

# BISD Family Connects

October 2021

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

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# NATIONAL PRINCIPAL APPRECIATION MONTH



David MacRoberts  
Bluebonnet Elementary



Kelli Ruby  
Cedar Creek Elementary



Windy Burnett  
Emile Elementary



Lezlie Ringstaff  
Lost Pines Elementary



Emily Allen  
Mina Elementary



Kelly Hubley  
Red Rock Elementary



Kristi Kisamore  
Bastrop Intermediate



Alison Hall  
Cedar Creek Intermediate



Ladyanne Horne  
Bastrop Middle



Daniel Brown  
Cedar Creek Middle



Krystal Gabriel  
Bastrop High



Bridgette Cornelius  
Cedar Creek High



Martin Conrardy  
CRCA & Genesis High



Zachery Allison  
Gateway DAEP

WE  OUR PRINCIPALS!

Our principals are instructional leaders, education policy implementers, building operations managers, conflict mediators, morale boosters, safety coordinators, cheerleaders, staff supervisors, healers of hurt feelings, navigators of change, hormone monitors, fighters of a thousand little fires every day, and SO MUCH MORE. **And they are amazing at what they do!** We are grateful for their expert leadership and constant care of our students and staff!

## Come Drive With Us

We are experiencing a critical shortage of bus drivers, as are other districts in our area. GoldStar and Bastrop ISD are working diligently to solve this problem and are asking for your patience and understanding. Our bus drivers are working very hard and doing their best. If you know of someone who wants flexible hours, paid training, and a \$1000 signing bonus, please send them our way!

# Bastrop ISD - GoldStar Now Hiring \$1,000 sign on bonus

Starting pay  
at \$17.50 per  
hr.

We offer paid  
training.

Bring your  
children (6  
months and  
older) to work  
with you.

Part time  
hours and off  
when your  
children are



GoldStar Transit is hiring school bus drivers for the Bastrop and Cedar Creek area. New buses with A/C and seatbelts for students. Bring your kids to work, no daycare needed. \$17.50 per hour HTS. No experience necessary. Submit applications in person at 1081 Lovers Ln., Bastrop, Texas or online at [sticareers.com](http://sticareers.com). Contact 512-321-5262 with questions.



## CTE Internship Program Gives BISD Students New Insight



Bastrop ISD and 23 local businesses and community organizations teamed up this summer to provide nearly 40 high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to gain real-world, paid experience in their future career path.



Funded by the 2020-2021 Summer Career and Technical Education Grant from the Texas Education Agency for \$50,000, Bastrop ISD placed interns in authentic, high-quality environments including medicine, public relations, technology, public safety, financial services, municipal government, real estate, law, food service, retail, entertainment, industrial, and construction.



“The program aimed at accomplishing three goals: to provide students with authentic work-based learning experiences, to support the development of essential skills necessary for successful careers, and to foster relationships between the school district and our business community,” said Dr. Steven Henn, who oversees work-based learning for the district.

Each intern received two weeks of career preparation instruction from Cedar Creek High School business teacher Entrece Mosley, followed by approximately eight weeks of a work internship. Inez Escamilla-Joslyn is one of the many business owners who supported this program and found value in it.



“Working with our summer intern was a great experience!” said Escamilla-Joslyn, Owner & Founder of Loose Cannon Industries, LLC. “He was motivated and eager to learn. We’re happy to take part in training the future workforce of America.”

Henn said the internship got its wings through the incredible support from the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce and Becki Womble, President and CEO of the Chamber.

“We are so grateful for the partnership with the Bastrop Chamber. They helped us locate and enlist businesses to partner with us. So many businesses being willing to host high school students is a testament to tremendous community support as well,” said Henn. “We’re feeling the support only grow as we share this story with more people.”

Businesses interested in learning more about ways to partner with Bastrop ISD can visit <https://www.bisdtx.org/workbasedlearning> and fill out a short survey with their information.

**CCHS Homecoming Win! (CCHS 14 v Elgin 6)**



Seniors Win the Spirit Stick



Homecoming King & Queen - Ja'Faar Johnson and Taylor Godfrey



#GoEagles

## Social Emotional Learning

### Self-Care Tip

There is great power in slowing down and taking some time to reflect on what we've accomplished, which is this month's self-care tip. In our busy world, it can be easy to fixate on all of the things that haven't been checked off our to-do list instead of taking a moment to acknowledge the things that *have* been checked off. Allow yourself some time to reflect on all of your accomplishments over the past month, to take it a step further, create a list of those accomplishments.



### What are Students Learning?

In recognition of October as Bullying Prevention Month, students in grades K-8 will begin SEL lessons that empower students to Recognize, Report, and Refuse bullying. Pre-K students will begin lessons that help develop the skill of empathy. Grades 9-12 will work on 'To Be' lists and learn about factors that positively impact mental health. Families looking to engage their students around these topics can ask questions like:

- What are you learning during SEL time this week?
- What are some ways you can recognize bullying?
- What are some things that support mental health?



# TIP LINE

SEE SOMETHING,  
SAY SOMETHING

**2 WAYS TO  
REPORT A TIP.**

**TEXT** YOUR TIP TO  
512-412-3373  
OR  
REPORT IT **ONLINE** AT  
[WWW.BISDTX.ORG/TIPLINE](http://WWW.BISDTX.ORG/TIPLINE)

Did you know that students, teacher and parents can submit a tip or report a concern about a whole range of issues, including abuse, bullying, cyberbullying, drugs & alcohol, suicide, teacher-student relationships, weapons and more? The report will go directly to officials in the district office. Although the tip can be anonymous, having your contact information allows us to gather details and follow up. Thank you for helping us to keep students and staff safe!

Hoopstars Registration Opens October 15



# HOOPSTARS

SPRING 2022

PRE K - 6TH GRADE

**REGISTRATION FEE: \$65**

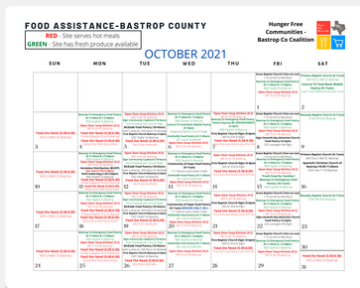
**REGISTRATION OPEN OCTOBER 15TH - DECEMBER 6TH 2021**

**\*NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED AFTER DEC 6TH\***

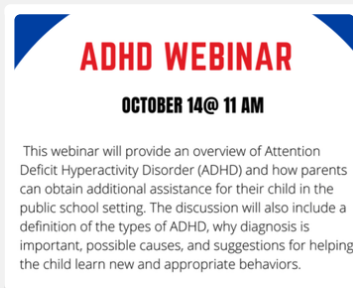
For more information, including practice and game schedules, please visit [bisdtx.ce.eleyo.com](https://bisdtx.ce.eleyo.com).

2022-2023 FAFSA (financial aid) Is Now Open! (click here for details)

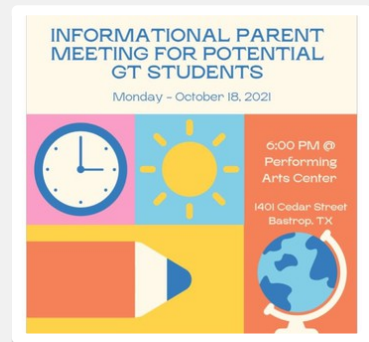
## Community Resources



October Bastrop County  
Food Assistance  
Calendar



ADHD Webinar  
This webinar will provide an  
overview of Attention Deficit  
Hyperactivity Disorder  
(ADHD).



Informational Parent  
Meeting for Potential GT  
Students  
For Potential Gift and  
Talented (GT) Students

**PLANNERS RESOURCE NETWORK**  
Empowerment Through Education

**CREATING FINANCIAL SECURITY FOR A LOVED ONE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

Crystal Herrington  
Northwestern Mutual

**October 19 @ 12 PM**

Planning for a child who may become a long-term dependent for your family goes beyond traditional financial planning. Join us from the comfort of your own home and ask questions in a non-threatening, non-pressure environment. This brief, online workshop helps parents, guardians, and family members to better understand the planning our children may need during all stages of life.

Topics discussed include: • Legal, Financial & Government Benefits Planning Considerations • Pros & Cons of ABLE accounts • Pros & Cons of Special Needs Trusts

**ZOOM Registration link:**  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN\\_p0nHvLN-TYKB\\_q2kMOuFDA](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_p0nHvLN-TYKB_q2kMOuFDA)

Questions  
Veronica Alvarez

**IDEA**  
Part 201

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**LOST PINES TOYOTA**

Invites you to  
**MAMM'S DAY OUT!**

**October 14, 2021 9:00AM - 4:00PM**

Creating financial security for a loved one with special needs

Virtual -October 19 @12pm

Mamm's Day Out!

To schedule an appointment for a mammogram, call 512-303-1200 x554.

## Bilingual/ESL Program

### What is the Bilingual/ESL program?

We offer two language programs to assist students and their families in acquiring English.

- Bilingual Program:
  - BISD offers a bilingual education program in elementary that is provided by teachers certified in bilingual education and who are trained in effective second language acquisition methods. The goal of bilingual education is for English learners to build on their primary language and literacy skills to attain full proficiency in English in order to participate equitably in school.
- English as a Second Language (ESL) Program:
  - ESL is an intensive English language instruction program provided for grades K-12 by ESL certified teachers who are trained in effective second language acquisition methods. The goal of ESL programs is for English learners to attain full proficiency in English in order to participate equitably in school.

**English Learner ENG 9...**

[players.brightcove.net](https://players.brightcove.net)

**English Learner SPANI...**

[players.brightcove.net](https://players.brightcove.net)





## ACE at Bastrop ISD

ACE is a free afterschool program that provides targeted tutoring sessions, enrichment activities that support the student's school-day learning, youth development activities that incorporate Social Emotional Learning, and opportunities for families to engage with their child's education.

View photos and upcoming events at the Bastrop ISD Community Relations [Facebook](#) page!

## Mark Your Calendar!

**October:** Principal Appreciation Month, Bully Awareness Month, Dyslexia Awareness Month



**October 1:** CCHS Homecoming (Congrats on the win over Elgin! #GoEagles)

**October 8:** Staff Development Day/Student Holiday

**October 11:** Staff and Student Holiday

**October 14:** BHS Homecoming Parade

**October 15:** BHS Homecoming at Memorial Stadium

**October 18-22:** School Bus Safety Week

**October 19:** BISD Board of Trustees Meeting at 5:30 pm  
Jerry Fay Wilhelm Center for the Performing Arts



**October 20:** Early Release  
Elementary - 11:15 am / Intermediate & Middle - 12:15 pm / High School 12:25 pm



**October 25-29:** Red Ribbon Week



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