

Midway Independent School District

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Subject: Recognitions

MISD Board of Trustees: August 18, 2026
Agenda Item – #5-A-F

Background Information

Recognitions:

A. Recognition Dates

Texas Parents Day - August 9
Women's Independence Day – August 26
Lyndon Baines Johnson Day – August 27

B. TEPSA Student Leadership Award

Hewitt Elementary's 2025-26 student leadership team is being recognized as a recipient of the **2025–2026 TEPSA Student Leadership Award**. Presented by the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association, the award honors PK–8 student leadership teams that make an extraordinary impact on their school communities through leadership and service. Hewitt Elementary was one of **167 student leadership teams across Texas** selected for this year's recognition.

25-26 Hewitt Elementary Lighthouse Team:

- Danika Veegaete
- Kaden McClanahan
- Cooper Jeske
- Brooks Newman
- Karah Brewer
- Julissa Zamora
- Roxy Parker
- Mackenzie Hartsfield
- Adeline Bond
- Anabella Torres
- Emory Davidson
- Novalei Kirks

C. MISD PD Lifesaving Award

The Midway ISD Police Department is presenting its first-ever Life Saving Award to Midway High School students Madison Grygar and Weston Williams for their actions during a life-threatening medical emergency at Woodway Elementary on May 21, 2026. While volunteering on campus, the students recognized the emergency, immediately called for help and helped get medical assistance to the teacher. Their calm and quick response, alongside the actions of Woodway Elementary staff and first responders, helped save the life of a Midway ISD teacher.

D. 2026 Heart of the Panther

The Heart of the Panther Award recognizes outstanding non-instructional employees from across Midway ISD who demonstrate exceptional service and commitment to students, staff, and their campus communities. Each campus selects a recipient who exemplifies the dedication, care, and service that represent the Midway Way.

2026 Heart of the Panther recipients:

- Midway High School: Tabatha Shelby, Campus Secretary
- Midway Middle School: Meredith Wells, Counselor/AP Secretary
- River Valley Middle School: Diane Miller, ISS Instructor
- Castleman Creek Elementary: Danny Boykins, Instructional Assistant
- Chapel Park Elementary: Keziah Carter, ECSE Paraprofessional
- Hewitt Elementary: Terry Mason, Campus Safety Specialist
- Park Hill Elementary: Robin Arocha, Self contained paraprofessional
- Speegleville Elementary: Lisa Howard, PreK 4 Assistant
- Spring Valley Elementary: Jenifer Flores, Campus Tech Para
- South Bosque Elementary: Jayme Mason, Math Intervention
- Woodway Elementary: Blam "Benita" Fajardo, Campus Custodian

E. 2026 Rookie of the Year

The Midway ISD Rookie of the Year recognizes an outstanding educator early in their career who has demonstrated excellence, dedication, and a strong commitment to students. The 2026 Rookie of the Year is **Chase Tieben**.

F. 2026 Teachers of the Year

Each year, Midway ISD campuses select outstanding educators to represent their schools as Campus Teachers of the Year. These educators are recognized for excellence in teaching, dedication to students, leadership among their peers, and their contributions to the Midway community.

2026 Campus Teachers of the Year

- Castleman Creek Elementary: Michael Isenberg - Fine Arts (Music)
- Chapel Park Elementary: Sydney Gutierrez - 2nd grade
- Hewitt Elementary: Angela Brown - Kindergarten (Elementary District Teacher of the Year)
- Park Hill Elementary: Shawn Thomas - Prekindergarten
- South Bosque Elementary: Jodi Martin - 2nd grade
- Speegleville Elementary: Wendi Kimmel - 4th & 5th grade
- Spring Valley Elementary: Maci Holt - 1st grade
- Woodway Elementary: Jill Fischer - 3rd grade
- Midway Middle School
 - Rachel Gallagher - Math
 - Ele Moroz - Social Studies
- River Valley Middle School
 - Robert Meek - Fine Arts (Art)
 - Monica Williams - Social Studies (Secondary District Teacher of the Year)
- Midway High School
 - Krista Basinger - English
 - Zakerrius Walker - Math & Coach

From the campus honorees, **Angela Brown of Hewitt Elementary** was selected as the 2026 Elementary District Teacher of the Year, and **Monica Williams of River Valley Middle School** was selected as the 2026 Secondary District Teacher of the Year.

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