The BISD Family Connects newsletter provides parents and families with helpful information about school and community resources and services.

This Issue is packed with Important News & Information!

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COVID Vaccinations Available this Monday

**ELEMENTARY**
August 12
5 - 6:30 PM

**INTERMEDIATE**
August 12
6 - 7:30 PM
School Supply Lists

Click on the links below for school supply lists for elementary and intermediate schools. Students in middle and high school will receive supply lists from teachers on the first day.

- Bluebonnet Elementary School
- Cedar Creek Elementary
- Emile Elementary
- Lost Pines Elementary
- Mina Elementary School
- Red Rock Elementary
- Bastrop Intermediate School
- Cedar Creek Intermediate

Deadline to Verify Returning Student Information is Monday, August 9

To verify your child's information, log into your Skyward Family Access account. If you don't remember your login credentials, click "Forgot your login/password?" at the login screen or call the IT Help Desk at 512-772-7199. Be sure to update each section before hitting the SUBMIT button.
An Easier Way to Connect With Us

Our educators use SchoolStatus to connect with parents, and we want to connect with YOU!

DO I NEED TO DOWNLOAD AN APP?
Nope! Calls and texts may come from a number you don't recognize, but that is YOUR direct line to the educator contacting you.

IF I RESPOND TO A TEXT, WHO GETS THE MESSAGE?
The educator who contacted you! You're not responding to an entire group, It's 1:1 message.

IF I MISS A CALL, CAN I CALL THE NUMBER BACK?
Yes! You may leave a message for the educator who called, or speak directly to the educator if calling during his or her office hours. Or, better yet, send a text to the same number and you'll reach the educator who called you.

TOGETHER, WE CAN MOVE STUDENTS FORWARD!

Social Emotional Learning Update

Self-Care Tip

As we prepare to begin a new school year, positive affirmations are an excellent way to care for ourselves and express self-compassion. They can serve as a short, simple, and effective tool to help us shift our mindset when faced with challenging situations. Affirmations, also known as positive self-talk, can be said out loud or silently. They are great way to start the day, but you can also utilize them in moments of stress or if you notice that your self-talk is negative or overly critical. Here are a few examples, but you can also make up your own:

- I can do hard things
- I accept myself just as I am
- Today I will learn and grow
- I am calm and confident

What are Students Learning?

When students return to school this month, scheduled SEL time on campuses will be devoted to building relationships and learning expectations that will help them be successful all year long. Research indicates that positive teacher-student relationships increases student engagement, which can lead to improved outcomes academically and behaviorally. Taking the time to establish relationships early on in the school year has also been shown to improve student attendance. Bastrop

Simply verify and update your child's information, sign all releases/authorizations, and upload your proof of residency (required by board policy FL(LOCAL)). This can be a current utility bill (electric, water, gas only), lease agreement, or current rent receipt. The online verification process and proof of residency are required before your child can receive a schedule or a homeroom teacher assignment for next school year.
ISD teachers are excited to meet their new students and they look forward to building and maintaining those positive relationships for the 2021-2022 school year.

After School Programs & P-EBT Information

STARS After School Program
Available at all elementary campuses. For more information, visit https://www.bisdtx.org/Page/1100.

Texas ACE After School Program
Available at all elementary, intermediate and middle school campuses. For more information, visit https://www.bisdtx.org/Page/6670.

Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT)
Apply today! Last day to apply August 13, 2021. https://yourtexasbenefits.com/Learn/PEBT

Bilingual/ESL Program

Summer Reading
Great job to all Pk-6th grade students who participated in the Summer Reading Program!

Thank You
Thank you to Dunkin' Donuts and Chick-fil-A for treating our Summer Reading program participants!

Report Cards
Check your mailbox for summer school report cards for bilingual pre-k and kindergarten students.

Community Resource for New Mothers
Mark Your Calendar!

CCMS Orientation
August 5 - 9:00-11:00 am

BHS Orientation
August 6 - 9:00-11:00 am

BIS Orientation
August 7 - 9:00-10:30 (5th grade); 11:00-12:30 (6th grade)

August 17
First Day of School

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BISD Board Meeting
5:30
Jerry Fay Wilhelm Center for the Performing Arts

Back to School/Open House (Middle School)
September 1 - 5:30-7:30 pm

Back to School/Open House (High School)
September 1 - 6:30 - 8:00 pm