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The journey of a thousand miles begins with just one step.

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THANK YOU HEMPSTEAD!

By: Herbert O'Neil, Hempstead ISD Superintendent



Congratulations! The Hempstead ISD Bond 2024 passed overwhelmingly. I am extremely grateful to live and work in a community that supports education. Thank you for passing both bond referendums. Proposition A passed with 72% of the community support and Proposition B passed with 68% of the community support. This shows that a wide majority of our community is in support of ensuring that our students have safe and functional facilities.

There are so many people who worked so hard to make this bond a reality. Thank you to our Board of Trustees who continue to be great stewards of the school districts' finances as well as having the foresight and vision to call a bond referendum to improve the facilities of Hempstead ISD. I would also like to thank the Long-Range Facilities Planning Committee which worked tirelessly over many months to look at all the facilities in the district, determine priorities, and present their recommendations to the Board of Trustees. I would also like to thank the Vote Yes Hempstead Political Action Committee. They worked hard getting

the word out about the bond, as well as putting out signs, having meetings with community members, and spreading the word on social media. It truly was a community effort. Again, I want to say thank you to the community of Hempstead. You are amazing. So many people came together to say we support Hempstead ISD.

Our community voted Yes to support the following:

- Replacement campus for the Hempstead Early Childhood Campus
- Enclosed security connectors at Hempstead Elementary School and Hempstead Middle School
- New auxiliary gym at Hempstead Middle School
- New cafeteria and band hall at Hempstead High School
- New concession & restroom building at the Bobcat Baseball Field
- HVAC unit replacements districtwide
- Roof replacement at Hempstead Middle School
- New replacement track at Bobcat Stadium
- New replacement synthetic turf field at Bobcat Stadium

None of this would be possible without your support. We will work hard to ensure that we continue to be good stewards of the district's finances. We will keep you updated on the projects and exactly where we are along the way. We commit to be transparent so that you know what is going on.

Thank you Hempstead! Thank you for believing in us and coming together to take us to #HigherHeights.



Royal Class of 2024 Top 10%, Salutatorian, and Valedictorian

Royal ISD is happy to announce the top 10%, salutatorian, and valedictorian. We celebrate the academic excellence, grit, passion, and potential embodied by these exceptional Falcons. Congratulations to them on this outstanding achievement! 1. Katia Men-

doza (Valedictorian), 2. Roberto Montalvo (Salutatorian), 3. Sandra Montalvo, 4. Alexcia Garcia, 5. Kaelyn Hein, 6. Elizabeth Ibarra, 7. Maria Paredes Munoz, 8. Nancy Cruz, 9. Layla Thompson, 10. Monica Aguinaga, 11. Asahn Daniel Antonio, 12. Jenna Johnson, 13. Danahe Alcantar,

14. Isaac Martinez, 15. Dwain Gregory, 16. Kandace Miller, 17. Marixa Argueta.

To the entire Class of 2024: Embrace the challenges, cherish the memories, and dare to dream beyond the horizon. Your journey has just begun!

Relay for Life of Waller/CyFair Celebration

COMING SOON!! FRIDAY - MAY 3, 2024

Please join us for the 18th annual celebration. This inspiring and fun event feels like a multi-community family reunion where we have the opportunity to CELEBRATE our survivors, REMEMBER those we have lost and FIGHT BACK for a common goal to end cancer.

All activities will be held at the City of Waller Plaza on Main Street so you can enjoy everything in one central location. Stroll the Luminaria Trail around City Hall. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and listen to inspirational music, fellowship and very cool activities with your family and friends. And of course, there will be lots of great food!

Here's What's Happening.

5:00 - Event opens

6:00 - Opening Ceremony
6:00 - 9:00 - Food (hot dogs, nachos, popcorn, popsicles, baked goods, root beer floats) & fun (raffles, games & giveaways)
6:20 - Survivor Lap
6:30 - 9:00 Children Activities - games, bounce house, hair color, face painting, and more
6:45 - Team Recognition
6:45 - 9:00 Entertainment (Mia Hegar, WHS Choir, Katrina Comp, Brad Riley, Steve Evitts & Chris Teranova)
7:30 - Miss-ter Relay
7:40 - HOPE CEREMONY
8:45 - Memory Tree Dedication
9:00 - Luminaria Ceremony - please bring a canned good to put in your bag - they will be donated to

local charities.

Luminarias may be purchased for \$5 prior to the event or at the event. Each luminaria represents the life of someone touched by cancer ... they help us remember, they help us celebrate and are a way to show support.

Let's ensure that those we've lost to cancer will always be remembered and those fighting cancer and their caregivers will always be supported! RFL reminds us that progress has been made and that everyone who participates is contributing to making a difference. Check us out on Facebook for event updates or at this website: www.relayforlife.org/wallercyfairtx

See you there!