

School Scoop

NEWS FOR KATY AREA SCHOOLS



Taylor High Pacesetters at National Dance Competition

The Pacesetters competed in the M.A. National dance competition in Fort Worth, the largest dance competition in the U.S. and the highest level in which dance teams can compete. Taylor came in first place in their division, receiving the highest scores out of over 50 of the nation's best teams.



McMeans Junior High's State Bee Semifinalist

Sixth-grader Dean Cuzela was named the Texas National Geographic State Bee semifinalist by the National Geographic Society. As one of the 100 top-scoring students in the state, Cuzela was also invited to compete in the state competition.



Cinco Ranch Robotics Team Wins Tournament

Cinco Ranch High School's Robotics team CRytonite and their robot, nicknamed "Gravity," won the 2015 Dallas regional tournament held in Irving. The win sends them to the world championship.



Katy Area Retired Educators Donate Books

Katy Area Retired Educators delivered 620 total books to both Hutsell and Sundown elementary schools. Pictured are (front) Jeanette Pratt, Myrna DeLue, Andrea Mion, Gail Covelor, (back) Elyce Garrison, and Dr. Margie Blount.



Gulf Coast Destination Imagination Tournament

The Gulf Coast Regional Destination Imagination Tournament was held at Cy Ranch High School. The Tie D.I.ers from Katy ISD placed second in their challenge, Improv Games. Pictured are Kane Thurman, Cameron Cooper, Jackson Roberson, Maverick Anderson, and Kirk Priddy with Roslyn Anderson.



Exley Elementary's Fara Bango Marimba Band

The Fara Bango, a marimba ensemble, of Exley Elementary School was one of two elementary ensembles in the state of Texas invited to perform at the Texas Music Educators Clinic and Convention. Fara Bango plays a variety of music including African, Caribbean, Latino, and other popular radio tunes.



Katy ISD Certified Teacher Fair

More than 1,400 people attended the Katy ISD certified teacher fair at the Merrell Center, hoping to acquire a new job at one of the fastest-growing districts in the nation. Due to this rapid growth, representatives from all 58 campuses gladly welcomed both current Katy ISD employees applying for transfer as well as new applicants.



Seven Lakes Junior High Yearbook Recognized for Excellence

Seven Lakes Junior High yearbook, *Specifics*, was recognized for excellence and featured in the 2015 Jostens *Look Book*. The *Look Book* highlights spreads and photography from outstanding yearbooks. The yearbook is led by advisor Katie Frazier.

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Katy ISD Bond Update

Get the first look at new projects and improvements coming soon to Katy ISD

Hawk's Landing Area (Junior High #14)

Gaston Rd. and Katy Flewellen Rd.

1,030 capacity

Relieves Seven Lakes and WoodCreek Junior High

Estimated completion June 2016

Cinco Ranch NW Area (Elementary #38)

Cinco Trace Dr. and Westridge Creek Ln.

1,030 capacity

Relieves Wolman and WoodCreek Elementary

Estimated completion June 2016

Ventana Lakes Area (Elementary #39)

Porter Rd. and Grand Pkwy.

1,030 capacity

Relieves King and Morton Ranch Elementary

Estimated completion June 2016

Ventana Lakes Area (Junior High #15)

Porter Rd. and Grand Pkwy.

1,400 capacity

Relieves Katy and Morton Ranch Junior High

Estimated completion March 2017

Ventana Lakes Area (High School #8)

Porter Rd. and Grand Pkwy.

3,000 capacity

Relieves Katy and Morton Ranch High School

Estimated completion June 2017

Young Ranch Area (Elementary #40)

Kingsland Blvd. and Pederson Rd.

1,030 capacity

Relieves Wolman and WoodCreek Elementary

Estimated completion June 2018

Stadium

Projected annual revenue over \$500,000

New Schools

8,890 new student seats for Katy ISD

Transportation

198 new buses, 70 for special needs students

Improvements to South Transportation Center

Agricultural Sciences

Ag barn for FFA program at High School #8

Agricultural Sciences Center

Maintenance

Component replacement such as flooring, fire alarms, lighting replacements, playground equipment, and more. Critical mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and structural needs at six campuses in the district.

This information was provided by Katy ISD.

For regular updates on these and other projects made possible by the bond, visit katyisd.org.

School Notebook

More News Nuggets from Katy Schools

Fielder Elementary's International Festival

Over 32 countries were represented at Fielder Elementary's international festival that featured food, clothing, performances, and hands-on activities. Over 500 families participated in the event.

Beckendorff Junior High Students

Honored by President Obama

Heather Sweeney and Erik Yu, two Katy ISD science Olympiad competitors from Beckendorff Junior High, along with their coach Scott Lightle traveled to Washington, D.C. for the White House Science Fair.


FFA Students Raise Record Funds

Katy ISD Livestock Show and Rodeo students raised more than \$638,000, setting a new district record. This year, nearly 500 students participated, and the event drew more than 17,000 attendees.


Katy ISD Bond to Provide Technology Retrofits

The Board of Trustees approved nearly \$2 million for bond projects to retrofit wireless network upgrades at all the elementary campuses in addition to internet bandwidth services that will provide the district with a second internet provider and another contract that will ensure all campuses have access to a reliable fiber network.

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