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Superintendent of Schools

With Aldine Pride!



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HAPPY NEW YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITIES, AND SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

In my first newsletter of the new year, I am sending each Aldine Independent School District family member my heartfelt wishes for a prosperous and joyful 2024! Our staff members are recharged, creating and sharing exciting learning opportunities for our students.

Our focus remains steadfast on the work before us this semester. We are creating an environment that fosters learning, collaboration, and achievement for all. I want to thank our outstanding staff members and supportive community. Thank you for going above and beyond for all our students, especially our teachers. Your collective efforts make Aldine ISD a truly special place. I encourage everyone to share how you are adding to the fabric of #MyAldine on social media.

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I look forward to all this semester and year holds for our school community. From continuing to meet the goals and priorities in our strategic plan, which is in its final year, to listening to everyone as we work on a new strategic plan. Another initiative is our Portrait of an Aldine ISD Graduate. We will use your survey responses as we develop what you would like to see in our graduates. Concerning Bond 2024, we have identified our first few projects, including, in no particular order, the rebuilding of Carver High School, the rebuilding of Aldine Middle School, which includes Lane, and the development of our Education and Performing Arts Center. We will update the community as projects launch and complete. Again, these are exciting times in Aldine!

There are two other groups I would like to thank — our Board of Trustees and our AISD Police Department. Thank you, Board members, for being so dedicated to our students, teachers, and staff. January is School Board Recognition Month. These seven volunteers are true champions for public schools, our district, and our community.

January 9 was National Law Enforcement Day. I thank all the men and women who protect and serve in AISD schools and the community every day. We can't thank them enough for all they do for #MyAldine.

I visited Stehlik Elementary, Calvert Elementary, and De Santiago Primary this week. What a way to start the new year by seeing students learn, laugh, and grow! It is a great privilege to serve as your Superintendent, and I thank you for entrusting your children with us each day in AISD.

Please monitor the weather as the Arctic cold front moves into Houston before I close. Any decisions regarding a change in district operations will be shared via phone calls, email, text messages, district website, social media, and local media. Stay warm and stay safe.

With Aldine Pride,

Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney

Superintendent



Avalos P-TECH School seniors in the Non-Destructive Testing program met with industry professionals at the January meeting of the Greater Houston American Society of Non-Destructive Testing. It was an excellent forum for the exchange of NDT-related technical information as well as networking opportunities!



State Representative Armando Walle spoke with our middle school student-athletes today. Candace Houston of the Aldine Federation of Teachers provided a Leadership Conference for AISD middle school student-athletes.

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Aldine ISD is celebrating School Board Recognition Month, focusing on the dedication and commitment of its trustees to the district and its students. The theme is "Locally Elected, Community Connected," emphasizing the connection between school trustees and their communities. Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney appreciates the selfless dedication of the trustees, who work tirelessly to ensure all students have the opportunity to learn and grow.

Bates, the outgoing president, handled the gavel to incoming President Booker.

The Aldine ISD Board of Trustees supports student programs, school funding, staff training, and community engagement.

Click HERE to read the whole story.

Click HERE to read their bios.



About our School Board

The Aldine ISD School Board members represent a wide range of professions, interests, and ages. School Board members make decisions based on the advice and counsel of education professionals, but they keep in mind the desires of the public they serve.

The School Board typically meets on the second Tuesday of each month to conduct Board business at 7:00 p.m. in the Donaldson Administrative Building Boardroom. Due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, this month's meeting will be on Tuesday, January 23.

INTRODUCING THE 2023-2024 CAMPUS TEACHERS OF THE YEAR



Each Aldine ISD school chooses a Campus Teacher of the Year before the end of the first semester. Who will be our next district Elementary and Secondary Teachers of the Year? Click HERE to read the whole story.

Aldine High School: Leonard Toups
Aldine Middle School: Saria Nixon
Aldine Ninth Grade School: Nikitaleeyoka Perkins
Aldine Young Women's Leadership Academy: Maria Gemela Lim
Anderson Academy: Shanikkaw Raven
Avalos P-TECH School: Cassandra Neace
Black Elementary School: Claudia González Alcorta
Blanson CTE High School: Savannah Callies
Bussey Elementary School: Lupita Negrete
Calvert Elementary School: Valeria Saucedo
Caraway Elementary School: Sarah Prather
Carmichael Elementary School: Amanda Lee
Carroll Elementary School: Anayeli Albiter Vázquez
Carter Academy: Minnie Malone
Carver High School: Ross Rowney
Conley Elementary School: Rhonda Moore
Cypresswood Elementary School: Lisa Harris

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District Elementary and Secondary Teachers of the Year

A committee will name six District Finalists in February based on their written applications. The six finalists are invited to interview with the district coordinating committee.

The Elementary and Secondary Teacher of the Year will represent Aldine ISD in the Region 4 Teacher of the Year contest during the summer.

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Davis High School: Leticia Vargas
Davis Ninth Grade School: Rosslon Clayton
De Santiago EC/PreK/K School: Erika Roa
Drew Academy: Mireya Mosqueda
Dunn Elementary School: JoAnn Bonin
Eckert Elementary School: R'Keyah Grace
Eisenhower HS College Prep: Óscar Medina
Eisenhower Ninth Grade College Prep: Krystle Dawson
Ermel Elementary School: Charlis Paige
Escamilla Elementary School: Myriam Gómez
Francis Elementary School: Anita Palmer
García Middle School: Yvonne Ealy
García-Leza EC/PreK/K School: Berenice Ruiz
Goodman Elementary School (ACE): Melisa González
Grantham Academy: Eric López
Gray Elementary School: Lea Linthicum
Greenspoint Elementary School: Rebecca Munguía
Griggs EC/PreK/K School: Jeannette Román
Harris Elementary School: Claudia Robles
Hall Success Academy: Briana Huynh
Hambrick Middle School: Darnisia Wallace
Hill Elementary School: Austin Henderson
Hinojosa EC/PreK/K School: Reagan Burns
Hoffman Middle School: Margie Ellis
Houston Academy: Brian Curtis
Impact Leadership Academy: Wilhemina McCraw
Johnson Elementary School: Beverly Berryman
Jones EC/PreK/K School: Mary Rosas
Jones Elementary School: Breanna Calloway
Jones Middle School: Engra Bellvin
Keeble EC/PreK/K School: Janice Brock
Knippel Education Center: Sylethia Jones-Alexander
Kujawa EC/PreK/K School: Thelma Jelks
Kujawa Elementary School: Chansinique Thomas
La Promesa High School: Christopher Martínez
Lane School: Clarence Cruse
Lewis Middle School: Zandra Faust
MacArthur High School: Eva Lanczos
MacArthur Ninth Grade School: Patrick James
Magrill EC/PreK/K School: Pamela Busch
Marcella Elementary School: Jason Ester
Mead Middle School: Angélica Oidor
Nimitz High School: Alex Fuentes
Nimitz Ninth Grade School: Dominilish McCray
Odom Elementary School: Carina Galindo
Ogden Elementary School: Serina Lazo
Oleson Elementary School: Ashley Parker
Orange Grove Elementary School: Reyna Villarreal
Plummer Middle School: Joseph Stewart
Raymond Elementary School: Mario Zamora
Reece Academy: Amesha Flowers
Reed Academy: Amber Renè-Gardiner
Sammons Elementary School: Maritza Canavati
Shotwell Middle School: Ikeeya Hunt
Smith Elementary School: Monica Humphery
Spence Elementary School: Teria Lavergne
Stehlik Elementary School: Kimberly Davis
Stephens Elementary School: Arleni Deleon
Stovall EC/PreK/K School: Suzette Jones
Stovall Middle School: Constance Dunn
Teague Middle School: LaNetta Callicutt
Thompson Elementary School: Latoya Calhoun
Vardeman EC/PreK/K School: Robbie Kaerwer
Victory Early College High School: Sokhna Kabore
Vines EC/PreK/K School: Ceydy Turcios
Worsham Elementary School (ACE): Lizeth Mendoza



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AISD EARNS STATE'S HIGHEST FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING FOR 20TH STRAIGHT YEAR

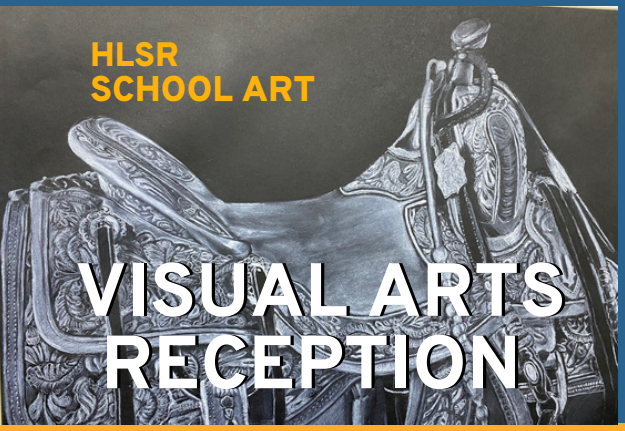


Aldine ISD has been awarded a "Superior" rating under Texas' School FIRST accountability system for the 20th consecutive year. The system aims to hold public schools accountable for their financial management practices and allocate resources effectively. Aldine ISD met the five critical indicators, including filing an annual financial report within a month, ensuring timely payments to various agencies, and maintaining a total unrestricted net asset balance.

The district also met the financial solvency and financial competency indicators, including administrative costs ratio, student enrollment compared to staff, PEIMS reporting accuracy, and compliance with guidelines. The district received a score of 986 out of 100 possible points.

Click HERE to read the whole story.

AWARDS CEREMONY FOR DISTRICT WINNERS OF HOUSTON RODEO'S SCHOOL ART CONTEST IS SET



Event Details

January 19, 2024

M.O. Campbell Educational Center-Downstairs Arena

- Awards Ceremony: 6:00 p.m.
- Doors Open: 5:00 p.m.

The flyer artwork was created by Jasmine de León from MacArthur High School.

Click HERE to read the story.

AISD IS HOSTING A DISTRICTWIDE FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION BLITZ IN JANUARY



High school seniors can seize the opportunity to kickstart their college journey.

In ordinary years, high school graduates miss out on billions in federal grants because they don't fill out the FAFSA. Many families mistakenly assume they won't qualify for financial aid and don't even bother to apply.

FAFSA NOW OPEN

For the 2024-2025 school year, a new, streamlined FAFSA form will be available on Dec. 31, 2023, up to nearly three months later than in previous years. The Education Department will return to an Oct. 1 start date next year. Click HERE to read what is different this year.

Districtwide Financial Aid Application Blitz Details

Each high school in our district will host personalized FAFSA assistance sessions. A dedicated team will help them navigate the application process.

Virtual assistance will be available on select dates for those who prefer virtual support.

- Click HERE to know what to bring.
- Click HERE for dates and times. Check regularly for updates.

You can also check with your school for details or the district's Scholarship Office.

Click HERE to read the whole story.



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DISTRICT FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW SET FOR JANUARY 24-26

The Aldine ISD Livestock Show has been one of the district's largest annual events. Students involved in the agriculture science and technology education programs use this opportunity to showcase their skills in animal, plant, soil, and horticulture sciences, welding, fabrication, and management.

All proceeds from the livestock show go directly back to the students to help further their educations at a university, college, or trade school. These same students are also provided leadership opportunities through the Future Farmers of America (FFA) organization.

Food Sales in Room 104

M.O. Campbell Educational Center

Food will be sold, and folks can take food to go or sit down at the tables to eat. Cash and credit cards will be accepted on-site.

Breakfast
Jan. 24-26, from 6-10 a.m.
Folks can order online and pick it up. Large groups are not a problem; one person can pick up for a group or multiple people.

BBQ Plates
Jan. 24 and Jan. 25, from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Folks can order online or in person. No lunch will be sold on Friday. Large groups are welcome and can have one person pick up for multiple people.

T-Shirt Sale

Purchase a T-shirt online for $20. All proceeds go to the Aldine ISD FFA Scholarship Fund.



FFA Livestock Show

M.O. Campbell Educational Center

Schedule of Events
Wednesday, Jan. 24
8 a.m.: Pig Showcase
1 p.m.: Staff Swine Showmanship
2 p.m.: Steer Showcase

Thursday, Jan. 25
8 a.m.: Horse Showcase
9 a.m.: Poultry Showcase
1 p.m.: Lamb & Goat Showcase

Friday, Jan. 26
11 a.m.: Buyers Luncheon
1 p.m.: Sale of Champions

Student Western-themed Art on Display



Starting Jan. 22, art will be on display in Room 104 where the food will be sold.

Did You Know?

- $7,229 raised from concession sales alone in '23!
- $12,500 was the winning bid for the Grand Champion in '23!
- Over the last 10 years, thanks to the community and staff, the Show can bring in total sales anywhere from $100K to over $200K!
- Click HERE to take a trip down memory lane to the 1940 Aldine FFA Show!

Visit the AISD Livestock Show webpage for details.

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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.

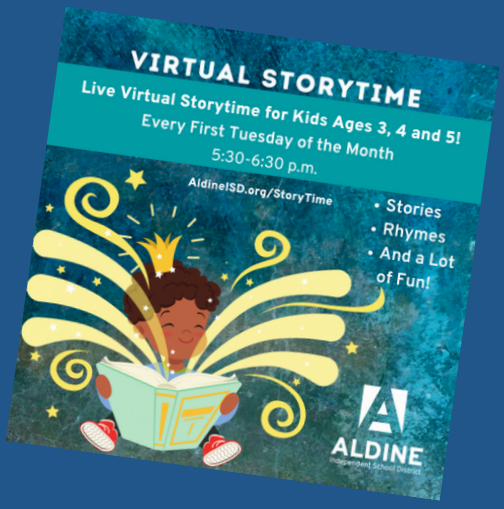
Sessions are provided in English and Spanish.

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

Click HERE to contact FACE for information.

Upcoming FACE Events

- First Tuesday of Every Month: Join us for Virtual Story Time! Virtual Story Time is for primary students (Grades EC/PreK/K), from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Learn more at AldineISD.org/StoryTime
- Visit the FACE Department webpage for details about upcoming events.





LEARN MORE ABOUT ALDINE ISD'S FAMILY AND COMMUNITY UNIVERSITY

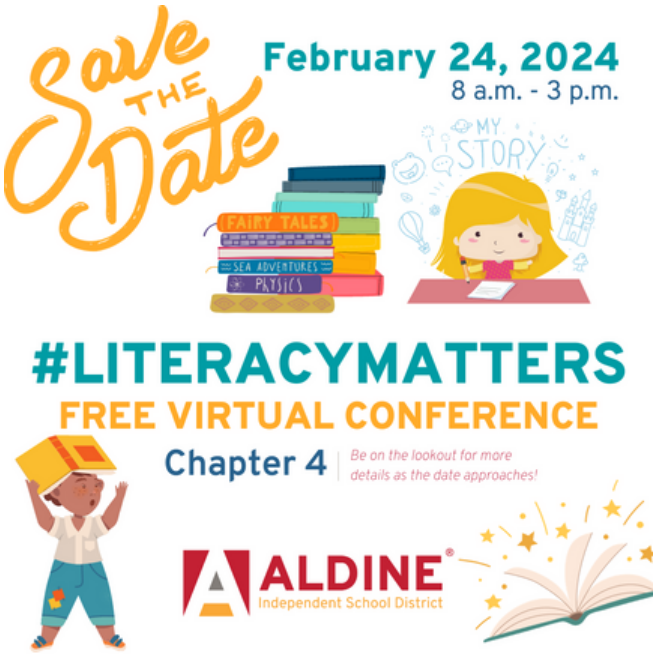
Click here to view a video. Hear directly from parents who are Family and Community University graduates.

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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE COMMUNITY

- **Jan, 19:** HLSR/AISD School Art Awards, 5 p.m. at the MOC
- **Jan.22:** The Board of Trustees Study Session starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Donaldson Admin. Bldg.-Boardroom..
- **Jan. 23:** The Board Meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the Donaldson Admin. Bldg.-Boardroom.
- **Jan. 24-26:** Aldine ISD 65th Annual Livestock Show at the M.O. Campbell Educational Ctr.



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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GOT NEWS TO SHARE?

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

COLLEGE COLORS MONDAYS

College Colors Day will become a permanent part of #MyAldine! For the rest of the '23-'24 school year, every Monday will be College Colors Day! All staff and students can wear jeans, tennis shoes, and a branded college, trade school, career, or military shirt!

Remember, it has to be a branded shirt. That means it must have the logo — it can't just be school colors.

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MONTHLY OBSERVANCES



2023-2024

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

JANUARY

- Jan. 15: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (All)
- Jan. 17: ENVI210N School Day (ADSY)
- Jan. 18: Maintenance Worker Appreciation Day
- Jan. 21: ENVI210N School Day (ADSY)
- Jan. 21-27: National Choice Schools Week
- Jan. 22: Lunar New Year
- Jan. 31: ENVI210N School Day (ADSY)

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 5: Staff Development (Traditional)
- Feb. 5-8: ENVI210N Days (ADSY)
- Feb. 6-9: Intersession (Traditional)
- Feb. 9: Half-day for Students/Work Day (ADSY)
- Feb. 12: Student Holiday (ADSY)

MARCH

- Mar. 8: End of Nine Weeks (ADSY)
- Mar. 11-15: Spring Break (All)
- Mar. 18: Start of Nine Weeks (ADSY)
- Mar. 22: End of Nine Weeks (Traditional)
- Mar. 25: Start of Nine Weeks (Traditional)
- Mar. 29: Student Holiday (All)

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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#MyAldine



VYPE magazine features student-athlete Deadric Fikes, who had a breakout junior season, leading Davis High School to a District 14-6A title and earning a District MVP selection.



VYPE magazine features senior student-athlete Eric Woods, who is capping off his career at Nimitz High School in style.



Nimitz High School's Cinthia Estrada-Gómez did it again! She made the 2024 Texas All-State Band. Cinthia will perform in San Antonio with the State's Finest Musicians this February.



January 9 was National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. We thank all the men and women who protect and serve in Aldine ISD schools and the community every day! Chief Paul Cordova and AISDPD officers are indeed the best! We can't thank them enough for all they do for #MyAldine!





Dr. Goffney: I visited with the fantastic teachers and outstanding leadership at Stehlik Elementary School on January 8.

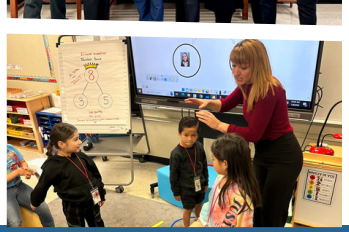


Dr. Goffney: These amazing ladies have been at Calvert Elementary for over 16 years with Principal Cheryl Lafleur, one of the best! I loved the visit, witnessing students learning, teachers teaching, and the campus feel! #MyAldine









Dr. Goffney: The #PowerOfPrimary is contagious! I was so impressed with the engagement of our PreK and kindergarten students at De Santiago EC/PreK/K School. I witnessed lots of smiles and laughs with our youngest students in #MyAldine!