

BRAZOSPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

May 19, 2025



BOARD: Recognition

SUBJECT: Awards, Achievement, and Recognitions

BOARD POLICY: BJA(Local)

DISTRICT GOAL: Brazosport ISD will promote, communicate, and market the accomplishments, achievements, and successes of students and staff

FISCAL NOTE: N/A

Background Information:

- In alignment with our district's strategic plan, it is desired that BISD work to foster student and employee engagement and community partnerships. One effort towards goal achievement is to recognize and affirm the efforts and performances of our students, staff, and community.

Administrative Considerations:

Name That Book Competition

The annual Name That Book Competition took place on March 27th & 28th. All elementary K-2nd, 3rd & 4th, middle school 5th & 6th, and intermediate schools 7th & 8th grade had teams participating, including bilingual divisions this year for our younger students. Each team reads the books from the Great Texas Mosquito List (an award list developed by BISD Librarians) for their appropriate grade level, and these are the books used in the competition. During the competition, each team is given a clue from one of the books, and they have to name the book that is being referred to. We are so very proud of EVERY student who participated in the 2025 Name That Book Competition!

K-2 Team

1st Place: Roberts Elem

Kian Tubig, Madilyn Stowers, Maeby Matthews, Bodhi Alexander, Eva Speed, Brooklyn Jordan
Librarian: Brandye Roland Sponsors: Lindsay Carter & Amanda Crossler

K-2nd Bilingual division

1st Place: TW Ogg Elem

Lucca Gomez Flores, Emmanuel Gonzalez Martinez, Jaylen Aguirre, Alberto Trejo-Maciell, Anyeli Almendares Gomez, Abigail Treo-Campos

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Nirvana Almanza, Sponsor, and Kayla Cummins, Librarian

3-4 Team

1st Place: Beutel Elem

Adrian Tapia, Victoria Moreno, Lucille Fernandez, Lyle Hawes, Gwendolyn Luce, Penny Hamit

Susanne Brooks, librarian, Ashley Crisp - sponsor

5-6 Team

1st Place: Rasco MS

Avery Marroquin Lillian Daniels Olivia Juarez Chimidi Ndibe Hayden Hearn Madison Williams Khloe Ndibe

Sponsor and Librarian Lee Ann Cude

7-8 Team

1st Place: Freeport Intermediate

Jacy Perez Calderon, Jocelynn Calvillo, Avery De Los Santos, Adalida Ferguson, Jocelynn Garcia, Izayah Hernandez, Isabella Nunez, Aydan Schwerdtfeger

Sponsor and Librarian: Susan Williams

National Journalism Contest

Student organizations are a wonderful venue for students to display their talents on a national stage. Brazoswood High School students recently brought home top honors from the JEA/NSPA National High School Journalism Convention held in Seattle on April 26.

*Junior **Shaylin Stone** earned an Excellent rating for her Feature Photography Portfolio, one of only 28 students nationwide to achieve this honor out of over 900 entries.*

*Sophomore **Adelina McEntire** also stood out, receiving an Honorable Mention in the highly competitive First-Year Photographer contest, with only 38 students receiving this distinction.*

*In addition to these awards, juniors **Harper Nichols** and **Kate Morris** represented Brazoswood as presenters at the convention. They spoke to a packed room of nearly 100 students and advisers, sharing their session "How to Train Your Yearbook Staff in One Week," offering valuable insights to peers and professionals from across the country. Thank you to their sponsor, Mrs. Siegal, and Congratulations to Shaylin, Adelina, Harper, and Kate on their outstanding accomplishments!*

Brazosport Girls Track

Brazosport High School Junior Naliyah White qualified for the UIL 4A State Track Meet in Austin after placing 2nd in the Regional Meet. This is the second year in a row that Naliyah has qualified for the State Meet. She finished in 7th place at the State Meet. She is coached by Richard Davis

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May Spotlight Teachers

- **Secondary Spotlight-** Brittney Angelloz from Clute Intermediate- Dance Teacher & Cheer Coach- This is Coach Angelloz's first year in this position, and she has done an incredible job leading our Cougar Crew Dance and Cheer! She's brought fresh, innovative ideas and created meaningful opportunities for our students. Coach Angelloz works seamlessly with our community, staff, and parents, coordinating pep rallies and dances that truly make every student feel special.

She's also played a vital role in our Unified activities, ensuring all students are included in cheer, dance, and pep rallies. Always positive and smiling, her enthusiasm is contagious.

Peers describe her as inspiring, passionate, and a shining example of leadership. She not only shapes talented performers but fosters kind, high-character individuals. CIS is a better place because of Coach Angelloz, and we are incredibly fortunate to have her on our team.

- **Elementary Spotlight-** Marla Nicoll from A. P. Beutel Elementary- 3rd grade Teacher- Marla teaches 3rd grade Science, Social Studies, and Writing, with her writing lessons going beyond the TEKS to help students craft thoughtful reader responses and essays. The academic growth her students achieve is remarkable.

She also sponsors both Beutel's Art Club and Student Council, dedicating countless hours after school to support their activities. Marla is passionate about both organizations, always seeking new ways to expand opportunities for students. Art Club meets weekly and ends with a student showcase, while Student Council holds monthly meetings, runs officer elections, takes part in the Festival of Lights parade, and enjoys a spring field trip.

Marla's commitment reaches far beyond academics — she invests in helping students become leaders, creators, and kind, capable individuals. Her impact reaches far beyond the classroom.

Capturing Kids' Hearts Showcase Campuses

Brazosport High School joins Brazoswood Ninth Grade Center, Clute Intermediate, and Grady Rasco Middle School as one of this year's Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase Schools. Each campus received surprise announcements, learning of the national distinction for their continued commitment to building strong, positive relationships and cultivating a safe and welcoming school culture. This recognition highlights campuses that exemplify the Capturing Kids' Hearts® processes and consistently create an environment where students feel valued, connected, and empowered to succeed. Clute Intermediate has now earned this distinction for six consecutive years, Brazoswood Ninth Grade Center has received the honor for five years in a row, and Rasco Middle School is celebrating its second consecutive year as a Showcase School.

This national award highlights the importance of ensuring student success through building and prioritizing genuine, supportive connections. Our staff have fully embraced the Capturing Kids' Hearts philosophy, and it shows in the positive learning environments they've created.

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The Flippen Group evaluates schools based on nominations, staff implementation of Capturing Kids' Hearts practices, and improvements in areas such as attendance, student behavior, academic performance, and overall school culture. Site visits, interviews with stakeholders, and climate surveys are all part of the rigorous selection process.

BISD congratulates the staff and students of Brazosport High School, Brazoswood Ninth Grade Center, Clute Intermediate, and Rasco Middle School for their leadership in building connected communities and modeling what it means to lead with heart.

Cream of the Crop

Today, we are thrilled to celebrate a truly outstanding achievement, led by the exceptional leadership of Child Nutrition Program Director Amy Anderson.

Congratulations to Amy and the entire BISD Child Nutrition Team for earning the prestigious *Cream of the Crop* recognition from the Texas Department of Agriculture!

This honor is awarded to school nutrition programs that go above and beyond in providing high-quality meals, innovative nutrition education, and exceptional service to their students. Under Amy's guidance, our Child Nutrition Team has exemplified these values, showing incredible dedication to enhancing student well-being with fresh, healthy meal options, creative menu planning, and a strong commitment to food security.

Amy, thank you for your vision, commitment, and unwavering support — your leadership has been instrumental in achieving this remarkable success.

Once again, congratulations to the BISD Child Nutrition Team — you truly are the *Cream of the Crop*! We are proud of you and grateful for all that you do!

New SF Austin Elementary Principal

Jessica Robertson has been selected as the new principal of S.F. Austin Elementary School for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. With a proven track record of academic growth, student engagement, and campus leadership, Jessica brings more than a decade of experience in education and administration to the role.

Jessica has served as the Assistant Principal at the Velasco and Lanier campuses for the past five years and was recently named the 2024–2025 BISD District Elementary Assistant Principal of the Year—a reflection of her leadership and unwavering commitment to student success. Throughout her career, she has helped guide campuses to distinction and recognition at both the state and national levels.

New AP Beutel Elementary Principal

Brazosport ISD is pleased to announce that Sara Jatala has been named as the new principal of A.P. Beutel Elementary School.

Sara brings more than 20 years of experience in education with a strong background in leadership and student support. Her experience includes overseeing key areas like special programs, teacher

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evaluations, student management and leading initiatives that strengthen student involvement and the campus atmosphere. She has served as Assistant Principal at Brazoswood High School for the past seven years and previously worked in Spring Branch and Alief school districts as an assistant principal, counselor, and special education teacher —giving her valuable experience across multiple grade levels.

Communication Deployment:

- Board Meeting minutes
- Social Media
- District Website

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Respectfully submitted,

Danny Massey
Superintendent