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With Aldine Pride!



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A BUSTLING FALL, COMMUNITY BOND 2023 MEETINGS, PRINCIPAL MONTH, AND MORE!

October is here! The weeks are flying by quickly, and as I visit schools, students are engaged and learning, and schools are celebrating the progress made. It brings me joy to see all the great opportunities our students have. Everyone is bustling between classrooms full of student learning, meetings, initiatives, and student games and contests. It is just the way I like it.

It takes great leaders to make things happen for our students each and every day. Leaders guide and inspire staff to meet the district's goals. During School Principals Month in October, please take a moment to thank school principals for their dedication and commitment to our students. We will also observe Breast Cancer Awareness Month by showing our support for those fighting the disease and the survivors by wearing pink every Wednesday in October.

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A BUSTLING FALL, COMMUNITY BOND 2023 MEETINGS, PRINCIPAL MONTH, AND MORE!

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We have a little over a month before Election Day in November. We have been holding Bond 2023 Community Meetings to ensure you have all the information and to give you a chance to ask us questions. This is your opportunity to learn the details of three propositions in the Bond 2023 package totaling $1.8 billion. This week, we will hold three meetings — Oct. 2, Oct. 4, and Oct. 5. Details for the meetings are within this issue. Join us to discover how the three propositions will allow the district to fulfill our vision for our students to continue moving forward and be future-ready.

I encourage you to read the issue to be aware of the tax rate passed, discover upcoming events such as College Night, the Transition Expo for families of students with disabilities, a Day of Learning explicitly geared for families with students with dyslexia and read about a couple of students in our aviation program!

I look forward to seeing you at our Bond Community Meetings.

With Aldine Pride,

Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney
Superintendent

AISD Trustees Approve Tax Rate for 2023-24 School Year

The average homeowner will see a more than $600 reduction in their yearly school taxes.

Aldine ISD Trustees approved the '23-'24 school year tax rate at $1.0363 per $100 valuation (.7338 cents for maintenance and operations and .3025 cents for the interest and sinking fund). With the adoption of the lower tax rate and the Harris County Appraisal District's increased homestead exemption (now $100,000 instead of $40,000), the average homeowner in Aldine will see a more than $600 reduction in their yearly school taxes. The average taxable value of a residence with a homestead exemption is $149,896. Keeping the interest and sinking rate at $.3025 will allow Aldine to collect an amount higher than its '23-'24 bond principal and interest payments. The extra amount collected will pay down additional debt as needed. The '23-'24 tax rate provides the day-to-day operations. Click here to read the entire article on AldineISD.org.

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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.

DISTRICT SHARES BOND 2023 LIFE-CYCLE AND PRIORITY MAINTENANCE



An independent Educational Suitability Assessment (ESA) conducted by PBK Architects, Inc. showed for each school the degree to which the building's physical and educational environments support student engagement and learning as well as staff instruction. The findings showed that:

- **25% of schools are over 50 years old.** (Click here to see a list.)
- **80.47%** of the dollar value of the 2023 bond program is dedicated to addressing aging facilities and infrastructure.
- **$1.02 billion** in current repair needs for all campuses
- **$2.7 billion** in total repair needs over the next 10 years
- **39%** of schools scored below 70% for the ESA
- Delaying further will worsen current infrastructure challenges and only add to the cost of necessary repairs and upgrades.



Life-Cycle and Priority Maintenance Projects

Bond 2023 aims to help AISD address schools with failing roofs, heat, air conditioning, and plumbing, ensuring safer learning environments for Aldine ISD students through regular maintenance and repairs. Click here to see the data.

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS & HIGH-PRIORITY MAINTENANCE – $293,584,206

ALDINE ISD BOND 2023

High-Priority Maintenance / Life-Cycle	Digital Marquees	Athletic Improvements	Science Lab Renovations
• Estimated Cost – $154,718,125 • High-priority maintenance and life-cycle projects address repairs or upgrades to critical campus systems like HVAC, roofing, and plumbing that are failing or have reached end-of-life (EOL*). Every campus with deficiencies in these systems will receive repairs or upgrades as part of the bond.	• Estimated Cost – $11,350,500 • Digital marquee signs to replace all non-digital marquee signs at campuses districtwide. Digital marquee signs will enhance school and community communication and accentuate school pride.	• Estimated Cost – $68,212,106 • Athletic track and field improvements, including synthetic turf, lights, seating, concessions and restrooms, and hitting cages.	• Estimated Cost – $59,303,475 • Science lab renovations, including lab tables and furnishings, lab equipment, dedicated chemical storage, fire and life safety upgrades, and other modifications needed to comply with new standards for science labs. Science lab renovations also include repurposing of existing space to accommodate additional science labs.

*EOL is a term the OEM uses to indicate that a piece of equipment has reached the end of its "useful life" and will no longer market, sell, or update equipment after a specified date.

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ALDINE ISD BOND 2023

DONE 26 SEPTEMBER | Start 6 p.m. Aldine High School

DONE 27 SEPTEMBER | Start 6 p.m. Davis High School

2 OCTOBER | Start 6 p.m. Eisenhower High School

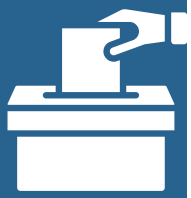
4 OCTOBER | Start 6 p.m. MacArthur High School

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.

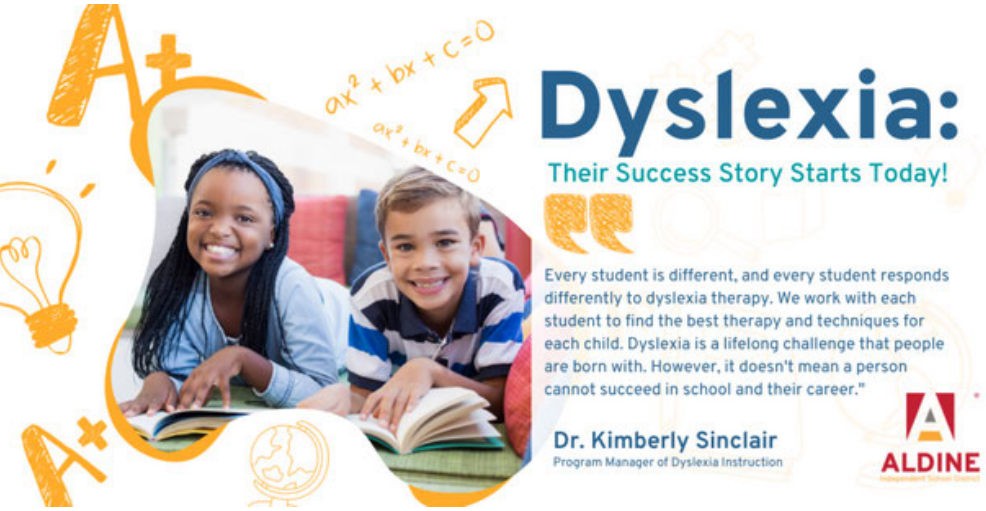
BOND 2023 WEBPAGE

- 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.

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FAMILIES: JOIN US FOR A DAY OF LEARNING TOGETHER ABOUT DYSLEXIA ON SEPTEMBER 30



Details

- 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- M.B. Sonny Donaldson Child Nutrition Center, 1802 Aldine Bender (Houston, TX 77032)
- Sessions will be in person, and information will be shared in English and Spanish.

Aldine ISD invites families of students with dyslexia to attend A Day of Learning Together. The in-person sessions will empower parents and staff by learning the basics of dyslexia and learning the early signs of dyslexia. Families and teachers will learn about dyslexia and ways to assist students with dyslexia to achieve success.

Learn what dyslexia is, discover resources to use at home, and strategies to increase your child's positive experience in school.

There will be an activity room for children age 4 and up while parents/legal guardians attend the sessions. And snacks and beverages will be provided.

Click here to read the entire article on AldineISD.org and discover which famous people are dyslexic.

Go Red For Dyslexia!
WORLD DYSLEXIA DAY
Show Your Support by Wearing Red on Oct. 7!

WEAR PINK EVERY WEDNESDAY IN OCTOBER

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We have designated every Wednesday this month as "Pink Out Day" for employees.

Challenge yourself to wear all your pink gear, including shirts, skirts, dresses, shoes, sweaters, socks, ties, blazers, and hair bows, head to toe to pink out.



Remember to share on social media using the hashtags #PinkOutDay and #MyAldine!



COLLEGE NIGHT IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3



- Universities & Colleges
- Technical Trade Schools
- U.S. Military
- Programs of Study
- Financial Aid
- Admission Requirements
- Student Services
- Student Activities
- And More!

When and Where

Tuesday, October 3
6:00-8:00 p.m.
M.O. Campbell Educational Center
1865 Aldine Bender Rd.
Houston, TX 77032

Students can learn about the admissions process, academics, financial aid, and activities. Students are advised to come prepared with questions.

Rooms will be set up to support families completing college applications and financial aid. Families can also attend a presentation in English and Spanish that will cover how to help their students in the college process.

Read the full story at AldineISD.org.



Educator Preparation Program Fair on October 21

Details

8 a.m.-12 p.m.
M.O. Campbell Educational Center
1865 Aldine Bender Rd.
Houston, TX 77032

The event is for degreed and non-degreed individuals seeking alternative certification programs. Join us to learn more pathways to teacher certification!

In-state and out-of-state colleges and universities include:

DISTRICT TO HOST TRANSITION EXPO ON OCTOBER 28



The Transition Expo offers families of children with disabilities (3-22) access to resources and information on the transition from toddler to adulthood from local agencies and organizations.

- Texas Workforce Commission
- Colleges and Universities
- State Agencies
- Parent Groups
- Vocational Programs
- Aldine ISD's Lane School
- Day Habs
- And Many More!

CAREER EXPLORATION!

We will have fire trucks, police vehicles, and EMTs (emergency medical technicians) to give tours of their vehicles, talk about safety, and give information about their respective careers.

FREE CHILDCARE

The event will offer free childcare, allowing parents to visit each vendor without distractions.

FOOD TRUCKS!

Food trucks will be available to purchase lunch.

REGISTER TO ATTEND

Click Link to Register to Attend:
AldineISD.org/TransitionExpo

EVENT SITE AND TIME

Saturday, October 28, 2023
9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Campbell Educational Center
1865 Aldine Bender



Look Into Scholarships Early and Often

Scholarship deadlines occur year-round but are more prevalent during certain times of the year. Parents and students should plan their application process accordingly to avoid potential deadlines.

To learn more about scholarship opportunities, visit Aldine ISD's Scholarship Opportunities webpage (click here). You can also click here to contact the Scholarship Office.

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Aviation Program in the News and Students With Sky-High Dreams

Girls in Aviation Day

Davis High School aviation students attended a United Airlines event aimed at attracting more women to the aviation field.

Sixteen-year-old Aaliyha Edwards Hunter and other aviation students are learning to fly at Texas Flight, logging hours of flight time with an instructor.

Aaliyha revealed to KIAH Channel 39 News that despite the diverse job opportunities in the industry, she only has eyes on being a pilot.

The U.S. Civil Airmen organization reports that, of the more than 600,000 pilots nationwide, only 10% are women.

Empowering Diversity

The aviation program is actively fostering diversity and empowerment among underrepresented individuals, such as Aaliyha and Uziel Cardenas.



The program's students have already obtained their UAV drone certification and are set to complete their private pilot certification before graduation.

"Honestly, I don't see a lot of Hispanic pilots, so I have to represent — ¡Viva la raza! I didn't know what I wanted to be yet, but this program is a step to learn who I am for myself and as a pilot ... It's possible," said Uziel.

Read story at AldineISD.org.

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!



District to Launch 2nd Annual Unified Champion Basketball Games on October 2

Unified Champion Basketball games, organized by Julie Grutzmacher, foster inclusion, teamwork, and sportsmanship by involving students with and without disabilities to compete on the same team.

Grutzmacher said the games promote the following goals:

- Inclusion: Creating an inclusive environment where all students can participate in a competitive sport together, regardless of their abilities.
- Promotes Friendship: Fostering friendships and understanding between students with and without disabilities.
- Sportsmanship: Students are taught values such as fair play, respect, and teamwork.
- Skill Development: The games provide all participants with skill development and physical activity.



- Breaking Stereotypes: Challenging and promoting awareness of the abilities and potential of individuals with disabilities.
- School Spirit: The games enhance school spirit and a sense of belonging among all students.

AISD is partnering with Unified Champions Sports for the second year, with the first game scheduled for October 2 between Nimitz High and Davis High.

She said the goal this year is for all five high schools in AISD to compete against one another at least twice during the '23-'24 school year.

Unified Champion Sports benefits all students,and it also engages the school community, parents, and local community in supporting inclusive sports.

Read the full story at AldineISD.org.

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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

- Oct. 16: The Board of Trustees Study Session starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Donaldson Admin. Bldg.-Boardroom. Click here for details.
- Oct. 17: The Board Meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the Donaldson Admin. Bldg.-Boardroom. Click here for details.
- Oct. 21: Educator Preparation Program Fair, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., @ M.O. Campbell Educational Center

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

- AISD Trustees Approve Tax Rate for '23-'24 School Year
- Davis High School Aviation Students Attend a United Airlines Event
- Join Us for College Night on Tuesday, October 3
- Exclusive Literary Event in October
- District to Host Transition Expo on October 28
- Families: Join Us for a Day of Learning Together About Dyslexia on September 30
- AISD to Launch 2nd Annual Unified Champion Basketball Games
- District's Aviation Program: Empowering Diversity in Aviation

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

Click Here to View School Year Calendars (Traditional & ADSY)



October

- Oct. 6: End of Nine Wks. (All)
- Oct. 9: Student Holiday/Staff Dev. Day (All); Indigenous Peoples' Day
- Oct. 10-13: Student Holidays (Traditional calendar)
- Oct. 10-14: ENVI2ION School Days (ADSY)

October

- **Oct. 15: Last Day of Hispanic Heritage Month**
- Oct. 16: Beginning of Nine Wks. (Traditional calendar)
- Oct. 16: Student Holiday (ADSY)
- Oct. 17: Beginning of 9 Weeks (ADSY)

November

- Nov. 1: ENVI2ION School Day (ADSY)
- Nov. 6 & 7: Student Holidays/Staff Development (Traditional calendar)
- Nov. 7: ENVI2ION School Day (ADSY)
- Nov. 15: ENVI2ION School Day (ADSY)
- Nov. 20-24: Thanksgiving Break (All Schools)

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).

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Dr. Crystal Watson shows her Grambling State pride on #CollegeColorsMonday.



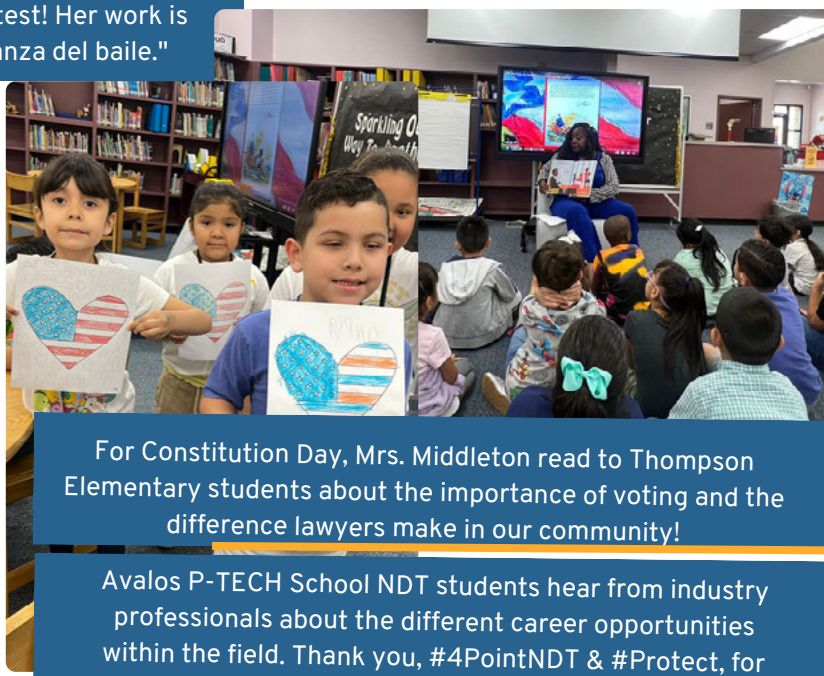
Congratulations to student Verónica Calderón, who was named the 1st place winner of the inaugural MASBA 2023 statewide art contest! Her work is titled "La esperanza del baile."



Superintendent Ambassadors Aaron Cebrero from Avalos P-TECH and Martha Melchor from Eisenhower High School inspired attendees of the annual MASBA 2203 Conference with their Tomás Talks.



Blanson CTE High School and Family and Community University have joined hands for the second year. Together, they're setting the standard for community collaboration and addressing evolving needs.



For Constitution Day, Mrs. Middleton read to Thompson Elementary students about the importance of voting and the difference lawyers make in our community!



Avalos P-TECH School NDT students hear from industry professionals about the different career opportunities within the field. Thank you, #4PointNDT & #Protect, for sharing the unique careers.



Carver HS Ballet Folklórico performed Eisenhower Ninth as part of our Hispanic Heritage Month 2023 celebrations. They shared many of the traditional dances of Jalisco, Mexico.



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The Houston Texans Toro brought breakfast to Caraway Elementary students to fuel them up for learning.



AISD CTE students attend the HOSA Washington Leadership Conference.



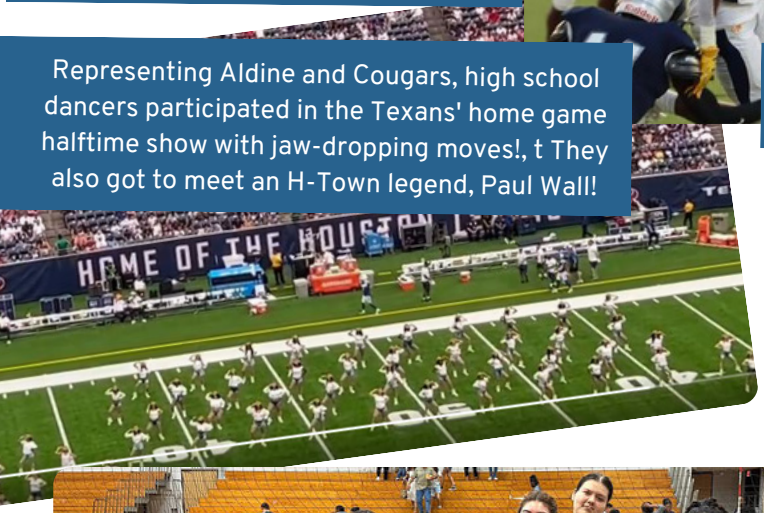
Houston Bar Association and AISD Legal Dept. read to Goodman Elementary students.



Nimitz football is making waves in the 6A league!



Avalos P-TECH School lead counselor, Ms. Renee Burse, taught community, academic, and state leader Rep. Armando Walle in his youth.



Representing Aldine and Cougars, high school dancers participated in the Texans' home game halftime show with jaw-dropping moves!, t They also got to meet an H-Town legend, Paul Wall!



Congratulations to MacArthur High School's volleyball team for being Ranked 25th in the state by the Texas Girls Coaches Association!



Using Technology to Enhance Learning: Hill Elementary students take notes in their journals while watching a video that shows the characteristics of the sun, Earth, and moon.

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Chess Moves!



It was a great kick-off for our ESL classes for parents at Saint John Neumann. 170 parents begin learning a second language through the district's Family and Community University.





Iván Tamayo (2nd from right) was recognized at the 2023 Mayor's Adult Literacy Breakfast. Congratulations!



Thompson Elementary choir students did a fantastic job singing the National Anthem at the Astros game.



AISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney attends the MASBA TX Conference.





Congratulations to AISD Board Trustee Connie Esparza, who has been re-elected to the MASBA TX Board of Directors.





Eighth-grade students participated in the HOPE Summit. Students have the opportunity to listen and learn from Dr. José Zelaya.



Chief of Staff Sheleah Reed shares Bond 2023 information at a community meeting.

