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The Official Newsletter of the Superintendent of Schools

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*With Aldine Pride!*



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## MAKING SOME NOISE, YALE DISTINCTION, NEW INITIATIVES, BOND 2023, AND HISPANIC HERITAGE

Can you believe we finally got some much-needed rain? It seems so long since we had any. But I hope the rain doesn't discourage you from supporting our athletes in their upcoming games. The teams are on fire! Just check out a tweet from the Lady Generals and one from the Davis Falcons. Our middle and high school Open House events are also coming up later this month. Take the opportunity to talk with your child's teachers and see all the great things happening in our schools.

We celebrated National School Colors Day on September 1. But we took that pride a step further. #CollegeColorsDay is every Monday in '23-'24! I loved seeing my alma mater, Sam Houston State University, this past Monday! And looking around on social media, some educators took it even further in their classrooms by showing their colors in class! (Continued on Page 2)

# MAKING SOME NOISE, YALE DISTINCTION, NEW INITIATIVES, BOND 2023, AND HISPANIC HERITAGE

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You will find dates for our Community Meetings about Bond 2023 in this issue. Our first meeting will be on September 26 at Aldine High School. Please join us to learn more about the $1.8 billion bond package with three propositions and how these will allow the district to fulfill our vision for our students to continue moving forward and be future-ready. We are also in the final year of our 5-year strategic plan. We need to hear from you as we look toward the future and develop a new plan. Click here to take the survey by September 15.

I encourage you to read the issue to see which teachers received an award from Yale University, learn about a nutrition educational program to grow healthy kids, discover an exclusive literary event AISD has been selected for, read how students and staff will be seen and heard by the masses, and see how district administrators will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month — ¡celebremos el mes de la hispanidad!

With Aldine Pride,

Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney
Superintendent

# LEANING FORWARD: SAFETY AND SECURITY

Aldine ISD is leaning forward with safety and security. The Centigex CrisisAlert hardware is completely installed. The cards arrived on September 1. Centegix will train the responders, and the responders will train the end users. All training should be completed within the next four to six weeks. The CrisisAlert panic button is a wearable badge that maximizes accessibility, discretion, and usage. It is the fastest and easiest way to immediately get help anywhere on the property, including parking structures, multi-level buildings, and even outdoors.



Thank you, Carly Smith and Cindy Mosel, for all their help in getting Aldine ISD set up.

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# BOARD CALLS FOR 2023 SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

ALDINE ISD BOND 2023

- AISD Board of Trustees has called for a **$1.8 billion** 2023 School Bond election on November 7, 2023. The bond has three propositions that would fund a variety of projects throughout the district for voters to consider.
- The 2023 School Bond has 3 areas of focus **Safety and Security**, **Facilities Enhancements**, and **Instructional Technology**

## PROP A

**$1,622,325,676**

### General Projects

- 6 Campus Rebuilds
- 2 Campus Redesign Projects
- Facility Improvement & Maintenance Projects
- Safety and Security Projects
- Technology infrastructure Projects
- Transportation Projects

## PROP B

**$67,547,500**

### Instructional Technology Projects

- Student and staff device refreshes (e.g., iPads, laptops, and Chromebooks)
- Classroom technology (e.g., interactive display panels)

## PROP C

**$122,282,967**

### Education and Performance Center

The new center would feature multiple theaters to accommodate fine arts programming. It would offer state-of-the-art acoustics, isoptics (good visibility), and theatrical mechanics.

### Did you know?

*The State of Texas does not fund school districts to build schools, purchase buses, nor other capital improvements. Instead, school districts borrow money (in the form of bonds) to finance these projects, requiring voter approval, and cannot be used for salaries or daily expenses.*






## If Voters Approve the School Bond

In Aldine ISD, taxpayers would not see a tax rate increase for the next three years. It would be 2 cents per $100 value, meaning a homeowner with a house appraised at $100,000 would see a $20 increase in their taxes beginning in 2026.

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ALDINE ISD BOND 2023

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| 26 SEPTEMBER | Start 6 p.m. Aldine High School | 27 SEPTEMBER | Start 6 p.m. Davis High School |
| 2 OCTOBER | Start 6 p.m. Eisenhower High School | 4 OCTOBER | Start 6 p.m. MacArthur High School |
| 5 OCTOBER | Start 6 p.m. Nimitz High School | 25 OCTOBER | Start 6 p.m. Carver High School |

District leaders will share information and receive feedback directly from the community.

## VOTINGS DATES



Registered voters can vote at any polling place in Harris County.

**Elections Day, Nov. 7**
7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

**Early Voting**

- **Oct. 23-Oct. 28**
  7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 29**
  Noon to 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 30-Nov. 3**
  7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## BOND 2023 WEBPAGE

- Bond 2023 Webpage: AISD launched a Bond 2023 webpage showing the most current information and updates, including individual projects, renderings, a calendar of community meetings, a tax calculator, FAQs with information about voting, and a way to ask questions and receive answers.
- Individual Campus Websites: Campus websites will be updated to include how each school will benefit from the bond proposals.
- If Voters Approve Bond 2023: Aldine ISD will keep the community informed as the work unfolds.

# TAKE THE SURVEY: DEADLINE IS SEPT. 15

## Your Voice Matters

Aldine ISD is finalizing its 5-year strategic plan, A New Way Forward, and seeks the collective voice of the community through an anonymous survey as it embarks on a new chapter in its transformative journey. The deadline is September 15.

A New Way Forward ensured that Aldine ISD had a road map to follow with laser-like focus through the many challenges that came our way. Over the last few years, the district has made many improvements and gained momentum on new programs and initiatives such as Avalos P-TECH, La Promesa for newcomers and dual language experience, PreK for 3-year-olds, dual language programs starting in kindergarten, single-gender schools, college prep programs, SEL, new frameworks in literacy, mathematics, and multilingual programs, and so much more.

Like the current one, our next strategic plan will be more than a document. It's a compass that will continue to move Aldine ISD into the future. The plan will ensure that our shared vision of providing choices and opportunities to our students remains a reality.

Please click here to take 10 minutes to complete an anonymous survey by Friday, September 15.
Your input drives the planning process.
We appreciate your honesty and valuable insights.



To change the survey language to Spanish, look for the word "English" in the top right corner and change it to "español."



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Fall Open House Dates

**ADSY Schools** DONE
~~Aug. 15~~ and/or Aug. 16, 2023

**Middle Schools**
Sept. 21 and/or Sept. 26, 2023

**Primary Schools** DONE
~~Sept. 12~~ and/or Sept. 13, 2023

**Ninth Grade and High Schools**
Sept. 20 and/or Sept. 27, 2023

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# DISTRICT TEACHER RECEIVES 2023 YALE EDUCATOR AWARD

The Yale Office of Undergraduate Admissions has recognized Eisenhower High School teacher Remelia Arpino as a recipient of the 2023 Yale Educator Award. This award recognizes educators worldwide who inspire and support their students to perform at high levels and achieve excellence.

The Yale Educator Recognition Program honored 80 teachers and 32 counselors from 385 nominees from 43 states and 28 countries, with each winner receiving a congratulatory letter and notification to high school administrators.

The Yale Admissions Office thanks educators like 2023 Yale Educator Award recipients for shaping Yale's exceptional student body and their ongoing efforts in motivating and supporting students.

Yale is a top research university with a unique emphasis on undergraduate liberal arts education. The university offers more than 80 majors and hundreds of opportunities to conduct groundbreaking research.

Read the full story at AldineISD.org.






# FRESH FRUIT AND VEGGIE PROGRAM PROMOTES GOOD NUTRITION

The Texas Department of Agriculture selected 13 AISD schools to receive a USDA grant for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program to increase children's nutritious consumption.

AISD aims to promote healthier lifestyles and body benefits by encouraging more nutritious eating habits among students and teachers, potentially leading to healthier food choices.

Physical education teachers will incorporate nutrition education into the curriculum, engaging students in discussions and reinforcing daily diets, potentially leading to healthier food choices.

Read the full story at AldineISD.org.

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# ALDINE MAKES WAVES AND SOME NOISE



1 Altagracia 'Grace' Delgado, executive director of multilingual services, will form part of a panel at the Re-Envisioning a Framework for Emergent Bilingual Students: A District Leadership Forum Houston event from noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20. Click here for details.



2 Nimitz High School Angels dance team will join the Houston Texans cheerleaders for the halftime performance with Louie TheSinger and a surprise singer. We'll give you a hint. He is a rapper icon known as the people's champ. The game starts at noon on September 17 at NRG, or catch the game on KHOU Channel 11.



Student Ambassadors pictured with Texas Representative Armando Walle at the Capitol in Austin.

3 Over 50 Aldine ISD students will perform a 20-minute musical set at the TxED TASA/TASB Convention in Dallas, moderated by Superintendent and TASA President Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney and supported by AISD board members.

4 Also taking center stage at TxED will be the Superintendent's Student Ambassadors. Two student representatives, Chief of Staff Sheleah D. Reed, APR, and Superintendent Goffney, will talk about how they flipped the script on the typical Superintendent's Ambassadors program and are actively a part of AISD's planning process.

# EXCLUSIVE LITERARY EVENT ON OCTOBER 6

Aldine ISD has been offered an exclusive literary event featuring the authors and illustrators of the book "There Was a Party for Langston." The event will take place on October 6 and will celebrate diversity and inclusion in literature.

The event will discuss reading and writing and the history and culture of the Harlem Renaissance. AISD will purchase books for attendees to share the story with their families. One of the authors is Jason Reynolds, an award-winning author and former National Ambassador of Children's Literature. Be on the lookout for details!



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## PLANNED ACTIVITIES

While students in schools will enjoy planned activities, district leaders will also take part in celebrating the rich, diverse cultures and traditions of Hispanics. Special events and activities will be held at the Donaldson Administration Building (DAB) and the Bamberg Professional Development and Resource Center (BAM). Staff at both buildings will receive an email internally with full details on how they can join and take part in the activities planned.







[Click here to read](#) the story.

**[Click here to view and download](#) the calendar of events and the Book Lotería.**

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# REGISTER FOR OUR FAMILY AND PARENT UNIVERSITY

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY UNIVERSITY



The University provides strategies to increase family and community members' knowledge about resources and build participants' self-confidence to better support their children.

Sessions are provided in English and Spanish.

For convenience, parents, legal guardians, and community members have three ways to participate in sessions — in-person, virtual, and pre-recorded.

## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IMPORTANT DATES

- **September 5:** The third Family and Community University cohort launched. Click here to contact FACE for information.
- **October 21:** Fall Family Conference Date






## LEARN MORE ABOUT ALDINE ISD'S FAMILY AND COMMUNITY UNIVERSITY

Click here to view a video. Hear directly from parents who are Family and Community University graduates.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE COMMUNITY

- Sept. 18: The Board of Trustees Study Session starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Donaldson Admin. Bldg.-Boardroom. Click here for details.
- Sept. 19: Board Meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the Donaldson Admin. Bldg.-Boardroom. Click here for details.
- Sept. 20: Virtual Job Fair. Click here
- for details.

# STUDENT ATHLETICS GAMES ARE ON!



With the return of school marks the return of fall sports. For a complete list of dates, times, and locations, visit the Athletics webpage by clicking here.

# STAY CONNECTED

Follow us by visiting AldineISD.org. Check out our District News and Aldine ISD pages to stay updated on all the great things happening in our district.

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# RECENT NEWS

- Aldine ISD Unveils School Bond 2023 Logo
- Aldine ISD to Hold 6 School Bond Community Meetings; First Meeting on September 26
- Yale University Announces Recipients of the 2023 Yale Educator Award
- District's Police Department, CTE Students Hold Successful Paint Catalytic Converters Event
- Growing Healthy Minds: Aldine ISD's Fresh Fruit and Veggie Program
- 2023 Hispanic Heritage Month Honors Hispanic Heroes, Allies, and Activists

# GOT NEWS TO SHARE?

Do you have a story idea? Reach out to the Office of Communications: comms@aldineisd.org

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# MONTHLY OBSERVANCES

## 2023-2024

*School Year Calendars*

*(Traditional & ADSY)*



## September

**Natl. School Attendance Month**

- Sept. 15: Student Holiday/Staff Dev. (All Schools)
- Sept. 15-Oct. 15: Hispanic Heritage Month
- Sept. 19: Natl. IT Professional Day
- Sept. 20: ENVI210N School Day (ADSY)

## September

- Sept. 22: #WhyApply Day (to College)
- Sept. 27: ENVI210N School Day (ADSY)

## October

- Oct. 6: End of Nine Wks. (Traditional calendar)
- Oct. 9: Student Holiday/Staff Dev. Day (All schools)

## October

- Oct. 10-13: Student vacation (Traditional calendar)
- Oct. 10-14: ENVI2ION School Days (ADSY calendar)
- **Oct. 15: Last Day of Hispanic Heritage Month**
- Oct. 16: Student Holiday
- Oct. 16: Beginning of Nine Wks. (Traditional calendar)
- Oct 20: Report Card Available Online

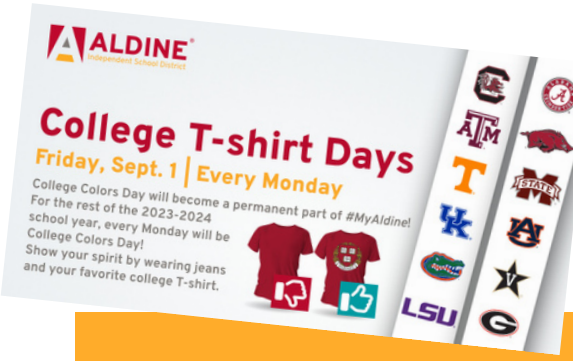
# REMINDERS FOR FAMILIES

- Outside food and beverages are prohibited on all secondary school campuses (middle, ninth-grade, and high school campuses) premises. Click here for details.
- The state requires high school seniors to apply for financial aid to graduate. – FAFSA Application link or TASFA Application links
- The state requires all entering college students to take the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment. (details).

# #COLLEGECOLORSDAY EVERY MONDAY

On **September 1**, we celebrated #CollegeColorsDay! AISD staff and students wore jeans, tennis shoes, and a branded college, trade school, career, or military shirt! I wore my Sam Houston State University shirt — Go Bearkats! We took it a step further! College Colors Day has become a permanent part of #MyAldine! For the rest of the '23-'24 school year, **every Monday is College Colors Day**!

Sporting College Colors on September 1 and every Monday this school year underscores the vital role of postsecondary education (e.g., 2-year and 4-year colleges, trade schools, military training). It enhances students' lives and their potential for lifelong earnings. Individuals with higher education degrees and certifications earn more throughout their lifetimes. It is also our commitment to the choices and opportunities that we have promised students and the Aldine community.




All staff and students can wear jeans, tennis shoes, and a branded college, trade school, career, or military shirt. That means it must have the logo — it can't just be school colors.




















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# #MyAldine






MacArthur Ninth Grade School



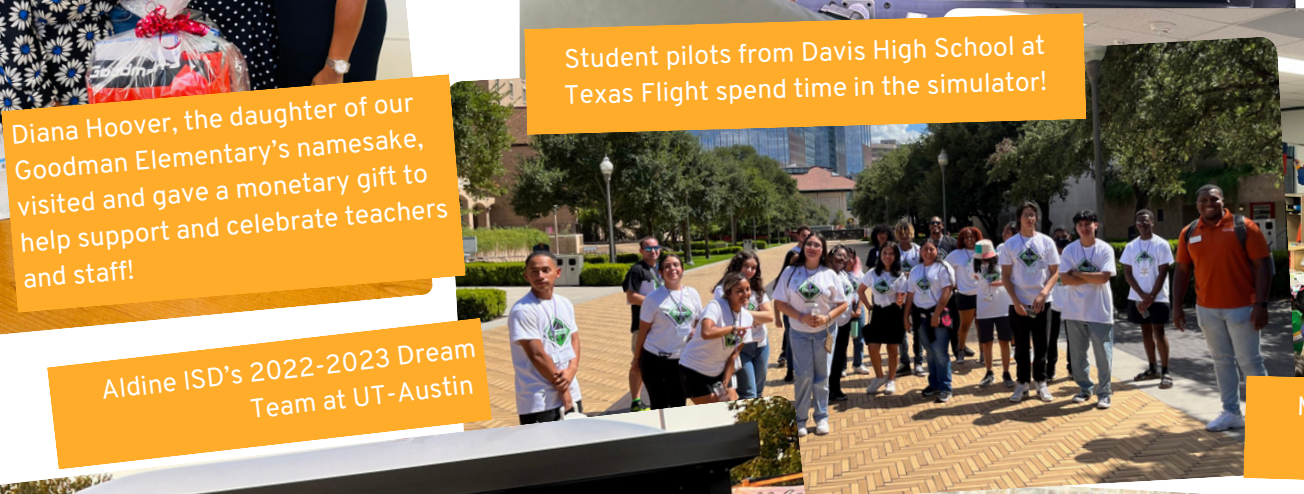
De Santiago EC/PreK/K School



Diana Hoover, the daughter of our Goodman Elementary's namesake, visited and gave a monetary gift to help support and celebrate teachers and staff!



Student pilots from Davis High School at Texas Flight spend time in the simulator!



Aldine ISD's 2022-2023 Dream Team at UT-Austin



Magrill Primary families enjoyed Open House




Congratulations Avalos P-TECH School's winning artwork being installed at a METRO Houston's bus shelter!




District leaders visited Thompson Elementary.