



# Staff UPDATE

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Bastrop Independent School District

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## H1N1 vaccines available for employees

H1N1 vaccines will be offered to all Bastrop ISD employees and students, free of charge, when they become available in mid-October.

The district will also be administering regular flu shots for \$20 at that time.

Additional information to follow.



### DEDICATION CEREMONIES

Jerry Fay Wilhelm  
Center for the Performing Arts  
Oct. 24 at 1:00 p.m.

BISD Memorial Stadium  
Sept. 4 at 5:30 p.m.

## SHOW ME THE MONEY

Paydates for 2009-10 are listed below.

August 28, 2009	December 15, 2009	March 30, 2010
September 15, 2009	December 18, 2009	April 15, 2010
September 29, 2009	January 15, 2010	April 29, 2010
October 15, 2009	January 28, 2010	May 14, 2010
October 29, 2009	February 12, 2010	May 27, 2010
November 13, 2009	February 25, 2010	June 15, 2010
November 24, 2009	March 12, 2010	June 29, 2010

## DISTRICT VISION

In Bastrop ISD, our schools are committed to pursuing excellence in a positive, nurturing, and safe culture that embraces diversity while fostering curiosity and imagination. Our community recognizes the role that our students play in a global society and provides resources for them to succeed. Our parents appreciate the opportunities provided to their children and actively support the learning process through high expectations and being involved in the educational process. Our teachers and staff are passionate, highly trained, and promote depth of understanding through risk-taking and problem solving. They provide accessible, engaging learning experiences where individual potential is realized. Our students are critical thinkers who eagerly integrate 21<sup>st</sup> century skills through global collaboration, technological immersion, and community involvement. They learn in classrooms that are open, exciting, innovative, and fluid, and are prepared for today and the future in a rapidly changing world.

## DISTRICT MISSION

The mission of the Bastrop Independent School District is to ensure all students participate in meaningful learning experiences that incorporate and develop the 21<sup>st</sup> century knowledge and skills required to be successful in post-secondary education, the regional and national workforce, and the global economy.

Critical Thinking & Problem Solving  
 Collaboration Across Networks &  
 Leading by Influence  
 Agility & Adaptability  
 Initiative & Entrepreneurialism  
 Effective Oral & Written  
 Communication  
 Accessing & Analyzing Information  
 Curiosity & Imagination

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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

We recently caught up with Kathleen Bethke to ask her a couple questions.

**How long have you been with Bastrop ISD?** I have been working here since November, but recently accepted a full-time position as the Director of the 21st Century Community Learning Center program.

**What is the best part of your job?**

The best part is that I not only get to lead a great team, but also get to make a difference in the lives of the families we serve.

**What magazine/book have you read lately?** I'm sure it will be no surprise to many....I finished the Twilight series in about 4 days. Soooo Good!!

**What is your favorite cafeteria meal?**

The biscuits and gravy are really good.

**What is the last song you downloaded or CD bought?** Pink, "I'm Not Dead"

**If you could meet one person in history, who would it be and why?** Susan B. Anthony. She was a champion for women's rights and I am so thankful to women like her who paved the way for those of us who want to lead and to continue to make a difference in the world.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?** I enjoy working around the house, gardening, playing with my dogs, and spending time with my friends.



Kathleen Bethke

**Family?** I have one daughter, Savannah, who just turned 19. I also have 2 dogs, Harley and Rosie.

**Bio:**

I grew up in a suburb of Chicago, the middle child of 5 and was raised in a single-parent home. I left Chicago after graduating high school and moved to Texas with friends. I met and married here and lived in North Central Texas for most of my adult life. At 30-years-old I began college and graduated from the University of Mary-Hardin Baylor in 1998. My career has been centered around designing and implementing programs focused on helping at-risk families become self-sufficient. The last 12 years of work have been within the 21st CCLC program. I just recently moved from the Waco area and now live in Hutto with my daughter and my dogs.

## DISTRICT GOALS

1. Bastrop ISD integrates 21<sup>st</sup> century skills in all aspects of teaching and learning in dynamic, collaborative, innovative environments.
2. Bastrop ISD provides ongoing support and continuous professional development for all staff with a focus on 21<sup>st</sup> century skills development.
3. Bastrop ISD continuously ensures and monitors academic, fiscal, and performance accountability for all employees and students.
4. Bastrop ISD continuously seeks avenues to increase and effectively utilize parent and community partnerships by creating/fostering a culture that is conducive to the teaching and learning process for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Jim Mills, Trustee  
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## DISTRICT MOTTO

Every  
Student  
Succeeds

Honesty  
Got it?

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## Back2School BASH - August 22, 2009



Marissa Graham shows off her GForce shirt during the BASH.



Smithville Regional Hospital provided bike helmets to over 200 students.



Drop it and see where it lands - Games were a big hit with the kids during the BASH.



Participants were given the opportunity to see just how steady their hands are.



The Bastrop High School HoneyBears were part of the entertainment during the morning.

## Help Wanted

Bastrop ISD is always looking for qualified candidates to fill open positions within the district. To view a complete list of openings with job descriptions or to complete the online application, visit [www.bastrop.isd.tenet.edu](http://www.bastrop.isd.tenet.edu).

For more information, contact BISD Human Resources at (512) 321-2292.

## Staff UPDATE

The Staff Update is published electronically every month for staff by the BISD Community Services/Communications department to share information and recognize staff and students. Send news items to Lauri Anzaldúa, Communications Coordinator at [lanzaldua@bastrop.isd.tenet.edu](mailto:lanzaldua@bastrop.isd.tenet.edu) or call (512) 321-2292.