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Hello Belton ISD,

While July is traditionally a time for summer vacations and quieter hallways, behind the scenes, we are working hard to maximize every available resource to support our campuses for the year ahead. The most vital time of the year is always when our teachers are in the classrooms with our students, and right now, our leadership teams, principals, and staff are deeply engaged in the planning required to support that experience. We aren't just preparing to reopen school doors in August; we are using every piece of feedback and data we have to intentionally design an environment where every student is set up to thrive.

True excellence in education is never an accident—it requires the right people in the right places. We know that our students' success depends entirely on the incredible people standing in front of them every day. This summer, our priority is supporting our returning staff, welcoming our new team members, and deepening a true professional learning community that protects and enhances student growth. This is evident in the targeted training we are offering this summer. Because growth is a continuous journey, we believe that a culture of improvement starts with us. Through summer professional development and collaborative planning, our team is constantly sharpening their skills to better serve our classrooms.

BISD does not exist in a vacuum. The relationship between our classrooms and your living rooms is the heartbeat of this district. It is a fundamental truth that a school is only as strong as its community, and a community is only as strong as its schools. Our collective success is interdependent. When we work together—parents, business leaders, neighbors, and educators—we create both a safety net and a launching pad for our students. We deeply value this partnership, and we look forward to growing it even stronger in the year ahead.

Because trust is built through clear communication and keeping our commitments, we want to be transparent about how we manage our resources. Our central focus remains clear: to maximize student experiences through transparent, strategic, and sustainable fiscal management. By maintaining a strong, stable financial foundation, we ensure our primary mission remains squarely on high-quality learning.

Success doesn't just happen; it is planned for, invested in, and built together. Every effort underway this summer is rooted in Destination 2031—our newly adopted strategic plan—and is aligned with what you, our community, conveyed was most important for our future. Thank you for your continued partnership, your trust, and your shared commitment to making BISD a place where dreams are inspired and futures are empowered.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and let's get ready for an incredible new school year!

Sincerely,

Malinda Golden, Ph.D.



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BREAKING NEWS

Belton ISD Students Earn Eagle Scout Rank Through Service and Leadership

Six Belton ISD students earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest honor in Scouting America, through service projects that strengthened the local community. From creating inclusive recreational spaces and promoting literacy to supporting nonprofits and first responders, the students demonstrated leadership, service and a commitment to making a lasting impact across Belton.



Belton ISD Recognizes Wall of Honor Inductee

On May 16, Belton ISD honored Belton High School standout Kegan Sherwood during the 2026 Wall of Honor Induction Ceremony. Recognized for his exceptional athletic achievements, leadership and impact on Tiger football, Sherwood was celebrated alongside generations of Belton athletes whose contributions helped shape the district's rich athletic tradition.



Belton ISD Names 2026 Teachers of the Year

Belton ISD celebrated 23 outstanding educators as its 2026 Teachers of the Year, recognizing their dedication, excellence and lasting impact on students. Charter Oak Elementary's Yanitza Arroyo was named Elementary Teacher of the Year, while North Belton Middle School's Brianna "Bree" Strnad earned Secondary Teacher of the Year honors and will advance to represent Belton ISD in the Region 12 Teacher of the Year competition.

Full List of Teachers of the Year



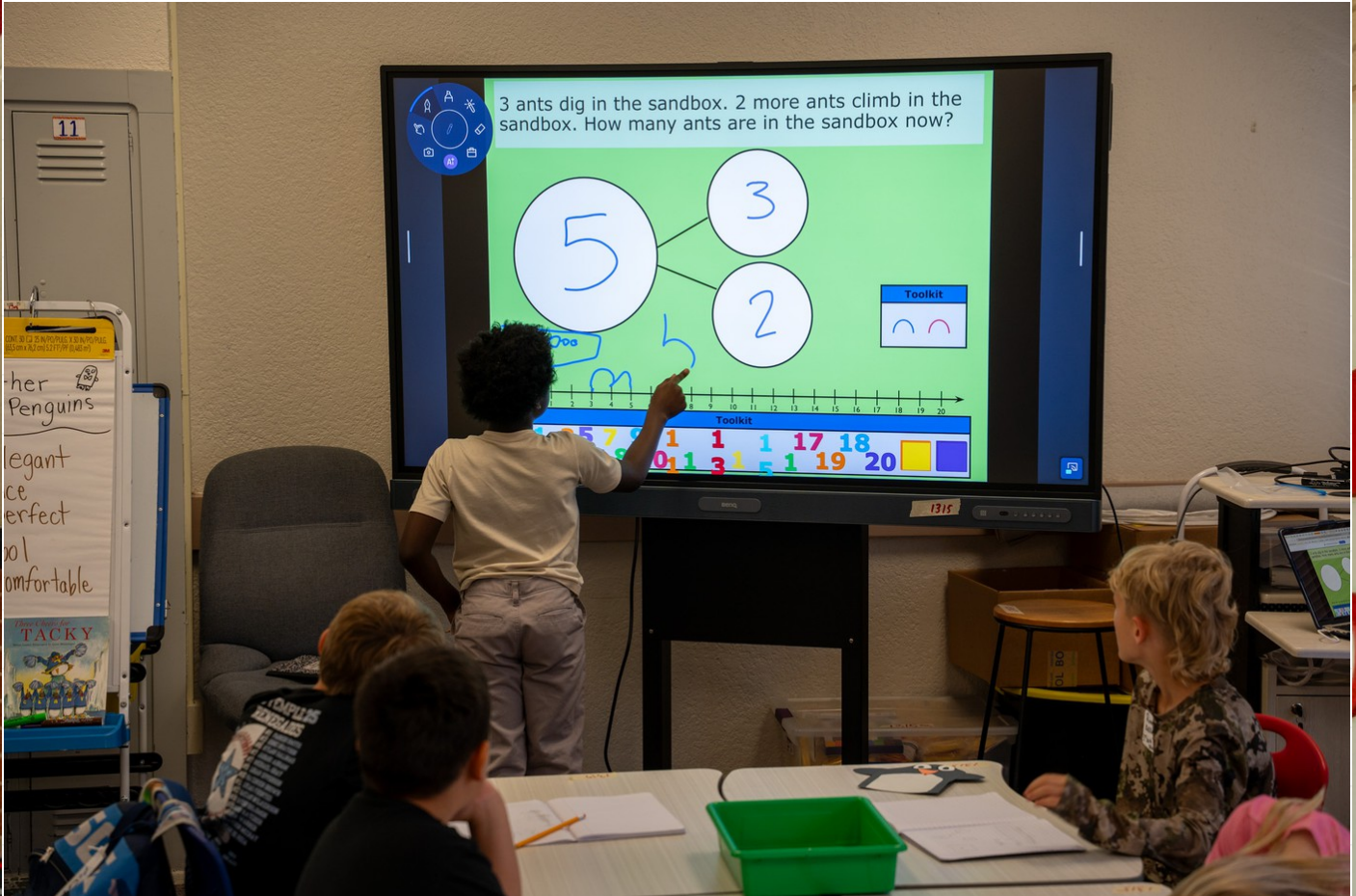
Dr. Malinda Golden Selected to Prestigious Fellowship

Belton ISD's Superintendent Dr. Malinda Golden was selected for the 2026-2027 Google & GSV Ed Leader Fellowship, a prestigious program that brings together top K-12 leaders from across North America. Through the fellowship, Dr. Golden began collaborating with education and technology innovators to develop transformational solutions that support student success and advance the district's commitment to innovation and personalized learning.



Belton ISD Awarded State Grant Money

Belton ISD secured \$863,000 in competitive state grant funding to strengthen math instruction across the district. The grants will support the implementation of high-quality instructional resources, expanded teacher coaching, campus leadership development and enhanced professional learning opportunities designed to improve student outcomes in mathematics.



Belton New Tech @Waskow Names New Principal

Belton ISD selected Neill Plemons as the next principal of Belton New Tech @Waskow. A longtime campus leader and advocate for project-based learning, Plemons brought a strong record of academic growth, innovation and student-centered leadership as he transitioned from interim principal into the role.



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July 10: District Closure

July 17: District Closure

July 20: Regular Board Meeting

August 10: Convocation

August 13: First Day of School

August 17: Regular Board Meeting

September 7: Labor Day (District Closed)

September 21: Regular Board Meeting

2026-2027 Student Calendar

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