



Fort Bend Education Foundation's
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We're presenting a New Event this year!



This Spring, we are introducing our inaugural Sink-a-Dink Pickleball Tournament! The smash-hit event will be held Friday, April 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Pickleball Country Club located at 10506 Kinghurst Dr., Houston, TX 77099.

The tournament replaces the Education Expedition Bike Ride that ended its cycle after 21 years.

Registration for the pickleball tournament opens soon. For more details and to learn about sponsorship opportunities, go to <https://bit.ly/2025fbefpickleball>.



Our 2025 FBEF Pickleball Tournament Committee is gearing up for the inaugural event!



Spotlight on Grants In Action!

Spotlighting Ridge Point High, First Colony Middle and Palmer Elementary Schools



Ridge Point High School's Analyzing Dissolved Oxygen in Local Creeks and in the Classroom
Advanced Placement science students at Ridge Point High School are “Analyzing Dissolved Oxygen in Local Creeks and in the Classroom” thanks to a \$1,260 grant awarded to teacher, Carolyn Mathews-Borak. The students use handheld, waterproof dissolved oxygen meters during field study data collection and laboratory investigations. The meters help detect the amount of oxygen in the water, which is a good indicator of the presence of pollution. The meters are also used to monitor the amount of oxygen plants and animals produce. Through data collection and analysis, the students are developing a deeper understanding of how pollution impacts the environment and health.



Creating Student Centered Learning Spaces at First Colony Middle School
Discovery Program teachers at First Colony Middle School have expanded learning spaces for 6th graders, thanks to a \$4,991 school site grant awarded by the Fort Bend Education Foundation. With the grant, the teachers purchased stand up desks, 14-inch chairs, bean bags, round tables, and other items for students. The furniture in the shared spaces, helps promote collaboration and create a sense of community and ownership among the students. Students are also more focused and able to process information more readily while stationed comfortably in their flex seating.



Palmer Elementary School's Movement that Counts
With funding for her “Movement that Counts” grant, Palmer Elementary School's PE teacher Shannon Bandish Nash purchased material to support students' social, emotional, and physical health. Her \$1,692 grant award allowed her to acquire Action Based Learning mats (keyboard, telephone math and pattern mats) that students access during Planning Learning Communities in their PE/Health class. Movement on the mats helps organize students' brains for learning and re-enforce academic concepts taught in the classroom. Students read, solve math problems, and review vocabulary all while engaging in purposeful movements on the mats.



FBISD Grads invited to join Alumni Association for FREE!
Reconnect with high school classmates and make new friends by joining the Fort Bend ISD Alumni Association! Membership is always free and grants you access to homecoming and tailgating events, class reunions, district events and opportunities to support current students and schools. To start your membership, go to <https://fortbendisdalumni.nationbuilder.com/>.

Check out these FBEF partner events and services!



Sugar Land Rotary 5K to benefit the Fort Bend Education Foundation!
Register to participate in the Sugar Land Rotary's 6th Annual Running with A Heart 5K and support the Fort Bend Education Foundation! The race is Saturday, February 8, 2025, at 7:30 a.m. at the Sugar Land Town Square (15958 City Walk, Sugar Land, TX 77479). Net proceeds from the race will benefit the Foundation. Register at <https://www.sugarlandrotary5k.com/>.

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