

Fort Worth Independent School District

The Friday Message

A Weekly Update from Fort Worth ISD



January 27, 2023

Dear FWISD Families and Community,

It takes a whole community to help students succeed. We are grateful for the support our Fort Worth ISD volunteers, educators, and community leaders provide our students. Their commitment is reflected in the student success stories we hear about daily, including the following highlights.

FWISD FOCUS

South Hills High School Future Business Leaders of America Advance to State Competition

Congratulations to the South Hills High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), who recently represented the District in the FBLA Area 7 Conference and Competition in Keller. They worked hard preparing for this challenge and all advanced to State!

The students competed in events such as Social Media Strategies, Introduction to Social Media, Digital Video Production, Business Calculations, Public Service Announcement, and E-Business.

FBLA is a recognized Career & Technology Student Organization (CTSO) that involves leadership development, community service, and competitive events; Career and Technical Education (CTE) students can compete in over 70 competitions. Visit www.fwisd.org/cte to find out more about our CTE programs.

We are very proud of our students and their advisors!



Ready to Run

Some 28 boys and girls from the running club at Rufino Mendoza Elementary are all set to run in the Cowtown Marathon. This week they received new tennis shoes, thanks to attorney William Berenson, the corporate sponsor for the school, and the Mendoza family. The students were fitted by Fort Worth police officers, including former police chief Ralph Mendoza and other members of the Mendoza family, and received their new running shoes on the spot. Happy running!



Planting Orchard Trees!

FWISD volunteers spent last weekend planting orchards with our Diamond Hill and Western Hills Elementary students. Students learned how to plant and care for trees.

It will be some three years before they reach full production, but it will be exciting for everyone on campus and in the community to witness them grow.

Diamond Hill Elementary named its first three of 25 trees "Respectful, Responsible, and Safe," honoring the school's daily pledge. Western Hills Elementary planted six trees -- two Asian pear, two European pear, two fig and blackberry bushes -- in the school garden.

Both orchards are funded with grants from The Giving Grove organization.



Coach/Students Score Big Win

Let's hear it for Arlington Heights Girls Basketball Coach Tamarah Sanders who reached a career milestone this past week -- her 300th win as a coach. We also applaud her staff and the hardworking girls' team who came through for her with that important win.



LOOKING AHEAD

Share Your Opinion on the Proposed 2023-2024 School Calendars

Tuesday night's Board action item to approve the 2023-2024 Traditional, Intersessional, and Early College High School Calendars was pulled from the Jan. 24 meeting agenda for further review. Stakeholder input is important and recent feedback suggests better alignment with surrounding districts could benefit District students and staff. As a result, new calendar options have been created, and we want to know your thoughts on all calendar options. Please take a moment to fill out the following form:

[2023-2024 District Calendar Feedback Form](#)

The updated item based on stakeholder feedback will return for Board action at the Feb. 14 Special Meeting.

New Bus Route App To Keep You Informed

Here is a great way to keep you connected and informed about your child's transportation to and from school. We are happy to announce the implementation of a new mobile app called Stopfinder. With this app, parents and staff can stay updated on any delayed buses or changes to the daily bus schedule.

The District is sending out a message to all families and staff on how to enroll in the app and start receiving updates. Be sure to check your spam folders if you have not yet received an email from us.

Stay in the Know with Inclement Weather Updates

As winter arrives, we want to ensure we stay connected with FWISD families and staff. In the event of inclement weather in the forecast, the District will monitor conditions and keep you posted on changes via social media and the District's mass communication system. Now is a good time to download the free FWISD mobile app and ensure we have your current contact information:

www.fwisd.org/mobileapp. If you already have the app, but need to update your information, please contact your child's school as soon as possible.

School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Committee and Human Sexuality Curriculum Update

The (School Health Advisory Council) SHAC Committee will begin reviewing different options for the Human Sexuality Curriculum once the Board of Trustees convenes them to begin the process. There is not an approved, adopted or recommended Human Sexuality Curriculum for the 2022-2023 school year. The delay will suspend the instructional delivery of the sexual education unit for the 2022-2023 school year.

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