

## BISD TO OPEN DOORS FOR TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



Every spring, schools across the state open their doors to their communities as part of Texas Public Schools Week. This is a unique opportunity to stop by your local schools and see the many ways Texas public school

students are driven to succeed.

Teachers and staff in our schools realize education provides today's students a chance to be tomorrow's leaders. With demanding standardized tests and challenging courses facing them, students and teachers work together to meet those hurdles head-on, driving towards success in the classroom and in life.

Don't believe students in Texas public schools are driven to succeed? Take a look at the facts:

- Texas leads the nation in the size and scope of its gifted and talented program. It is one of the top six states in the nation in the percentage of public primary schools with a gifted and talented program.
- Overall, 72,294 Texas students in the 2005 graduating class took the ACT, an increase of 3,327 since 2001.
- Ninety-one percent of the 226,964 students in the Texas high school senior class of 2005 who took the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) passed all tests taken.
- About 87 percent of Texas school districts made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) under a federal evaluation system that is a key part of the landmark No Child Left Behind Act. The 2005 AYP standards are higher than those of previous years.
- While 71% of Texas's public high schools offer Advanced Placement courses through which high school students can earn college credit, just 50% of Texas's private high schools offer these advanced courses.

As a part of Texas Public Schools Week (March 6-10, 2006) come out and visit a school in your area. Observe students in kindergarten learning to read for the first time, or watch high school kids learning to read French. See

an elementary school teacher show a class how one apple plus one apple equals two apples, or a junior high science teacher explain how an apple seed grows into a fruit-producing tree.

Regardless of which school you visit, or which classroom you enter, you will see students who are driven to succeed.

## MAKE UP DAY AT BISD SET FOR MARCH 10TH

Students and staff in the Bastrop Independent School District must make up an instructional day lost during the Fall semester on March 10th, the Friday before Spring Break.

The day was originally scheduled as a student and staff holiday. When inclement weather hit the school district on December 8th and classes were cancelled, everyone knew the day would have to be made up.

Calendars need to be marked. School will be in session on March 10th.

## EARLY RELEASE AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

All elementary schools (Pre-K through 4th grade) will have an early release day on Friday, February 3, 2006. Bus riders will be released at 12:45 p.m. and all other students will be released at 12:55 p.m. Pre-K students that attend in the afternoon will come at regular time and be dismissed at 12:45 with all the other students. Students in grades 5th – 12th will be released at the regular time.

Parents are encouraged to check with their after school childcare providers to make sure they will be open to receive your child.

For more information about early release or if you have any questions, contact your child's campus.

### BASTROP ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## February Meeting

February 21, 2006  
6:30 p.m.

906 Farm Street  
Bastrop, TX 78602

# AT THE BOARD TABLE

The Bastrop Independent School Board met January 17th. At the meeting, trustees recognized the Board of Trustees for School Board Appreciation Month, recognized the Bastrop Intermediate School UIL winners and approved the Superintendent's recommendation for the Interim Principal for Bluebonnet Elementary School to be Richard Batlle.

## Special Presentations

- Recognition of Bastrop ISD Board of Trustees for School Board Appreciation Month  
Superintendent Emanuel presented the Board members with a plaque in appreciation for their service to the community for School Board Appreciation Month.
- Recognition of Bastrop Intermediate UIL Winners  
Mr. Doherty, principal of Bastrop Intermediate School, reported that BIS took first place overall for both 5th and 6th grades at the UIL Academic Meet held at Taylor Middle School. Bastrop Intermediate UIL Coordinator Barbara Harris reported that BIS students took home 27 first place awards out of 39 total events at the competition. Mr. Emanuel congratulated the Bastrop Intermediate School UIL winners.

## Open Forum

- Monica Roffol - On behalf of the Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE), Monica Roffol presented the Board members a token of appreciation for their dedication to the school district and for making the hard decisions.

## Superintendent's Report & Board Discussion

- Personnel Report - Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.
- Financial Report - Information was provided to the Board. Sandra Callahan reviewed the December 2005 financial report.
- Curriculum Report - 2004-2005 Evaluation of Student Performance of Limited English Proficient Students.
  1. Information was provided to the Board. Mrs. Richardson reviewed the 2004-2005 evaluation of student performance of Limited English Proficient (LEP) Students and reported that the LEP population is growing at a rate of approximately 10%.
  2. Information on Secondary Scheduling for 2006-2007 Information was provided to the Board. Mr. Emanuel reported that he has been meeting with Mr. Blasig and his administrative team concerning scheduling for the 2006-07 school year and has decided to rescind the idea of going to a 7 period day next year. He explained that he made the decision to rescind the plan for safety reasons due to the renovations and additions that will be going on at the high school next year.
- Operations Report - Update on BHS Renovations and Additions Program
  - a. Review of Design Development Drawing for Bastrop High School - Brad Pfluger presented the design development drawing for BHS.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY

- 1 CCIS-Spring Individual & Class pictures
- 2 LPE - Science Fair  
BBE-PTA Board Meeting 5:30 pm  
BMS-ChoirFest-East zone
- 3 **Early Release - Elementary Only**  
RRE-School Science Fair
- 3-4 BMS "Story Theatre" 6:00 meal 7:00 show
- 5 Mina-Empty Bowl Luncheon, 11:30-2:30
- 9 CCE-Science Fair
- 6, 10 RRE-Pennies for RIF
- 6 PTA Council Meeting at Central 6pm
- 6-17 Emile-PALS activity, Pennies for Patience
- 7 LPE-Treasured Tues Evening Tea 6-7pm  
LPE-Bilingual Parent Meeting 6-7pm  
RRE-Songs of Our Land 7pm
- 8 BBE-Science fair / African American Read In
- 8 & 9 LPE-2nd gr field trip to Austin
- 9 LPE-Picture Day  
BBE-Family Science Fair Night / Capital of Texas Zoo Visits 5:30-7:00 pm  
BHS-Financial Aide Meeting 6pm, commons  
BHS-Shattered Dreams Meeting 7pm  
Emile-Spring/Group Pictures 8-10:30 am  
Emile-2nd gr. Music performance 6:30
- 10 BBE-BHS drama class presentation 1:15 pm  
Mina-"I have a dream day"  
Emile-Science Fair
- 13 End 4th Six weeks (Gr 7-12)
- 13 - 17 RRE-Magazine Fundraiser
- 13-24 Emile-Black History Museum, cafeteria, stage
- 14 Begin 5th Six weeks (Gr 7-12)  
Emile-Jump Rope for Heart  
BIS-Black History Program 9&10:00
- 20 BBE-Morris Brothers TAKS pep-rally 1:30 pm
- 21 Board of Trustees Meeting  
TAKS (Gr 3,4,5,7,9,10)
- 23 LPE-Black History Program & Lunch 1:00  
BMS -Black History Program, gym, 2:00  
CCMS-Black History Program 2:30  
CCIS-Black History Month Lunch
- 24 CCIS-Black History Program 9&9:45  
Emile-Black History Program 8:15 & 9:00
- 24-25 BHS-hosts Bear Relays, Ernhard Field
- 24-26 BHS-Balet Folklorico Comp. 24-4p 25/26-8am
- 27 **Student Holiday**
- 28 BHS-Black History Program  
LPE-Treasured Tues/Storytellers 5-7 pm  
BBE-4th gr Arbor Day Foundation trip  
CCIS-Student Council to Hyatt to plant trees

## CHARACTER EDUCATION



The character education trait for February is **Justice** - fair and equitable behavior which is consistent with the laws and principals that govern a democratic society. Please take time during February to discuss the importance of justice with your students.

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**Board Business**

During the January 17th Board Meeting, trustees also:

- Approved the Design Development Drawing for Bastrop High School and authorized architect to proceed with Contract Document Phase
- Approved the Interlocal Agreement with City of Bastrop for Community Education Program
- Approved the Resolution to work with Bastrop County to develop a county park for the benefit of Bastrop ISD and Bastrop County.
- Approved the amendment to Existing Interlocal Radio Agreement
- Approved the Superintendent’s Recommendation for the Interim Principal for Bluebonnet Elementary School to be Richard Batlle

**Information Items**

- District Wide Calendar - Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.
- Enrollment - Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.
- Revised Bastrop ISD Organizational Chart - Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.
- County Election Contract - Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.
- Board of Trustees Election Calendar - Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.
- Time Clock System - Information was provided to the Board. Mrs. Callahan explained that the Kronos time clock system would no longer be supported and the district is looking at a new system that will integrate with Skyward.
- Bastrop Central Appraisal District Board of Directors Election Results - Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.
- Amendment to Existing Interlocal Radio Agreement - Information was provided to the Board. Mr. Gideon explained that the amendment to the existing interlocal radio agreement with the County is a 5-year agreement that would be mutually beneficial to both parties.
- Interlocal Agreement with City of Bastrop for Hill Street Drainage Project - Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.
- Discuss Future Agenda Items - There was no discussion.



- Richard Batlle named New Interim Principal at Bluebonnet Elementary.
- TAPE (Texas Association of Partner’s in Education) Winners Announced - Bastrop Brings Home Five.
- The BISD Board of Trustees recognized during January for School Board Recognition Month.

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**JOB OPENINGS**

To apply for a BISD position, apply on-line at [www.bastrop.isd.tenet.edu](http://www.bastrop.isd.tenet.edu). All other applicants may contact BISD Human Resources for an application. All applications are located at the Human Resources Office, 906 Farm Street, Bastrop, Texas.

BISD is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

POSITION	SITE	SALARY
Bilingual Assistant	BBE	\$8.60-12.89 hr.
Interim Assistant Principal	CCE	\$46,187 to \$69,285
Behavior Modification Assistant	Mina	\$8.60 to \$12.89, plus stipend
PE Teacher/Girl’s Athletics	CCMS	\$33,010 to \$53,324, plus stipend
Biology/Chemistry Teacher	BHS	\$33,010 to \$53,324
Lifeskills Teacher	BHS	\$33,010 to \$53,324, plus stipend
Counselor (Bilingual Preferred)	BHS	\$40,123 to \$60,174
Print Shop Clerk	Central	\$10.02 to \$14.97 hr.
Substitute Custodian	Maintenance	\$6.62 hr.
Plumber	Maintenance	\$11.55 to \$19.63 hr.
Site Assistant (Temporary Worker)	21st Century	\$8.01 - \$12.00 hr.

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

Donna Menard	CCIS	death of father
Bonnie Montgomery	CCE	death of sister & aunt
Debbie New	BBE	
Sherry McKenzie	BHS	fire at her home
Family of Lila Kelley		
Don Wardell	BHS	death of father
Marilyn Cox	Mina	death of husband
Donald Williams	Central	father’s illness



**STAFF UPDATE**

Published monthly during the school year, except during the winter and spring holidays, by the BISD Community Services office. It can also be read online at [www.bastrop.isd.tenet.edu](http://www.bastrop.isd.tenet.edu) under Community Services, News, Staff Update. Comments and information may be sent to Donald Williams, Director of Community Services at 321-2292, fax to 321-1371 or e-mail [dwilliams@bastrop.isd.tenet.edu](mailto:dwilliams@bastrop.isd.tenet.edu).