



Fort Bend Education Foundation's  
Quarterly Electronic Newsletter

*March 2025*



## Novice or Expert, Everyone is Welcome to our first-ever Pickleball Tournament!

Whether you're an advanced player, beginner or have always had an interest in joining the pickleball craze, you're invited to attend our Inaugural Sink-A-Dink Pickleball Tournament!

Register at <https://tournaments.pickleball.link/fbef-2025-sink-a-dink/>. The registration deadline has been extended to March 30th at 11:59 PM. However, if you register by March 28, you'll receive an inaugural pickleball t-shirt. Lunch and one free drink included with your registration.

You don't have to be skilled in pickleball to join the fun! Beginners will receive an introductory lesson from the club staff. Paddles are available to rent for only \$3. Come as a spectator or try your hand at it.

If you have students enrolled in FBISD or you are an alumni, wear your school shirt or colors to show your school pride! We want to see you represented at the tournament! So, come out and have a good time while raising funds for our Fort Bend ISD teachers and students!

### FORT BEND EDUCATION FOUNDATION'S INAUGURAL SINK-A-DINK PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT APRIL 11, 2025 - 8:00AM-3:00PM NEW REGISTRATION DEADLINE - MARCH 30



#### LOCATION

Pickleball Country Club  
10506 Kinghurst Dr., Houston, TX 77099

#### EVENT DETAILS

- Three brackets - Men's, Women's and Mixed
- Three levels - Advanced, Intermediate and Beginners
- (Levels may be combined if there are not enough teams. If you register as an Individual, you will be paired with a partner who has the same skill level.)
- Cost - \$50 for player / \$50 for spectator

#### REGISTRATION DEADLINE - SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025 AT 11:50 PM.

- Registered players will receive an email a week prior to the tournament to verify their start time.
- Lunch and one free drink included with your registration.
- **REGISTER BY MARCH 28 TO RECEIVE AN INAUGURAL PICKLEBALL T-SHIRT.**

Scan the QR code or REGISTER online at:

<https://tournaments.pickleball.link/fbef-2025-sink-a-dink/>





# Help provide Classroom Resource Rooms for FBISD Students in Need

Join the Fort Bend Education Foundation in a move to empower Fort Bend ISD students by providing Campus Resource Rooms for those in need. Your generous donations will help stock the rooms with the necessities students need – such as clothing and shoes, toiletries, school supplies and food.

Donate today at <https://bit.ly/3WT5yQR> and help remove barriers that may hinder a student’s ability to be present and fully engaged in school.

## Not a Hand Out, a Hand Up!

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Please help the Fort Bend Education Foundation provide students in need with access to Campus Resource Rooms. **DONATE TODAY** at: <https://bit.ly/3WT5yQR>.





## 2025 FBEF GALA A HUGE SUCCESS!



**Because of you, we reached new heights in fundraising!**



## Gala 2025 a Huge Success thanks to Your Overwhelming Support!

What a memorable “night among the clouds!” Our 32nd Annual Gala, aptly themed “Up, Up, and Away” had us floating on cloud nine, as the event netted over \$397,000! This is the second-highest Gala ever!

This year’s gala recognized FBEF Chief Executive Officer and Gala Honorary Chair Brenna Cosby, who has devoted more than 25 years to serving the FBISD community and is retiring this year. A special thank you to Brenna and Co-Chairs Syndee Howgate and Kelley Jensen, title sponsor Perdue Brandon

Attorneys at Law, gala sponsors and underwriters, the gala committee and event coordinators, program participants, volunteers, guests and everyone who donated and supported this year’s event! Because of you, we reached new heights in fundraising! *(Pictured l-r are Gala Chairs Jensen, Cosby and Howgate.)*

## Spotlight on Grants In Action!

Spotlighting the Reese Career and Technical Center, Madden Elementary School and the District's Early Childhood Department




**GRANT IN ACTION**

**FBISD JAMES REESE CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER**

**“Geek Power Unleashed with Computer Building Kits”**

Reese Career and Technical Center's Geek Power Unleashed with Computer Building Kits With funding for their “Geek Power Unleashed with Computer Building Kits” grant, Reese CTC




**Grant In Action**

**LITTLE SCIENCE ENGINEERS**

**MADDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THIRD GRADERS WEAR LAB COATS WHEN COMPLETING STEM ACTIVITIES IN CLASS TO EXPERIENCE REAL WORLD PRACTICES.**

Madden Elementary's Little Science Engineers To help students explore STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) activities and “do science” through scientific and



**Grant In Action**

**“A Calming Corner Choice for Every Prekindergarten Child”**

Early Childhood - A Calming Corner Choice for Every Prekindergarten Child As the recipient of a FBEF Founders Grant, the Fort Bend ISD Early Childhood Department has



engineering practices, teacher Barbara McClanahan used her grant to purchase material for her “Little Science Engineers.” She bought science kits, a cosmic space projector, a solar system view, STEM magnets, flex seating and lab coats. When wearing lab coats, the students can see themselves as future science engineers and are more confident, engaged, and motivated to participate in hands-on activities during science investigations.

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