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Back to School 2025-2026



FBEF joins Business Partners in helping Aldridge ElementaryStart Proud!

You never know what the new school year will bring. Just ask teachers at Allen Aldridge Elementary! Thanks to Fort Bend Education Foundation business partners Office Depot-Store 416 in Sugar Land and Boise Paper, Aldridge teachers received a special back-toschool surprise as part of the Start Proud! Program! Each teacher enjoyed a shopping spree for classroom supplies, giveaways and a to-go lunch! Office Depot donated \$10,000 to support the cause and Boise Paper matched that amount, making the total instore credit awarded to Aldridge Elementary \$20,000! The school is among only 10 Title I schools across the country to benefit from the program this year.

Special thanks to Office Depot managers and leaders: Imari Jackson, Ivan Piedras, Michael Krolls, Paige Hand, and Carlos Lopezleon; Kevin Koertje of Boise Paper; FBEF Board Members and Executive Director Hillary Dunn; FBISD Superintendent Dr. Marc Smith and his Executive Leadership Team; and Aldridge Elementary Principal Tara Garret and Assistant Principal Errynne Amey for helping make the day memorable for the Aldridge "Defenders" teaching staff!

















FBEF Back to School Scramble, Sept. 8

Come and join us for a "tailgate on the green" as we tee off at the Fort Bend Education Foundation's 26th annual Back to School Scramble! The golf tournament is Monday, September 8 at Sweetwater Country Club. For more information, sponsorship opportunities and registration details, go to: https://onecau.se/fbefgolf25.

Support the AFW Back to School Rally for FBEF!

The AFW Back to School Rally continues through August! Use partner ID: FBISDEF at checkout when shopping online or in-store. Support the Fort Bend Education Foundation and earn a chance to win a \$500 AFW gift card! Shop today at www.afw.com.



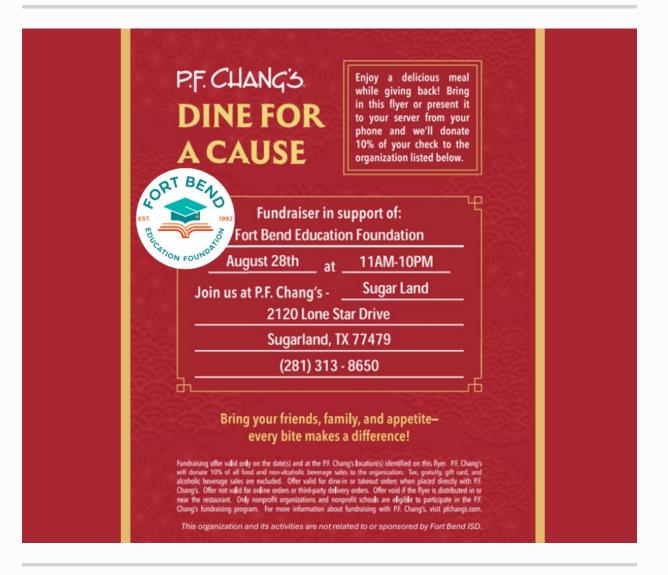


Save the Date: October 24 for Annual Sugar Shindig!

Join us for a deliciously good time at our 11th Annual Sugar Shindig, presented by Jacobs! The event is Friday, October 24 at Safari Texas Ranch at 6:30 p.m. Come in casual clothes, or a costume, and enjoy a night of frosted fun for adults only! The event includes a cake auction featuring cakes by locale bakers, a fajita dinner, dancing and a live

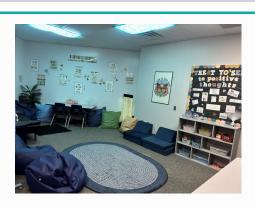
band! So, prepare to have your cake and fundraise too! Proceeds support our Grants to Teachers and Schools programs. For sponsorship opportunities and more details, go to https://bit.ly/2025sugarshindig.





GRANTS IN ACTION

spotlighting Travis High School and Sartartia Middle School



Awarded a FBEF school site grant, the Travis High School counselors created a "Zen Den: A Safe Space for Students" to support students' social and emotional development. The space contains comfortable furniture, SEL posters and curriculum items, fidgets for calming and coloring items. The students can access the Zen Den when they feel overwhelmed or overstimulated due to life issues. By developing healthy coping mechanisms, the students can gain confidence, resolve conflicts, reach goals and increase academic achievement.



With funding for her school site grant, "Lights! Camera! Action!", Sartartia Middle School teacher Supriya Jha will spend the school year preparing students for future roles in broadcasting! Her class now has camera and broadcasting equipment (including cameras, microphones, tripods, memory cards and carrying cases) to support student learning. The students will hone their technical skills, while hosting, producing and editing their own broadcasting program, podcasts, interviews and other authentic works.



New FBEF Leader in Place: Meet Hillary Dunn

The Fort Bend Education Foundation is proud to announce the appointment of Hillary Dunn as its new Executive Director. She brings over eight years of experience within the Foundation, where she began as Marketing Coordinator before advancing to Events Director and, most recently, Development Director. Read more!

FBEF Partner Services and Resources





Sign your student up for academic tutorials and bootcamps provided by FBEF partner, AP Tutors. More details at https://myaptutors.com.





Take advantage of this special back to school offer from partner Goldfish Swim School! Prepay for three months of lessons and get the fourth month free! Details at https://www.goldfishswimschool.co <u>m</u>.



Purchase your next vehicle through Group 1 Automotive Partner Program and the FBEF gets a \$100 donation per purchase. To enroll in the VIP program, scan the QR code on the flyer or email

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