



Fort Bend Education Foundation's **Quarterly Electronic Newsletter**

March 2025



Novice or Expert, Everyone is Welcome to our firstever 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 tshirt. 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
- 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

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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 OR 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.





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 1-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



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



Madden Elementary's
Little Science Engineers
To help students explore
STEM (Science,
Technology, Engineering

Technology, Engineering and Math) activities and "do science" through scientific and



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



teachers Uwe Meyer and Charles Farr, with assistance from Principal Dr. Julia Erdie, are providing Computer Maintenance and Networking students opportunities to grow their IT skills. The students build desktop personal computers, configure Local Area Networks, and even showcase their skills at districtwide events, including StemFest, CTE Expo and middle school Career Days!

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 handson activities during science investigations.

provided all Early Childhood campuses with kits to create "A Calming Corner Choice for Every Prekindergarten Child." The kits include a vinyl beanbag, a flex space wobble cushion, gel-bead emotion friends, a mindful breathing board, calm down cubes and a Find Your Feelings emotion slider. The items help students identify and regulate emotions, regain focus, build fine motor control and engage in sensory exploration.

FBISD Grads invited to join Alumni Association for FREE!

Reconnect with high school friends and make new ones by joining the FortBendISD 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!



AFW Store Rally for FBEF is **April 4-13**

Our AFW Store Rally kicks off April 4. Shop instore or A proud supporter of the online at https://afw.com Fort Bend Education from April 4-April 13 to support the Fort Bend Education Foundation. Mention code FBISDEF during checkout and the Foundation earns 2-4% of your purchase price! Purchases made anytime upcoming test prep during the year also count, but when you make a purchase during the rally, you earn a chance to win a \$500 AFW gift card!



Sign up for STAAR and Summer Bootcamps from **AP Tutors**

Foundation, AP Tutors offers STAAR and summer bootcamps, as well as academic tutorials in various subject areas for middle and high school students. Enroll now for bootcamps or one-onone tutorials tailored to meet your student's needs. Learn more at www.myaptutors.com.



Special offer from Goldfish Swim School

When you prepay for three months of swim lessons from Goldfish Swim School, you'll receive the fourth month free! Lessons are available for children 4 months – 12 years of age. Help your children learn life-saving water skills from expert swim instructors. Enroll them in swim classes today at https://goldfishswimschool .com.

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