend an Informational Meeting on Wednesday, Feb 11 at 4:30 p.m. in the WSISD Administration Building Board Room. DBU is offering a 40 percent discount for Master's Degree programs and alternative certification for a flat rate of \$5,500.

Click the [link](#) to let us know if you plan to attend and your interests.

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.

RESTAURANT NIGHTS

2/3 Fine Arts Academy PTO Chick-fil-A Night

2/25 Blue Haze Elementary PTA Marco's Pizza Night

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER TEACHERS & EMPLOYEES OF MONTH

Campus/Dept.	Teacher	Employee
Brewer High	Jennifer Belisle	Dr. Kristi Gonzales
Brewer Middle	John Newton	Brianne Buschbaum
Fine Arts Academy	Steven Dexter	Cara Tayon
Blue Haze	Aundria Hinton	DeVon Saffold
Liberty	Chessa Exum	Marilyn Harris
North STEAM	Sarahi Castillo	Heather Luse
West Early Learners	Angela Owen	Amy Faulkenberry
Guest Teacher	Madeleine Ibarra	
Child Nutrition	FCLC	Central Admin
Teresa Gonzalez	Becky Gibson	Janet Poyfair
Operations	Special Programs	Technology
Chris Shain	Andrea Colston	Lacey Brewer
C&I	Transportation	Custodial
Michelle Soileau	Lexi Bryant	George Molinar
Athletics	Police	RISE
Yukarhi Servance	James Hachtel	Lauren Vines
Fine Arts		
Brandon Ortega		

WSISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION BLUE JEAN INCENTIVE WINNER

Congrats to Blue Haze Elementary teacher Ashley Rennels 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.

