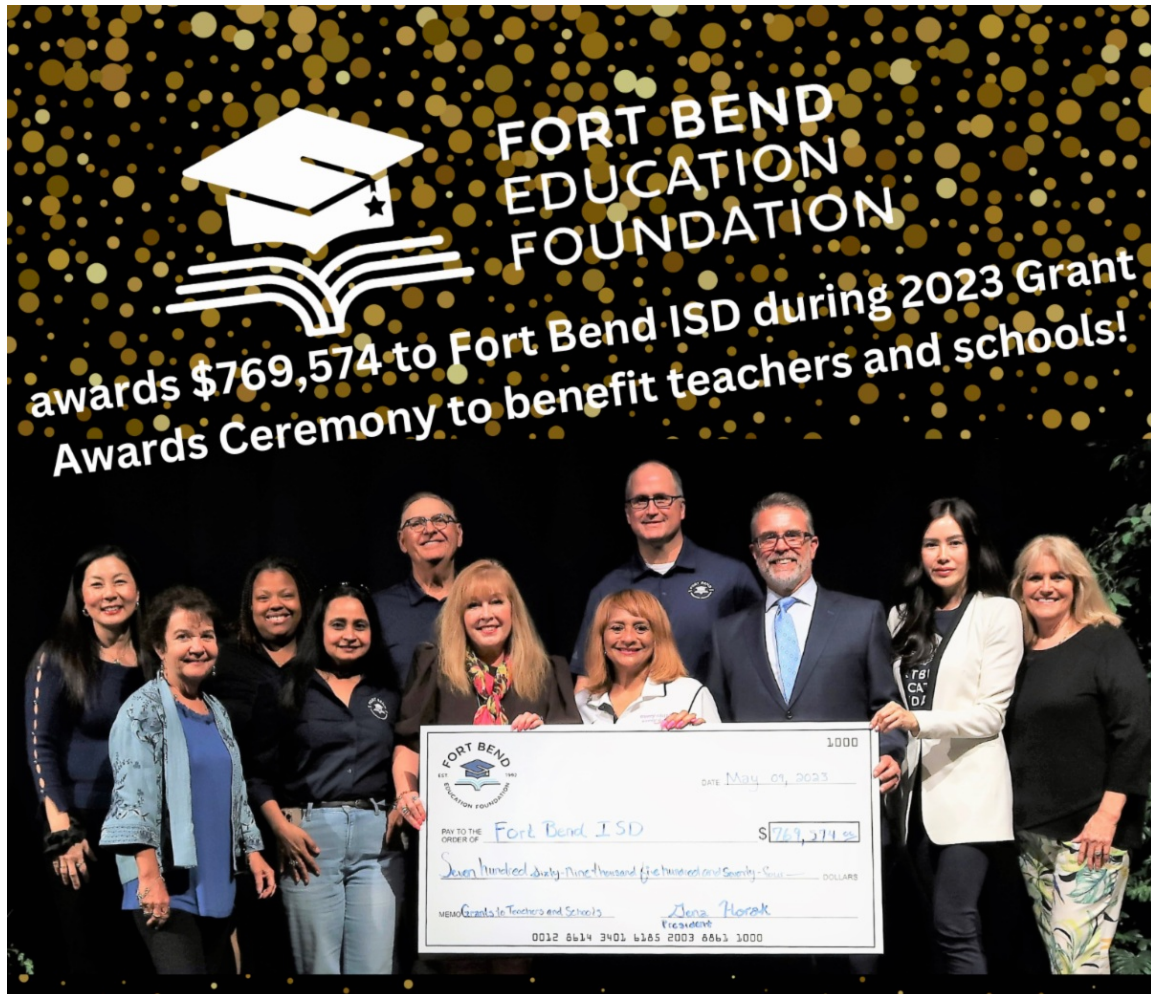


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Shown during the check presentation are: (front, from l-r) FBEF Past President Mary Bourne-Marth, FBEF Board Secretary Nappinnai Natarajan, FBISD Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christie Whitbeck, FBISD Board Vice President Shirley Rose-Gilliam, FBEF Board President-Elect Andrew Cabbie, FBEF Board Member Cindy Cheng and FBEF Executive Director Brenna Cosby; and (back row) FBEF Board Members Terri Wang, Maura McCoy, Dr. Dennis Halford (also Past President) and Daniel Menendez.

Also shown at presentation are: (far left) FBEF Vice President of Allocations Kevin Anderson and (far right) FBEF Board Member Crystal Harris with Superintendent Whitbeck, President-Elect Cabbie and Executive Director Cosby.



For the 31st consecutive year, the Fort Bend Education Foundation has awarded grants to support Fort Bend ISD teachers and schools! During the annual Grant Awards program, held May 9 at Kempner High School, the Education Foundation presented Fort Bend ISD with a check for \$769,574. The check amount includes:

- \$546,129 to fund 271 grants through the Grants to Teachers and Schools program,
- \$21,651 for 300 New Teacher Gifts,
- \$65,000 to support Professional Development opportunities,
- \$121,294 in Pass-through Grants, and

- \$15,500 to support the Be a Bright Light for Homeless Students campaign.

Since its inception, the Education Foundation has awarded more than \$36 million in grants to FBISD teachers and schools, providing opportunities to enrich and enhance the quality of education for all FBISD students.

FBEF Back to School Scramble, Sept. 11



Join Co-Chairs Greene Hendon and Ryan McCauley on September 11 to golf “fore” education at the 24th Annual Back to School Scramble. The event will take place at Sweetwater Country Club (4400 Palm Royale Blvd., Sugar Land, TX 77479), beginning at 7:00 a.m. You can help sponsor the event or donate today at <https://fortbendisd.ejoinme.org/2023fbefgolf>.

Annual Bike Ride Great Success, Thanks to You!



On Saturday, April 1, the Fort Bend Education Foundation held its 20th Annual Zuhñe Education Expedition bike ride with an awesome turn-out of over 500 cyclists. As a result of this successful recommended ride, the Foundation raised \$46,000 benefiting its Grants to Teachers and Schools programs, which provide opportunities to enrich and

enhance the quality of education for all Fort Bend ISD students.

Rest Stops were staffed by volunteers including teachers and students from Fort Bend ISD schools. They were vying for the Best Rest Stop award. Dulles High School Math and Science Academy under the leadership of Sponsor Mr. Donald Lam and Student Captains Anubhav Dasgupta and Noel Chacko won the award with its Western theme. Way to go, Vikings!!

Pictured are: (holding trophy) Team Captains Anubhav Dasgupta and Noel Chacko, and (back row, from right) Navya Singh, Ancelin Matthew, Meenakshi Pradeep, Allen Thomas and Benjamin Liu.



Grant In Action



Marshall High School's Mariachi Band students are learning to play musical instruments and set up audio equipment.

Marshall High School teacher, Andrew Vanegas, was awarded \$1,134 to fund his teacher grant, "Sharing Mariachi with the World." He was able to order equipment to help enhance the performance of the school's Mariachi Band. The items included a cube monitor 30W amp, cardioid dynamic vocal microphones, mic stands, supercardioid condensers and a 2-way active PA speaker. The equipment helps amplify the students' voices during class, rehearsals, as well as indoor and outdoor performances at their school and throughout the community. The students have not only learned how to tune and play their musical instruments, but how to set up the audio equipment.

Grant Spotlights

Lantern Lane Elementary, Bowie Middle School, Travis High School and Reese Career and Technical Center



STEPTICIANS: Step up to Leadership

With funding for her grant, Karina Anderson of Lantern Lane Elementary purchased leadership books to support curriculum for the afterschool enrichment club, STEpticians. The club provides students in grades 3-5 opportunities to learn and perform the art of stepping and dance, while building teamwork and leadership skills. The students plan and facilitate fundraisers, community service projects and special events, while becoming better leaders.



The "Visual" Library

Bowie Middle School teacher Hijara Syed received funding to expand her library of resources to include art drawing books. The books provide students with step-by-step, visual instructions on learning different mediums to create art. The books show how to create realism and abstract art,

and how to use acrylic, pastels and other materials. Students access the

books throughout the school year when completing projects, research, practice drawings and free drawing time.



Illustrated History

Jennifer Gurnea of Travis High School is improving student literacy and love of history by presenting a selection of graphic novels depicting events such as the Holocaust, the Civil Rights era, Japanese Internment, and the United Farm Workers in CA. Students select a book, read pages, then present a summary to small groups. The entire classroom then joins in dialogue and discussion. At the semester end,

students develop speeches or videos to share on their Schoology newsletter or during library presentations to show what they've learned about the book selections.



Handwriting in the Digital Age: Using Pen Tablets to Increase Student Engagement in the Classroom

To help Reese Career and Technical Center students gain confidence in their writing and creative expression, teacher Joey Dyrud-Lange purchased pen tablets for her classroom. The tools allow for smooth writing and drawing with digital applications (such as Microsoft Office, Adobe Photoshop, etc.), and give students more creative freedom

when designing business logos and other graphics. Students can also put their handwriting skills to use by writing responses to discussion questions or preparing commercial scripts and other written pieces!





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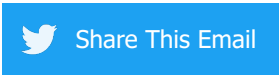
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