



Fort Bend Education Foundation's Quarterly Electronic Newsletter

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The Fort Bend Education Foundation awards \$805,530 to FBISD for 2025-2026 School Year!

The Fort Bend Education Foundation presented a check for \$805,530 to Fort Bend ISD to support the Grants to Teachers and Schools program for the 2025-2026 school year! The presentation took place May 15 at the Education Foundation's annual Grant Awards Ceremony, held at Dulles High School.

The amount includes: \$578,165 to fund 327 teacher and school grants, \$16,712 for 300 new teacher gifts, \$79,835 for professional development grants and \$130,818 in pass-through programs.

The Education Foundation is able to present an award each year, thanks to the overwhelming support of sponsors, donors and individuals who purchase tickets to the Foundation's annual fundraisers.

Continue your support of the FBEF. Donate at <https://bit.ly/3WT5yQR>.



CEO Brenna Cosby retires after 25 years of service!



The Fort Bend Education Foundation's Chief Executive Officer Brenna Cosby has retired after 25 years of exemplary leadership. Her last day was May 20.

Brenna is known as a prominent leader throughout Fort Bend ISD, a pillar of the Fort Bend community and a champion fundraiser, who thrived on forming positive partnerships to support student learning.

During her tenure, the Foundation's annual fundraising campaign grew from \$125,000 to \$1.4 million. More than \$35 million was raised for schools and teachers. Expansion of the Auxiliary Committee grew to more than 500 volunteers. Fort Bend ISD's

Coding and Robotics Clubs increased from two to 65; and the Foundation staff grew from one person to an eight-member team.

To honor her legacy, the FBEF Board of Directors has named a grant award in her name - "The Brenna Cosby Innovation Award."

Sugar Land Rotary Club donates 5K proceeds to Education Foundation

We are extremely grateful to the Sugar Land Rotary Club for naming the Fort Bend Education Foundation as the benefiting organization of its 6th Annual Running with a Heart 5K! Proceeds from the 5K will support our Grants to Teachers and Schools programs – which ultimately benefits the students of Fort Bend ISD! So thankful for our neighboring Rotarians!





Honoring FBISD 2025 Teachers of the Year
Ashley East (Blue Ridge-Briargate Elementary) and
Monique Williams (M.R. Wood Center for Learning)



and FBISD 2025 Principals of the Year
Kristi Durham (Madden Elementary)
and not shown Dr. Reginald Brown
(Dulles Middle School)

FBEF honors 2025 FBISD Teachers and Principals of the Year!

The Education Foundation was proud to honor FBISD's 2025 District Teachers of the Year Ashley East (Blue Ridge-Briargate Elementary) and Monique Williams (M.R. Wood Center for Learning)... and the 2025 Principals of the Year Kristi Durham (Madden Elementary) and not pictured Dr. Reginald Brown (formerly of Dulles Middle School and recently

named Principal of Kempner High School)! Presenting the winners with iPads on behalf of the Fort Bend Education Foundation were FBEF Executive Director Hillary Dunn and FBEF Vice President of Community Affairs Nappinnai Natarajan.

Whataburger and the Fort Bend Education Foundation recognizing District Teachers of the Year!

Whataburger in collaboration with the Fort Bend Education Foundation honored District Teachers of the Year – Ashley East of Blue Ridge-Briargate Elementary and Monique Williams of M.R. Wood Center for Learning – with 2025 What-A-Teacher Awards! The \$1,000 grant recognizes the positive impact the teachers are making in the classroom and community. The award is presented through Whataburger's Feeding Student Success Program. Congrats to our District Teachers of the Year!



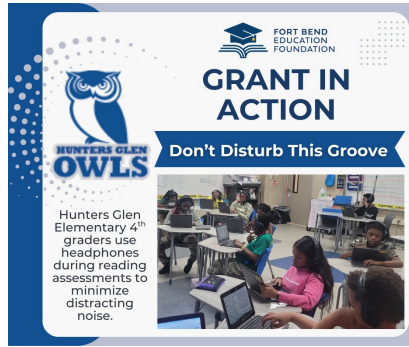
Spotlight on Grants In Action!

Spotlighting Bhuchar, Hunters Glen and Oakland Elementary Schools



Put Your Thinking Cap on Station Rotation

Delicia Arnic used her teacher grant to make learning fun for her third graders at Bhuchar Elementary! She purchased educational games that reinforce math concepts (such as place value, measurement and fractions) taught in the curriculum. The games allow students on all levels to engage with their peers in a fun way. As the students rotate between workstations, they are building essential math, communication and problem-solving skills through hands-on learning.



Don't Disturb this Groove

Students at Hunters Glen Elementary are better able to focus on assessments thanks to 4th grade teachers Rachel Semien-Monroe and Dekari Courtney. With their team grant, they purchased headphones with microphones for students. The headphones help minimize external noise infiltration when students are completing reading assessments. The teachers can administer the reading fluency assessment with up to 10 students in a setting without feedback interference.



I Like to Move It, Move It!

Oakland Elementary School music teacher Beth Duhon received a grant to support music experiences for students. Her grant funded wrist bells, rhythm sticks, giant stretchy bands, scarves, books, bean bags and other props for students to use during musical performances. The entire 5th grade gave an inspiring Veterans Day performance to the beat of "Stars and Stripes Forever" using the red, white and blue scarves, while demonstrating precise movements and patriotism!



FBEF Back to School Scramble, September 8

Mark your calendars for Monday, September 8, 2025, and join us at Sweetwater Country Club as we tee off for a great cause – the Fort Bend Education Foundation's 26th Annual Back to School Scramble! This fun-filled golf

tournament, co-chaired by Nick Bhakta and Ryan McCauley, supports innovative classroom grants and resources for every school in Fort Bend ISD.

Sponsorships start at \$500, foursomes at \$1350 and include perks like breakfast, lunch, a player gift, and a chance to make a real impact on student success! For more details on sponsorships, go to <https://bit.ly/fbfgolfsponsor>.

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