

MATADOR PRIDE



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Super Words

Greetings Matador Nation,

As you know, on Nov. 8 the Seguin community approved Bond 2022 to provide \$131 million toward much-needed new facilities, improvements and infrastructure. This represents the largest bond initiative in the history of our district, and its benefits will impact thousands of students for many years to come.

I want to thank our administrative team, our campus administrators, and our board of trustees for their community engagement efforts. In the span of two months, 38 community presentations were held to share details about proposed projects, tax implications and voting information. I appreciate the community and civic organizations that hosted these informational bond presentations to learn more about what was proposed on the ballot.

Bond 2022 would not have been possible without the support of our Seguin ISD families and those who voted in favor of the bond initiative. While the programs outlined in Proposition B will have to be put on hold for another day, 6,991 Seguin ISD stakeholders voted in favor of the \$131 million approved in Proposition A.

This was a vote for the future of our students, the future of our staff, and the future of education in Seguin

ISD. Thank you for entrusting us to oversee these improvements for our school community.

Election Day also brought in a new trustee to District 7. Congratulations to Joshua Bright for his successful campaign to serve on the board. I look forward to working with Mr. Bright on the Team of Eight as we collaborate to meet the needs of all students.

I also want to take this opportunity to personally thank Glenda Moreno for serving as the District 7 trustee since 2018. Seguin ISD is a better place thanks to her leadership and guidance. It is my hope that she will continue to remain active in our schools, especially in the Seguin Sports Booster Club.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as the superintendent for the Seguin community. I pray that all of our families have a safe and blessed holiday season.

Sincerely,



Matthew Gutierrez

Dr. Matthew Gutierrez

Seguin ISD
Superintendent

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ON THE COVER



Lucia's dad is a mailman. Recently, he made a special visit to her class at Ball Early Childhood Center. He talked to the students about his job during the community helpers unit, and as an added bonus, he brought his mail truck! The students wrote letters to him in appreciation for his visit.

KEEP UP WITH GRADES

Parents and guardians can monitor their student's progress through a click of a mouse by using the Parent Self Serve Portal at **<http://buff.ly/1EZi9l4>**.

To sign up, watch this MATTECHTV tutorial (**<http://buff.ly/1EVHOLy>**) that will guide you step by step through the registration process.

Questions about using Parent Self Serve Portal Junebe directed to the SISD Technology Department at (830) 401-8642.

MATBLAST



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Text SEGUINISD to (855) 508-1558 to receive messages from Seguin ISD.



MASBA Outstanding Educator Support Initiative Award

The Mexican American School Board Association, also known as MASBA, awarded the Seguin ISD Dual Language program in the Outstanding Educator Support Initiative category at their annual conference in San Antonio. Our Dual Language teachers work countless hours researching, rewriting, and delivering high quality biliteracy lessons for our students. These educators have a strong commitment to learning and growing in their craft in conjunction with Dr. Barbarba Kennedy, our Dual Language consultant. Congratulations to our Dual Language teachers, Mireya Gonzales and Andrea Jaramillo



MASBA Outstanding College Pathway Initiative

The Mexican American School Board Association, also known as MASBA, awarded the Seguin High School Early College High School program in the Outstanding College Pathway Initiative category at their annual conference in San Antonio. Anna Lisa Vargas oversees our Early College High School partnership with St. Philip's College that offers college credits up to an associates degree free of charge for Seguin High School students. From 2018 through spring 2023, 124 students will have graduated from Seguin High School with an associate's degree, with these families saving more than \$1.8 million in tuition costs and fees.



Follis wins the Apple

Seguin ISD Community Engagement Director and Seguin Education Foundation Executive Director Kelly Follis was awarded the Superintendent's Apple Award for outstanding service during the Oct. 25 school board meeting.



Outstanding, Lorenzo

Seguin High School junior Lorenzo Rodriguez is the Superintendent's High School Student of the Month. He accepted the honor during the Oct. 25 school board meeting with his family.



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Great job, Daniel

Daniel Pinon, an eighth grade student at Briesemeister Middle School, was the recipient of the Superintendent's Middle School Student of the Month Award at the Oct. 25 school board meeting.



Congrats, Corbett

Corbett Klesel, McQueeney Elementary School third grade student, received the Superintendent's Elementary Student of the Month Award during the Oct. 25 school board meeting.



Welcome Back!

Seguin High School Cosmetology alums Kalie Bonenberger and Lexi Bertling (5th and 6th from left) recently shared their professional perspectives, along with some technical advice, with the junior and senior Cosmetology students at their alma mater. Both are 2021 Matador graduates and successfully employed as stylists at one of New Braunfels' trendiest salons, The Foundry. Thank you, Kalie and Lexi!



Got P-TECH?

Seguin High School staffers are planning for the Seguin Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH). The first cohort of students in this program will begin working toward their associate degree in Pharmacy Technology in the fall of 2023. Members of the Seguin ISD P-TECH leadership team are collaborating with the College, Career & Military Readiness (CCMR) coach to stay up-to-date on the requirements in the Texas Education Association P-TECH blueprint. The district CCMR team met with middle school school counselors to set up a timeline for rolling the program out to students and parents. Student recruitment kicks off soon and the steering committee will meet in November to share additional information with students and parents after the holiday break.



Gardening at Vogel

The Vogel Elementary School Garden Club inspects the first harvest of the season, broccoli and cabbage!



Thank you Spirit of Joy

The Ball Early Childhood Center family recently enjoyed the help of members of Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church at their Family Academy. Spirit of Joy has adopted Ball so members can frequently be found doing nice things for the students and teachers there. Family Academy was definitely more fun with the help of Ball's adopted family members!



SHS scholars

Congratulations to the 210 Seguin High School students who earned straight "A" Honor Roll for the second six weeks.

Star Students

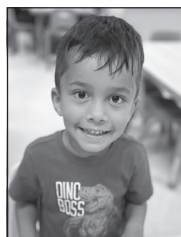
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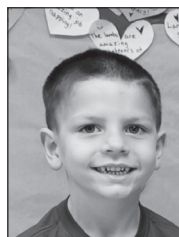
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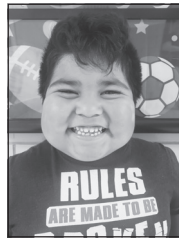


Martin Vazquez



Morgan Vickers

Jefferson Elementary School



Issac Victoriano
Pre-K



Ramiro Flores
Kindergarten



Kayleeana Vigil
First Grade



Landon Prise
Second Grade



Olive Hill
Third Grade



Eddie de Leon
Fourth Grade



Andrei Watts
Fifth Grade

Koennecke Elementary School



Karra Engelmann
Kindergarten



Addison Crawford
First Grade



Kayden Rodriguez
Second Grade



Caleb Husemann
Third Grade



Sayla Kingston
Fourth Grade



Madelynn Dunlap
Fifth Grade

McQueeney Elementary School



Natalie Reily
Kindergarten



Milena Flores
First Grade



Alexander Davila
Second Grade



Autumn Herrera
Third Grade



Karisma Lira
Fourth Grade



Jariah Jaimes
Fifth Grade

Rodriguez Elementary School



Ava Roque
Kindergarten



Gabriella Batista
First Grade



Madilyn Castillo
Second Grade



Hattie Schmidt
Third Grade



Venaiya Sanchez
Fourth Grade



Raelynn Rodriguez
Fifth Grade

Vogel Elementary School



Jace Garza
Kindergarten



Alivia Peña
First Grade



Emanie Cardenas
Second Grade



Brynlee Hurt
Third Grade



Emily Brisco
Fourth Grade



Sophia Rodriguez
Fifth Grade

Weinert Elementary School



Celeste Vasquez
Kindergarten



Madison Bain
First Grade



Riley Patranella
Second Grade



Athena Leal
Third Grade



Kaylie Matthews
Fourth Grade



Scarlett Wood
Fifth Grade

Patlan Elementary School



Lilyanna Harbot
Kindergarten



Hope Flores
First Grade



Salomon Chacon
Second Grade



Colton Duncan
Third Grade



Cheyenne Flowers
Fourth Grade



Collin Hoblin
Fifth Grade

Barnes Middle School



Lauren Baker
6th Grade



Mason Matocha
6th Grade



Kooper Goodwin
7th Grade



Prisha Patel
7th Grade



Angel Chavando
Fernandez
8th Grade



Laura Hernandez
Barragan
8th Grade

Briesemeister Middle School



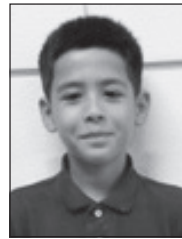
Colton Bloch
6th Grade



Phaedra Douglas
6th Grade



Aurora Sullivan
7th Grade



Hugo Ramirez
7th Grade



Miyah Bonilla
8th Grade



Zaedyn Silva Flota
8th Grade

Seguin High School



Alyssa Haiyasoso
Gonzalez
Ninth Grade



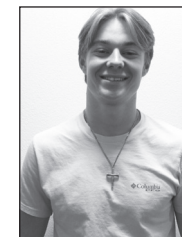
Corey Dailey
Ninth Grade



Celena Darden
Tenth Grade



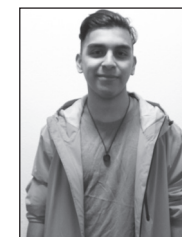
Chance Hollub
Tenth Grade



Ethan Rhea
Eleventh Grade



Presley Rangel
Eleventh Grade



Jonathan Saenz
Twelfth Grade



Mya Lucio
Twelfth Grade

Mercer-Blumberg Learning Center



Brandon Torres



Camila Beltran



Star Students are selected by their teachers for their character, dedication and willingness to go above and beyond expectations in Seguin ISD schools.



Career prep

Four senior Seguin High School Welding Practicum students signed their Youth Apprenticeship program contracts with United Alloy and met the mentors they will be working with for the remainder of the school year. The Seguin High School apprentice welding students are pictured fourth through seventh from left: Isaías Cruz Nieto, George Lopez, Aiden Lopez and Ryan Rodriguez.



SEF welcomes Seguin teachers

Seguin ISD is fortunate to have the support of the Seguin Education Foundation . This month, SEF wrapped up Welcome Wagons, where members visited each campus and gave a new, crisp, \$50 bill to every new Seguin ISD teacher. Thank you for showing love to our teachers, SEF!



Texas State hosts Dual Language students

First grade Dual Language students from Koennecke, Patlan and Rodriguez elementary schools attended the 2022 Tomás Rivera Book Awards at Texas State University. The students had the opportunity to meet author Yuyi Morales.

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Visual Arts Awarded

The Seguin ISD visual arts program was presented with a Texas Art Education Association District of Distinction Award at the annual TAEA conference. Seguin ISD is proud to be a school district that is leading the way in the visual arts.



The OLC is the place to be

Koennecke Elementary School fourth grade students experienced learning at the Irma Lewis Seguin Outdoor Learning Center. They learned about bats, insects, water conservation and animal life. They even caught a few fish!




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Love of reading

“Miss! I actually love this book!” is music to a teacher’s ears! Briesemeister Middle School students are reading about Kii Yahzii’s first days at mission school in Code Talker.



The science of soil

Mrs. Wiley’s McQueeney Elementary School scientists are engaged in a learning unit about soil. We can’t wait to see what they grow!



Salute to Veterans

The Seguin High School Navy JROTC program hosted the annual Veterans Day ceremony on Nov. 11. All Seguin ISD employees who are Veterans were honored for their sacrifice to our country and dedication to our students.

THANK YOU

for your support

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