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From White Settlement ISD

Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration for 2024-2025 School Year Opens April 1

West Elementary will become the West Early Learners Academy and serve all WSISD pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students beginning with the 2024-25 school year. The school will provide our youngest learners with a solid foundation in early literacy and math and visually stimulate learning for our students.

The West Early Learners Academy will give every child the opportunity to explore scenes and places beyond the school walls and White Settlement ISD community. The walls and ceilings will pop with scenery like mountains, waterfalls, forests and animals throughout the world. The school will offer a city system that includes a bank, store, hospital, restaurant and much more.

Pre-K Registration

Pre-Kindergarten students must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2024. The Early Childhood Academy at West Elementary

serves all WSISD pre-kindergarten and Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) students as well as the First Class Learning Center (day care for employees' children).

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.

WSISD's Early Childhood program provides developmentally appropriate curriculum that supports the needs of the whole child in a safe, accessible environment that respects and supports diversity. Research-based, early childhood best practices provide students with a setting that meets their individual needs and creates family partnerships. (continued on page 4)

NO SCHOOL

Friday, March 29 & Monday, April 1

Holidays for Students



From White Settlement ISD

Register for Ready, Tech, Go! Event by March 30

Blue Haze Elementary PTA invites all WSISD elementary families to the Ready, Tech, Go! Program from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 4 in the Blue Haze cafeteria, located at 601 Blue Haze Drive. The program will help participants learn how to navigate the challenges of screen readiness and how to promote healthy and responsible device use for all family members.

The event will include:

- Free dinner for all attendees
- Free child care and a DJ for entertainment
- Prizes
- Register online by March 30.

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From the Project Linus Blanketeers

First Monday Quilt Club: Project Linus Volunteers Needed

The First Monday Quilt Club meets on the first Monday of each month at Bethany Christian Church, located at 1500 Meadow Park Drive in White Settlement from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ladies may bring brunch or snack items to share with the group. Their next meeting is on Monday, April 1.

Project Linus is a non-profit service organization, and the members of this group are Tarrant County Chapter Project Linus volunteers who create handmade quilts and blankets that provide love, warmth, and comfort for local children who have suffered trauma, tragedy, or illness.

Volunteers also make coverlets for veterans, nursing home residents, and the homeless. Unfortunately, the need for these blankets increases each month. They desperately need volunteers with portable sewing machines to help assemble the quilts.

No experience is needed - there is a place for you. Anyone can help if you can follow instructions, sew, tie a knot, crochet a blanket, or tell a good joke. Volunteers have lots of fun and develop fantastic friendships.

High school students can receive community service credits for participating. Materials (fabric, batting, thread, and yarn) are provided. Donations of fabric, yarn, thread, sewing machines, sergers, or money to purchase materials are greatly appreciated.

For more information about the mission of Project Linus, visit www.projectlinus.org.

For more information about the First Monday Quilt Club, call Virginia Biela at 817-244-1263.

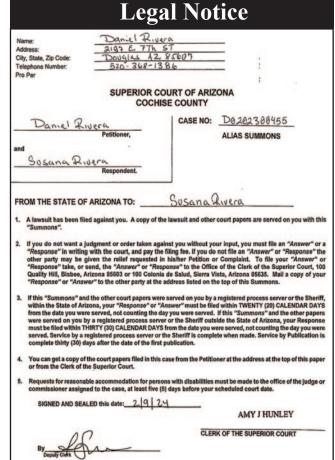














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From the City of White Settlement

Parking Passes Required for Wings Over Cowtown

The Blue Angels are returning to the area as part of the Wings Over Cowtown air show at NAS JRB Fort Worth on April 13 and 14. This will be the first air show hosted at the base since 2016.

There will be military and civilian aircraft displays, novelty, food, beverage booths, a kids zone with games and activities and the Blue Angels will be the grand finale.

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information and parking passes to access the base, visit www.navymwrfortworth.com/event/airshow.





From the Sports Desk with John English

Bear Soccer Boys are District Champions!

The Brewer Bears boy's soccer team wrapped up the regular season with a 4-1 victory over Azle last Tuesday.

Jonathan Cortez scored two goals for the Bears in the Azle game, and Guadalupe Diaz and Alexis Vega added a goal a piece.

Brewer wrapped up the regular season with an 8-2-2 district record and opened the playoffs on Monday against Everman after the paper had already gone to press.

The Bears won their second consecutive district championship with the win over Azle.

On the girl's side, Brewer wrapped up the regular season with a 1-1 draw against Azle, but ended up winning the game in a 4-2 shoot out.

On the diamond, the Brewer baseball team came up a little short against Aledo last week, losing to the Bearcats by a score of 4-1 and 1-0 on Tuesday and Friday respectively.

Coach Gilbert Ramirez said that this team did compete well in the series against Aledo, particularly in two phases of the game.

"I thought we pitched really well and played great defense in the series against Aledo," Ramirez said.

In game one, Trey Ramirez (5 IP, 5 H, 3 R, 4K) and Ricardo Olmos, (1.2 IP, 0 H) both threw well for Brewer, and in game two, Jayden Ayala-Hinojosa (6.2 IP, 5 H, 1 R, 4K) had a strong outing for the Bears.

Offensively, Evan Laredo led the way at the plate, going 3-6 (.500) with a triple and RBI in the series versus Aledo.

The Bears followed that up with a 10-0 victory over FW Northside on Saturday and Ramirez said it was another good day on the bump for his team.

"Jesse Orozco and Ricardo Olmos threw a combined no hitter," Ramirez said.

In softball, Brewer lost to Aledo by a score of 15-1 last Tuesday.



Pre-K and Kindergarten (continued from page 1)

Eligibility Requirements

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

- 1. Child is eligible for free or reduced price lunch program. The income of every individual who lives in the house is calculated. Two recent proofs of income must be provided for every working individual in the household (see documents below). Click here for 2023-24 income guidelines.
- 2. Child has Limited English Proficiency. (Language test will be given to student at registration.)
- 3. Child is homeless (as determined by WSISD Student Residency Questionnaire).
- 4. 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).
- 5. Child is or has been under conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services (foster care) (CPS/court documentation required).
- 6. Child's parent is eligible for the Star of Texas Award (documentation required).

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

- Valid Parent/Guardian Photo ID (ex. driver's license)
- Certified Birth Certificate (To order a certified birth certificate, visit Texas.gov.)
 - Student's Immunization Record
 - Student's Social Security Card
- Proof of Residency (address) in form of a current lease or water, electric or gas bill in parent/guardian name (within 30 days).

If qualifying based on income, proof of income in the form of two current paycheck stubs; current pay envelopes; 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 for every working individual in the household. (Self-employed individuals may provide their 2022 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 online registration below.
- 3. Parents who anticipate that their child may qualify due to limited English will need to bring their child to registration 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.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2024. WSISD offers kindergarten at Blue Haze, Liberty and West Elementary Schools, the North Elementary STEAM Academy and the Virtual Academy of North Texas (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.

Dual Language Kindergarten is offered at Liberty Elementary and the North Elementary STEAM Academy.

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. 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-k parents will complete online returning student verification this spring.

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

- Valid Parent/Guardian Photo ID (ex. Driver's License) Certified Birth Certificate (To order a certified birth certificate, visit Texas.gov.
 - Student's Immunization Record
 - Student's Social Security Card
- Proof of Residency (address) in form of a current lease or water, electric or gas bill in parent/guardian name (within 30 days).

Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration for 2024-25 Dates

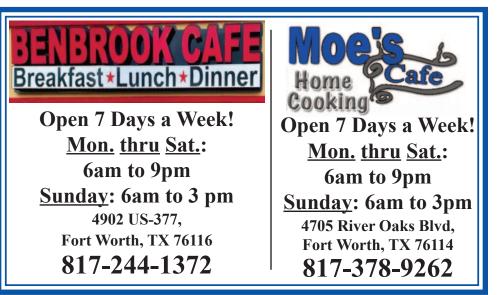
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Thursday, April 18

9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 6 p.m. **Friday, April 19**

9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. **Wednesday, May 15**

9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 6 p.m.



Historical Museum Hosts Easter Egg Hunt

An Easter Egg Hunt was held at the White Settlement Historical Museum recently. Several individuals brought their children, grandchildren and friends to participate in the event.

The Easter Bunny also made an appearance that was enjoyed by everyone in attendance.



Carlos Fuentes enjoyed meeting the Easter Bunny.



Xavier Guzman took advantage of a pop-out photo op.



Jean Wallin searched for hidden eggs in trees.



Visiting the Easter Bunny are: (l-r) Carlos Fuentes, Avery Crowley, Victoria Whitson, Xavier Guzman, Kimberly Plancarte, Ezra Knowles, Naomi Bolanos, Emma Yanez and Hadley Purcell.



Executive Board Member Louis Pastusek and Museum Manager Carol Davis hosted the event.



Avery Crowley poses with her basket of colorful eggs.





Pictured left: **Carmen** and **Miguel Montalvo** take a break after hunting for Easter eggs.

Help Keep Kids Safe From Lithium **Coin Batteries**

States visit emergency rooms for batteryrelated injuries each year, according to the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System. Lithium coin batteries, those small, disc-shaped batteries about the size of a nickel, are particularly dangerous. The exact right size to get lodged in a child's throat if accidentally swallowed, they can turn deadly, burning a hole in an esophaeverywhere – in key fobs, key finders, flameless candles, remote controls, thermometers and many common home devices.

Despite parents' thirst for knowledge on how to keep their children safe, the potential dangers of lithium coin batteries are not widely discussed. It's no surprise then that 55 percent of parents with children ages 6 and under don't realize that lithium coin batteries are more dangerous than button batteries – in fact 45% think there young children are curious by nature so is no difference. That's according to a 2023 Duracell survey conducted by Wakefield Research. This is why the brand is reminding parents that when it comes to lithium coin batteries, #BitterIsBetter.

As part of the #BitterisBetter campaign, Duracell is sharing these simple tips to help keep you and your family safe:

- One in four parents with kids aged 6 and under don't know how many devices racell.com/BitterIsBetter in their homes require lithium coin batteries to operate. Do a survey of your devices, and move those that contain lithium coin batteries away from and out-of-reach of children. Examples of common devices include flameless LED tealight candles, key fobs and thermometers.
- Get down to your child's eye level to see what they see. Look for loose lithium coin batteries in couch cushions, on low tables and shelves or any other areas that a child can reach.
 - Inspect devices and secure lithium

About 7,000 children in the United coin battery compartments by tightening the screws or securing them with tape for an extra layer of protection.

- Keep all new lithium coin batteries in a secure compartment, up high and out of children's reach. Remove expired batteries from devices, and place them away safely out of reach of children until you can recycle them properly.
- Power your devices with batteries that gus in as little as two hours. And, they're have child safety features. When it comes to lithium coin batteries, Duracell is the only brand on the market to offer a nontoxic bitter coating that helps discourage children from accidentally swallowing them. Look for the "Bitter Taste" icon on the packaging. The batteries also come in child-secure packaging, which is nearly impossible to open without scissors, making sure little hands, and mouths, cannot access them.
 - Keep a watchful eye. Toddlers and close supervision is key.
 - If you suspect that your child has ingested a lithium coin battery, act fast. Take them immediately to an emergency room. If you aren't able to drive, call 911 for
 - Team up with friends and family to spread this information.

For more resources and tips, visit Duand @Duracell on social media.

A battery-related accident can happen in an instant. By being vigilant and by choosing products wisely, you can help keep your family safe.



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Friday, March 29:

<u>AM</u> - Partly sunny, with a high near 75. Windy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to 25 to 30 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

PM - Mostly cloudy, with a low around 60. Windy, with a south wind 25 to 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.



Saturday, March 30:

AM - Partly sunny, with a high near 81. Breezy, with a south southwest wind 15 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

PM - Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63. South wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.



Sunday, March 31:

<u>AM</u> - Mostly cloudy, with a high near 82. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. <u>PM</u> - Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66.

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