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From White Settlement ISD

## 2021-22 Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration Going on Now

### Pre-Kindergarten Eligibility & Registration

Pre-kindergarten enables young learners to develop foundational academic and social skills that will help them to be more successful in kindergarten and beyond. The Early Childhood Academy provides a full-day, pre-kindergarten program, to prepare students for kindergarten and help them excel academically.

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Pre-kindergarten students must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2021.family partnerships.

### 2021-22 Pre-Kindergarten Registration

Wednesday, May 5

9 a.m.- 6 p.m.

West Elementary Early Childhood Academy

located at 8901 White Settlement Road, White Settlement

### Eligibility Requirements

Children must meet eligibility requirements in 1 or more of the following areas:

- Child is eligible for free or reduced price lunch program. The income of every individual who lives in the house is calculated. ([Click here](#) for 2021-22 income guidelines).

- Child has limited English proficiency. (Language test will be given to student at registration.)

- Child is homeless (as determined by WSISD Student Residency Questionnaire).

Student is the child of an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces, including one who was killed or injured while

serving on active duty (documentation required).

- Child is or has been under conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services (foster care) (CPS/court documentation required).

- Child's parent is eligible for the Star of Texas Award (documentation required).

### Required Registration Documents

Registration will not be finalized until the following documents are submitted and verified:

- Valid Photo ID (ex. driver's license)

- Birth Certificate

- Immunization Record

- Social Security Card

- Proof of Residency in form of a current lease or utility bill

If qualifying based on income, proof of income in the form of a current paycheck stub; current pay envelope; letter from employer stating gross wages paid and how often paid; unemployment, workers' compensation or disability payment stub; or TANF, AFDC, or food stamp case number; must be provided at registration. (Self-employed individuals may provide their 2020 income tax return or business or farming documents such as ledger books or self-issued paycheck stub.)

### Pre-Kindergarten Registration Steps

1. Gather the required documents.

2. Complete the online registration process. The required documents should be uploaded at this time. For best results, complete the registration on a computer. *To view the online registration in Spanish, use a Google web browser. Right click on the page and click translate in the upper right hand corner.*

3. For assistance with the online

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# Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration

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registration process, schedule an appointment on Wednesday, May 5. Click here to schedule an appointment.

Parents who anticipate that their child may qualify due to limited English will need to bring their child to the May 5 registration date for language testing. Parents may want to bring documentation that helps their child qualify through other means (such as income) in case their child does not qualify by language due to language test scores.

Pre-kindergarten registration will not be finalized until documents are submitted and verified.

For questions, call West Elementary Early Childhood Academy at 817-367-1334; or contact Dr. Karen Gonzales, Early Childhood Director at 817-367-5335 or by email at [kgonzales@wsisd.net](mailto:kgonzales@wsisd.net).

## Kindergarten Registration

For children not currently enrolled in a WSISD early childhood program, WSISD offers kindergarten at Blue Haze, Liberty, North and West Elementary Schools (limited space is available at the Fine Arts Academy).

WSISD provides a full-day program that enhances the social and cognitive development of our early learners and equips them with the foundations for learning.

Kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2021.

Required Documents include:

- a valid photo ID (ex. driver's license)
- birth certificate
- immunization record
- social security card
- proof of residency in form of a current lease or utility bill

## Kindergarten Registration

Tuesday, April 27

9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## School Site Locator

[Click here](#) to find out which school

your child will attend.

## Kindergarten Registration Steps - New Students

1. Gather the required documents.

2. Complete the online registration process. The required documents should be uploaded at this time. For best results, complete the registration on a computer. *To view the online registration in Spanish, use a Google web browser. Right click on the page and click translate in the upper right hand corner.*

3. Use the link below to schedule an appointment at your child's school on Tuesday, April 27. All required documents should be uploaded prior to scheduling an appointment. You will bring your child at this time for an assessment. Please allow 30 minutes for English learners and 10 minutes for all other students.

For assistance with the online registration process, please schedule an appointment.

Scheduling Appointments:

- [Blue Haze Elementary](#)
- [Liberty Elementary](#)
- [North Elementary](#)
- [West Elementary](#)

Kindergarten Registration will not be finalized until documents are submitted and verified.

## Current Pre-Kindergarten and ECSE Students

This is only kindergarten registration for children not currently enrolled in a WSISD pre-school program.

Current WSISD pre-school students (in a pre-kindergarten or ECSE program) will not attend registration on April 27. These students will receive assessments during the school day.

Families with children currently in pre-K or ECSI will not complete new student registration. All current pre-kindergarten parents will be required to complete returning student online registration this summer.

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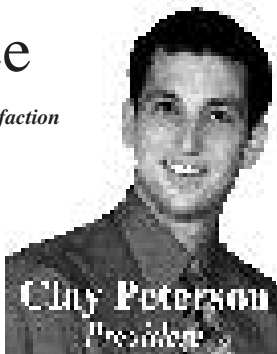
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From the Sports Desk with John English

# Brewer Bear Baseball to take on Granbury

The Brewer baseball team came up a bit short on Saturday, but coach Gilbert Ramirez said he is seeing some positive signs from his team.

The Bears lost 9-3 to Grapevine, but only trailed 4-3 through the sixth inning, and Ramirez said his team was competitive throughout much of the contest.

"I thought we played well for most of the game, but must cut down on the mental mistakes," Ramirez said. "We hit the ball well. We had 11 hits and played a clean defensive game, but have to do better in certain situations."

Freshman Jayden Ayala was 3-4 against the Mustangs, and Will Intfen was 2-3 (his third multi-hit game in a row).

Kadin Gehring was also 2-3 in the game against Grapevine.

"We also turned three double plays with one of those being Kadin throwing a runner

out at first base after making a good catch on a line drive," Ramirez said.

Brewer will take on Granbury at 7 p.m. tomorrow night at Brewer High School, and Ramirez said that his team will have it's hands full with the Pirates.

"Granbury is another quality opponent and we expect a tough, hard fought series with them," Ramirez said.

In softball, the Lady Bears defeated Granbury by a score of 10-5 on Friday night to improve to 9-9-2 on the season.

Sydney Carithers led the team offensively with three hits and four RBI for Brewer and Kaylee Ramirez finished the game with three hits as well. Karlie Landrum threw seven innings with 11 strike outs for Brewer.

The Lady Bears will host Wichita Falls Rider at 5 p.m. tomorrow evening.

From the City of White Settlement

# Drive In Movie at the Library

The White Settlement Public Library will host a storytime and drive-in movie event in the library parking lot, located at 8215 White Settlement Rd. on Friday, April 16 at 8 p.m. We'll be watching "How to Train Your Dragon." The Friends of the Library will be on hand selling refreshments. On Friday, April 30, the Library will host another storytime and movie, and will be showing "Inside Out."

A free kid fish event will be held at Veterans Park located at 8901 Clifford Street on Saturday, April 17 from 8 to 10 a.m. This event is open to ages 1 through 16; bring your own fishing pole and we'll supply the bait!

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In the market for a car? If you're planning on purchasing a used vehicle, you're in good company.

Nearly 70 percent of all car sales are used vehicles, likely due to the rising costs of new cars and the increasing quality of their used counterparts.

While previously owned vehicles make the best financial sense in a lot of cases, experts encourage motorists to keep a few things in mind.

For the safety of everyone sharing the road with you and to protect your purchase, it's important to stay up-to-date on car maintenance.

April is National Car Care Month and to help you extend the life of your used car, here are some tips to consider:

- Follow the maintenance recommendations of the manufacturer to keep it running as smoothly as possible. This includes fill-

ing your vehicle with the proper gas, and using the proper oil per the manufacturer's recommendations.

- Prioritize preventive maintenance to avoid issues down the line. Pay special attention to noises or warning signs that could indicate your vehicle needs maintenance. Remember, warning lights on your dashboard are illuminated for a reason. Understand what they mean and address them as-needed.

- Keep the interior and exterior of your vehicle clean to prevent rust and other issues.

- Use only trusted repair services that hire Automotive Service Excellence (ASE)-certified technicians. This certification can make a big difference when it comes to quality repairs and maintenance.

- Complete as-needed or at a minimum, an annual inspection, on the vehicle. Keep

in mind that different seasons of the year require different inspections and repairs.

- Use quality parts.


- When buying a vehicle, stick to retail dealers that put cars through a detailed inspection process to help ensure a given vehicle's safety and reliability. At the same time, consider dealers with an attached service department to help streamline maintenance and repairs.

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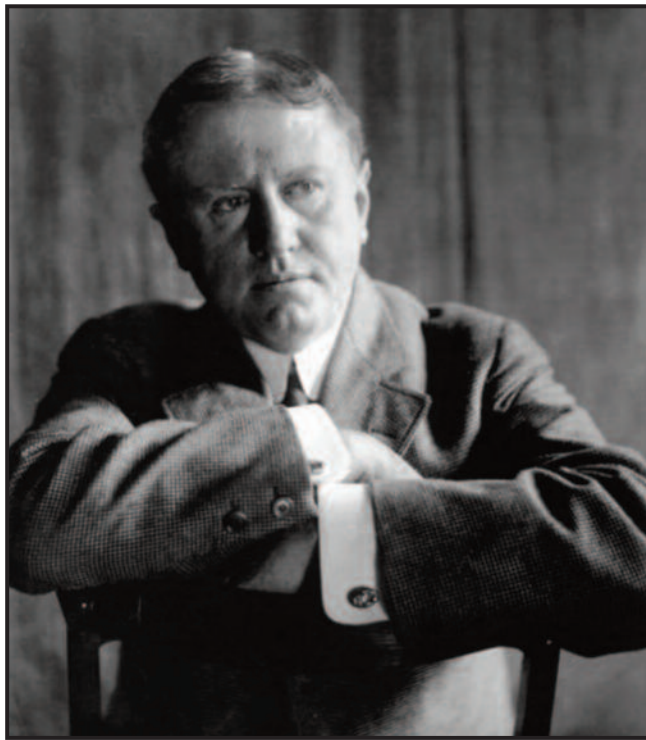
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# Author William Sydney Porter *by Dr. Ken Bridges*

He was best known for a short pen name, "O. Henry." The man behind the stories, William Sydney Porter, was a complicated character with a sharp imagination. Porter wrote hundreds of stories in his short career and became one of the best-known short story writers of the twentieth century.



Porter was born in Greensboro, North Carolina, in 1862. His father was a doctor. His mother died of tuberculosis when he was a child. He showed a deep imagination and strong artistic talents as a child. He loved reading from an early age. As a teenager, he began working at his uncle's drugstore as a pharmacist and drew sketches of the customers in his spare time.

In 1882, he moved with a friend to South Texas to attempt to rehabilitate his shaky health. He worked for a time on a sheep ranch as a ranch hand and a cook. Two years later, he moved to Austin to work as a pharmacist. It was in Austin that Porter began writing. Initially, it was a hobby, but it gradually took up more and more of his time.

In 1887, he married and took up a new job. Porter worked for four years at the Texas General Land Office drawing maps and took a job as an accountant at an area bank in 1891. However, three years later, the bank came across several accounting errors, accused him of embezzlement, and fired him. At that point, he took up writing full time, publishing his own weekly humor magazine, *The Rolling Stone*. Though popular, the magazine failed within a year and Porter soon found work with *The Houston Post*.

Not long after the move to Houston, federal auditors charged him with embezzlement from his former bank job. He was arrested but released on bail. He soon fled to New Orleans where he continued to write and took up the pen name of O. Henry after a conversation with a friend. He then fled to Honduras but returned to the United States when his wife's health collapsed. His wife died within weeks of his arrival, and he was again arrested.

The trial was held in Austin, where he was sentenced to five years in prison in 1898. Ironically, the same courthouse today is owned by the University of Texas and has been rechristened O. Henry Hall.

He was released in 1901 for good behavior. In 1902, he

moved to New York where he landed a job writing weekly stories for *The New York World Sunday Magazine*. He would write more than 300 short stories between 1902 and his death, many known for a sudden, surprise twist at the end.

Perhaps his most famous story was "*The Gift of the Magi*," originally appearing in December 1905. It is the touching tale of a young couple in turn-of-the-century New York who want to get something special for each other for Christmas but have no money. Unbeknownst to each other, they give up something they prize to buy their gifts. The wife sells her luxuriant hair to afford a silver chain for her husband's pocket watch. The husband, however, had sold his watch to pay for jeweled hair combs for his wife which were so popular at that time. The story has since been retold many times and dramatized on screen in many forms.

Two other stories included "*The Caballero's Way*," (1907) which introduced The Cisco Kid, a character reproduced by many other authors; and "*The Ransom of Red Chief*," which appeared in *The Saturday Evening Post* in 1907 as the tale of two kidnapers who kidnap a rich, spoiled brat in hopes of ransom but end up paying the father to take the incorrigible child back.

His heavy drinking steadily took its toll on him. It cost him his marriage. His second wife left him in 1909. He descended further into the bottle and died in 1910 at age 47.

In spite of his sad end, he was praised in later years. Schools in Garland and Austin were named for him as well as in his native Greensboro. In 1918, the prestigious O. Henry Award was established in his memory for outstanding short story writers.

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*From the Tarrant Area Food Bank*

## ***Tarrant Area Food Bank Distribution Tomorrow***

Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB) has resumed their Mega Mobile Markets with a market on Friday, April 16 at Herman Clark Stadium from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. TAFB will continue to hold Mega Mobile Markets every Friday at Herman Clark Stadium until further notice.

These events are designed to serve all residents of the Tarrant area community who are in need of food assistance, and anyone whose access to nutritious food has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Friday, April 16 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Herman Clark Stadium, 5201 CA Roberson Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76119.**

The House Fort Worth church is hosting a food drive this month; a ID/drivers license is required to participate:

**Saturday, April 24 - 1 to 3 p.m. in the former Toys-R-Us parking lot, 7606 West Fwy., White Settlement, TX 76108.**

From the Friends of the Benbrook Library

## Blood Drive Event April 23 at Benbrook Library

The need for blood is at a critical level due to the pandemic. The Friends of the Benbrook Library is partnering with the

Benbrook Water Authority to host a critically needed Blood Drive on Friday, April 23 from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Benbrook Public Library, located at 1065 Mercedes St. in Benbrook.

[Click here](#) to sign up for an appointment online.

From the White Settlement Police Department

## Prescription Drug Take Back

The White Settlement Police Department will host an event to provide safe disposal of prescription drugs on Saturday, April 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the White Settlement Police Department located at 8900 Clifford Street in White Settlement.

- The program is free and anonymous.
- Prescription and over-the-counter solid dosage medications, such as tablets as well as liquid, cough medicine with codeine and other over-the-counter liquid medications are accepted.
- Injectables (pre-loaded with medication) and needles/sharps/syringes will be accepted in a separate drop box.
- Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not a part of this initiative.

Contact the White Settlement Police Department at 817-246-7070 with any questions.

For more information, visit [DEATakeBack.com](http://DEATakeBack.com).

From White Settlement ISD

## Last Day of School Moved to May 28

For the 2020-21 school year, the district increased the school day by 30 additional minutes to ensure that students met the state's minute requirement in the event of a closure due to COVID-19.

WSISD did not have to use the additional minutes; therefore, the last day for students will be Friday, May 28 (one week earlier than originally planned). Click [this link](#) for the updated calendar.

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# Three Day Weekend Forecast



### Friday, April 16:

**AM** - Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 1pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 65. East southeast wind 10-15mph, with gusts as high as 25mph. Chance of precipitation 60%.

**PM** - A 30% chance of thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, low around 50.



### Saturday, April 17:

**AM** - A 30% chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 65.

**PM** - A 20% chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 45.



### Sunday, April 18:

**AM** - Mostly sunny, with a high near 65.

**PM** - Partly cloudy, with a low around 44.

[Extended Forecast Click Here](#)