



Community Connection

Wisdom works wonders.

September 2026



In the September episode of *60 Seconds with Spicer*, Superintendent Dr. Tiffany Spicer, highlights the power of paying it forward. Hometown NFL stars LaDainian Tomlinson, Derrick Johnson, and Andrew Billings achieved greatness because of the educators, coaches, and mentors who poured into them right here in Waco, and now they are giving back to the next generation!

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage



Waco ISD campuses have been celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with a series of engaging activities aimed at honoring the rich culture, history, and contributions of Hispanic Americans. From the University High School Troyanos Mariachi band and their numerous events throughout the community, and students celebrating Mexican Independence Day, to a Hispanic Heritage themed Open House; district staff are giving students a full immersive cultural experience to celebrate Hispanic Heritage.

Student and Staff Accolades

The Waco High Jazz Katz had roaring success at the TMEA Region Jazz Auditions. The following students deserve a special congratulations for their top honors:

- Ezekiel Arroyo-Stoltz – 1st Chair in the Region & Advancing to Area!
- Lennon Vigil – Bass & Advancing to Area!
- Montreal Robinson – 3rd Trumpet (Jazz Ensemble)
- Alan Lorenzo – 2nd Trombone (Jazz Ensemble)
- Cy Tandy – Drum Set (Jazz Ensemble)
- Aiden Duarte (Trumpet) & Joan Briceño (Vibes) – First Alternates!



The University High School debate team competed in their first debate of the season. Congratulations to Imelda Lopez and Madelyn Pedrotti for placing 2nd overall in their first ever debate meet!



Board Meeting



Did you miss the September 17 Board of Trustees meeting? Click [HERE](#) to watch the full meeting.

The next regular meeting will be held on October 29, 2026, at 6 p.m. in the Waco ISD 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. September's Community Partner is Lowe's of Waco.

A true partner is someone you can count on in every situation, and Lowe's of Waco has proven that time and again for Waco ISD. Whether it's providing bottled water, equipping GWAMA students with toolboxes, donating shelving for the new Waco High school store, or landscaping campuses to create welcoming spaces, they are always looking for practical ways to jump in.

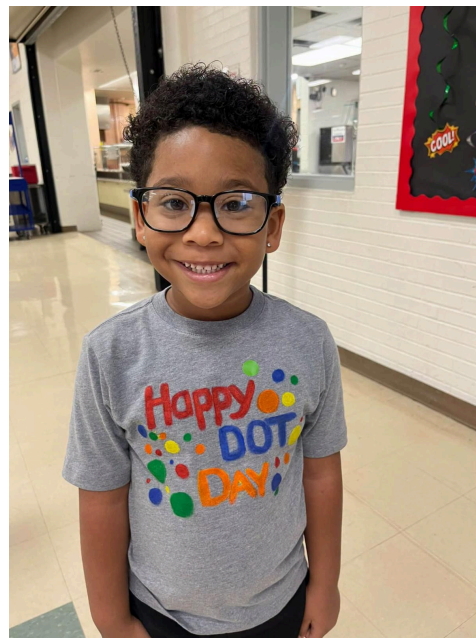
From keeping classrooms healthy with sanitation buckets during flu season to making graduation extra special by decorating the stage with greenery, their generosity touches every corner of the district. Beyond everyday support, Lowe's has loyally backed the Waco ISD Education Foundation for over eight years through the H-E-B Celebrity Cookoff.

Lowe's of Waco is so much more than a home improvement store—they are genuine neighbors who truly care about the success and well-being of Waco ISD's students and staff.



Every year on or around September 15, millions of people worldwide come together for International Dot Day—a global celebration dedicated to unlocking creativity, courage, and collaboration. Many Waco ISD campuses joined in the celebration!

The movement owes its inspiration to Peter H. Reynolds' award-winning 2003 children's book, *The Dot*. The story follows Vashti, a doubting student convinced she lacks any artistic ability. When her art teacher gently challenges her to place a simple dot on paper and "make her mark," that single, tiny dot ignites a profound breakthrough in confidence, courage, and self-discovery.



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!


**WACO ISD BAND
EXTRAVAGANZA 2026**

Waco school bands, food trucks,
vendors, fun!

PERFORMANCES BY:

- Carver MS Band
- Cesar Chavez MS Band
- Lake Air Montessori MS Band
- Tennyson MS Band
- University HS Band
- Waco HS Band

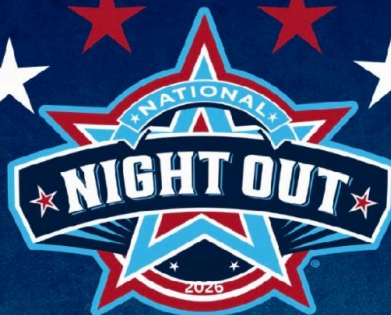
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Waco ISD Stadium
1401 S. New Road
Waco, TX 76711

\$5 Admittance



TUESDAY
OCTOBER 6, 2026
6 PM
FREE ADMISSION



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AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

National Night Out is a fun, annual event that brings our community together! It helps us build strong partnerships with our local police and encourages friendly connections between neighbors. Let's come together to create safer, more caring places to live!

Scan for sponsor information, to make a donation, or to reserve vendor spot:



Contact Officer Steiner for more information: jaycee.steiner@wacoisd.org



Annual Trunk or Treat!

Wednesday
October 28, 2026
5:30 PM
Waco ISD Stadium
1401 S. New Road

Cars, Candy and Community

Free Event!
**Costume and Trunk
Decorating Contest**
Wear Your Favorite Costume!

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