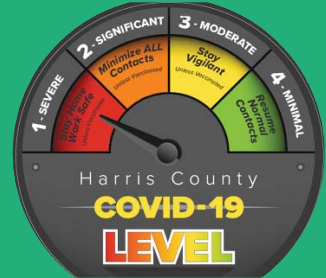


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# NORTHEAST NEWS

**COVID Threat Level RED**



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## County returns COVID threat level to RED

### Delta Variant fills Hospitals

**HARRIS COUNTY** – Harris County judge Lina Hidalgo raised the COVID-19 threat level to “red” on Thursday afternoon, as the COVID-19 delta variant has increased hospitalizations and strained the region’s hospital resources over the past month.

It’s the first time the county has hit its highest threat level since June 2020.

The new advisory indicates that severe and uncontrolled outbreaks are present in the community and worsening, and that the public health capacity in the region is strained or exceeded, Hidalgo said.

“It’s straining our staff, it’s straining our hospitals, and it’s imposing heartbreak and anxiety in so many families in Harris County,” Hidalgo said.

The county judge called the latest surge a



Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo advises wearing masks and getting a vaccine shot.

“perfect storm” of strained staff, a more transmissible virus, and the limited ability for local leaders to implement public health policies after Gov. Greg Abbott issued orders preventing such measures.

Hidalgo urged everyone eligible for a vaccine to get one, or else avoid “all but the most essential interactions.” She also recommended both the vaccinated and unvaccinated wear masks, and told the public to use

ERs for life-threatening emergencies only.

The judge added that the county’s vaccination rate has increased in the past month, but said it still wasn’t enough to keep the virus at bay.

“If you’re in the minority who has not gotten the shot, you’re the reason we’re here today,” Hidalgo said.

The announcement comes exactly two

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## Abbott calls Second Special Session of the Legislature

### Democrats remain away in DC

**AUSTIN** - Governor Greg Abbott today issued a proclamation announcing that he will convene a second special legislative session at 12:00 p.m. on August 7, 2021. The proclamation identifies 17 agenda items for the second Special Session.

“The Texas Legislature achieved a great deal during the 87th Legislative Session, and they have a responsibility to finish the work that was started,” said Governor Abbott. “I will continue to call special session after special session to reform our broken bail system, uphold election integrity, and pass other important items that Texans demand and deserve. Passing these Special Session agenda items will chart a course towards a stronger and brighter future for the Lone Star State.”

Agenda items for the second Special Session will include:

**BAIL REFORM:** Legislation reforming the bail system in Texas to pro-

tect the public from accused criminals who may be released on bail.

**ELECTION INTEGRITY:** Legislation strengthening the integrity of elections in Texas.

**FEDERAL RELIEF APPROPRIATIONS:** Legislation providing appropriations from unappropriated available revenues for COVID-19-related healthcare expenses, such as those listed below, taking into consideration the approximately \$10.5 billion in funds received by local governments intended to be used on COVID-19 from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), Pub. L. No. 117-2:

- healthcare staffing needs, including physicians, nurses, and other medical professionals;
- establishing, staffing, and operating alternative care sites;
- supporting the operations of nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living

facilities, and long-term care facilities;

--vaccine administration;

--testing sites;

--supplies and equipment, such as personal protective equipment (PPE) and ventilators; and

--standing up and operating infusion centers.

**EDUCATION:** Legislation providing strategies for public-school education in prekindergarten through twelfth grade during the COVID-19 pandemic, which ensures:

- students receive a high-quality education and progress in their learning;
- in-person learning is available for any student whose parent wants it;
- the wearing of face coverings is not mandatory; and
- COVID-19 vaccinations are always voluntary.

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## Latin Jazz Concerts give amphitheater a swinging start



Photo Roan Matthews

**EAST ALDINE** – Two July jazz concerts marked the grand opening of the amphitheater at the East Aldine Management District’s expanded Town Center, where the musicians and the hundreds of people in the public audiences inspired each other.

Before internationally known trumpeter Ray Vega improvised his solos on stage on the night of July 17, some in the audience had improvised their set-ups with camp chairs, beach shelters and blankets in a fusion of family gatherings and picnic suppers on the facility’s smooth lawn.

Vega, special guest trombonist Andre Hayward and Caliente, a large ensemble band of teens from the Diaz Music Institute, definitely put some swing in their performances. At the same time, children swung on playground swings and danced in the nearby splash pad.

As the summer sun ducked behind clouds, the heat gave way to a cool breeze and the crowds settled into a rhythm matching the excitement as East Aldine residents got a taste of how the amphitheater will be used for free, family-oriented events.

The second free concert

with the Diaz students and renowned jazz bassist Oskar Cartaya followed two Saturdays later, on July 31.

While parents and grandparents proudly applauded their talented musical offspring, there was praise for the new venue and the opportunities it presents for the community.

James Earl Dubose Jr., band director for MacArthur High School, was thrilled with the new part of the Town Center property at 2800 Aldine Mail

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# Communities in School will provide Support for Aldine students

Aldine ISD expands partnership with Communities In Schools of Houston as families cope with the pandemic's lasting impact.

As part of its commitment to student wellness in and out of the classroom, Aldine Independent School District is expanding its partnership with the non-profit Communities In Schools of Houston (CIS), bringing student support specialists onto more campuses for the 2021-22 school year.

CIS partners with education leaders and community organizations to provide comprehensive services for students and families in their times of need. From crisis intervention to providing basic necessities and other resources,

CIS student support specialists will be embedded on Aldine ISD campuses to help break down any barriers to students' success.

Aldine ISD is adding CIS student support specialists at five ninth-grade centers: Aldine, Davis, Eisenhower, MacArthur and Nimitz. These are in addition to the CIS student support specialist already embedded at Teague Middle School.

"Dealing with the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic has been difficult for everyone. Aldine ISD is committed to supporting, in any way it can, the emotional and social needs of our students and families," Aldine ISD Chief of School Dr. Katy Roede said. "CIS will play a

critical role in helping us provide comprehensive student support."

This expansion was made possible—in part—by support from state leaders in the Texas Legislature. For the upcoming 2021-22 school year, CIS student support specialists have been called to help more than 125,000 students on nearly 170 campuses in Aldine ISD, Fort Bend ISD, Houston ISD, Spring Branch ISD, Alief ISD, Spring ISD, Southwest Schools, Texas Connections Acad-

emy virtual public school and Lone Star Colleges.

"Our student support specialists' important work would not be possible without the tireless commitment from education leaders to surround students with a community of support," CIS of Houston CEO Lisa Descant said. "We're grateful for the opportunity to expand our presence in Aldine ISD and help educators make a needed difference by inspiring, comforting and empowering students."

# 2nd Special Session called,

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**BORDER SECURITY:** Legislation enhancing criminal laws or providing funding from unappropriated available revenues to support law-enforcement agencies, counties, and other strategies as part of Texas' comprehensive border security plan.

**SOCIAL MEDIA CENSORSHIP:** Legislation safeguarding the freedom of speech by protecting social-media and email users from being censored based on the user's expressed viewpoints, including by providing a legal remedy for those wrongfully excluded from a platform.

**ARTICLE X FUNDING:** Legislation providing appropriations from unappropriated available revenues to the Legislature and legislative agencies in Article X of the General Appropriations Act.

**FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION:** Legislation similar to Senate Bill 1109 from the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, requiring schools to provide appropriate education to middle- and high-school students about dating violence, domestic violence, and child abuse, but that recognizes the right of parents to opt their children out of the instruction.

**YOUTH SPORTS:** Legislation identical to Senate Bill 29 as passed by the Texas Senate in the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, disallowing a student from competing in University Interscholastic League athletic competitions designated for the sex opposite to the student's sex at birth.

**ABORTION-INDUCING DRUGS:** Legislation similar to Senate Bill 394 from the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, which prohibits people from providing abortion-inducing drugs by mail or delivery service, strengthens the laws applicable to the reporting of abortions and abortion complications, and ensures that no abortion-inducing drugs are provided unless there is

voluntary and informed consent.

**THIRTEENTH CHECK:** Legislation similar to House Bill 3507 from the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, relating to a "thirteenth check" or one-time supplemental payment of benefits under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

**CRITICAL RACE THEORY:** Legislation similar to House Bill 3979 concerning critical race theory as originally passed by the Texas Senate in the 87th Legislature, Regular Session.

**APPROPRIATIONS:** Legislation providing appropriations from unappropriated available revenues for the following purposes:

property-tax relief; enhanced protection for the safety of children in Texas' foster-care system by attracting and retaining private providers for the system; and to better safeguard the state from potential cybersecurity threats.

**PRIMARY ELECTIONS:** Legislation modifying the filing periods and related election dates, including any run-offs, for primary elections held in Texas in 2022.

**RADIOACTIVE WASTE:** Legislation reforming the laws governing radioactive waste to protect the safety of Texans, including by further limiting the ability to store and transport high-level radioactive materials in this state.

**EMPLOYMENT:** Legislation shielding private employers and employees from political subdivision rules, regulations, ordinances, and other actions that require any terms of employment that exceed or conflict with federal or state law relating to any form of employment leave, hiring practices, employment benefits, or scheduling practices.

**STATE LEGISLATURE:** Legislation relating to legislative quorum requirements.

# COVID Threat Level RED,

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weeks after the county raised the level to "orange," and just two days after Fort Bend County raised its own threat level.

The delta variant of the coronavirus has spread rapidly throughout the region and across Texas, leading to massive increases in cases and hospitalizations. In Harris County, 25% of ICU patients are being treated for COVID-19, up from 20% on Sunday. The positivity rate in the county is doubling every 1.8 weeks, Hidalgo said.

Dr. Cedric Dark, an emergency room doctor at Harris Health System's Ben Taub Hospital, said on Wednesday that LBJ Hospital — also within the system — declared themselves in an internal disaster.

"They were overflowing with patients, Dark said. "And this is something that's not isolated just to LBJ. It's happening in other hospitals in the area and its going to continue to happen as we enter this fourth wave."

A spokesperson for the Harris Health System said that at one point Wednesday 17 critical care patients in the emergency room needed intensive care, but no beds were available.

Texas Medical Center Hospitals continue to operate within phase two of their ICU surge capacity plans, and health experts are not predicting the surge to die down soon.

Houston's Health Department reported that the amount of virus in the city's wastewater is currently 320% percent more than the highest level seen last summer — an indication that COVID-19 is rapidly spreading.

At close of business Wednesday, there were 89 positive cases throughout Houston's municipal community."

# Latin Jazz Concerts in new Amphitheater,

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Route Road. Many of his students attend the extracurricular Diaz Musical Institute and got to perform on the amphitheater stage.

"This is something on a physical level, an emotional level, even a spiritual level for all of us in this community," Dubose said. "This facility is just gorgeous and it's right here in our own backyard. It's amazing to see so many people out here. To see an investment like this in this community shows they absolutely deserve that. Everybody in this community is affected when there is a nice, safe place for all of us. It makes people stop and think, 'Oh wait, great things are happening in East Aldine.'"

The Diaz Musical Institute is a non-profit organization founded by long-time MacArthur teacher Jose Antonio Diaz, who has been band director there since 1985. The institute is geared toward low-income students and its funding sources include the National Endowment for the Arts, the Texas Commission on the Arts, Houston's Sound Factory and the East Aldine District.

Relatives and friends of the students said they, too, enjoyed the concert and the new amphitheater and park.

Augustine Velasquez, a resident of East Aldine for about 35 years, was joined by his family as they shared a picnic under a shaded beach umbrella. His three children graduated from MacArthur High School, and Velasquez said they had come to see his grand-daughter perform.

"It's beautiful, I've never been here," Velasquez said. "I think it's a beautiful park, it's just awesome. It's a great place for the kids to come and play their music. And they did a magnificent job. We will definitely be coming to more events like this."

Recent MacArthur High graduate Liz Camon, who played the bassoon from 6th grade through high school, said participating in band helped in all her classes.

"Not only will this help kids stay in school and keep up their grades, but it stimulates them," Camon said. "The idea of this amphitheater is wonderful, especially in this community which has some lower incomes. People don't think it's something we can do, but here it is. It's right here in our neighborhood and people can come right out here and see what their kids are doing. I think it's great."

Jesse Espinoza, band director at Waltrip Senior High School in Houston ISD, brought his son and two other students to the concert. The students play in Waltrip's jazz band.

"It's really good to see all of these people here," Espinoza said. "This is a great resource for this community."

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## SCHOOL NEWS PAGE



## Aldine ISD Updated 2021-2022 Bell Schedule

The district has made revisions to standardized start and dismissal times for the 2021-2022 school year. Aldine ISD updated the times to ensure each level has the same amount of hours.

Beginning August 16, the first day of school, the district will operate with the following standardized start and dismissal times:

### SCHOOLS AND INSTRUCTIONAL DAY

Ninth Grade, High Schools, and Avalos P-TECH School

7:00 a.m.-2:35 p.m.

KEC, GAP, Lane, and Lane Compliance

7:05 a.m.-2:40 p.m.

Elementary Schools

7:35 a.m.-3:10 p.m.

ACE Schools: Goodman and Worsham

7:35 a.m.-4:10 p.m.

Primary Schools

8:05 a.m.-3:40 p.m.

Middle Schools and Hall Success Academy

8:35 a.m.-4:10 p.m.

MAGNET SCHOOLS

Carver HS, Victory ECHS, Drew Academy, and Houston Academy

7:00 a.m.-2:35 p.m.

Reece Academy and Anderson Academy

8:35 a.m.-4:10 p.m.

## Aldine Education Foundation elects new officers for 2021-2022

The director of the Aldine Education Foundation, Linda Flores Olson, has announce new 2021-22 Board Officers.

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## HIGH MEADOWS LIBRARY NEWS

By Jennifer Nandal  
Sr Adult Program  
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### OUT IN THE COMMUNITY:

We will be out and about in the community, and we'd love to see you! On Saturday, August 21st

from 10am-2pm, we will have a table at the Baker Ripley East Aldine campus during their Health Fair & Open House. Stop by our table for freebies, library card signups, and more!

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## Message From the Superintendent, July 27, 2021

Dear Aldine Community,

In just four short weeks, we will be welcoming all 67,000 students back to campus for in-person learning. We are continuing to monitor and consult with healthcare experts to ensure a safe return as we Start Strong on August 16.

The top priorities of Aldine ISD are the safety and academic success of all our students. As Aldine ISD continues to provide in-person learning, protocols and information for families have been updated for the 2021-2022 school year. Masks continue to be optional but are welcome at all Aldine ISD campuses and administrative buildings. We will continue to evaluate our current protocols and will take into consideration CDC, state, and local health guidelines. We post all information related to our operations along with any updates at [www.aldineisd.org/healthalerts](http://www.aldineisd.org/healthalerts).

As I mentioned last week, we have several exciting new initiatives and expansions. One of these is our commitment to student wellness in and out of the classroom. We are expanding our partnership with the nonprofit Communities In Schools of Houston (CIS). CIS provides comprehensive services for students and families in times of need. CIS student support specialists will be embedded on Aldine ISD campuses to eliminate barriers and support students' success, from crisis intervention to providing basic necessities and other resources. Keep following us here and online as we share new initiatives starting this fall.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### New Principals at the Following Campuses

Please join me in congratulating our principals:

##### Principal — Jacqueline Beas

Ms. Beas will be the new principal at Worsham Elementary School. She previously held the position of assistant principal at Worsham Elementary School.

##### Principal — Dora Garza

Ms. Garza will be the new principal at Stehlik Elementary School. She previously held the position of assistant principal at Johnson Elementary School.

##### Principal — Nicole Haskins

Ms. Haskins is the new principal at Spence Elementary School. She previously served as principal in Houston ISD.

##### Principal — Trent Johnson

Mr. Johnson will be the new principal at Cypresswood Elementary School. He previously held the position of assistant principal in the Houston Independent School.

##### Principal — Ricardo Pequeño

Mr. Pequeño is the new principal at Odum Elementary School. He was previously an assistant principal at Reed Elementary School.

##### Principal — Iliana Pérez

Ms. Pérez will be the new principal at Stephens Elementary School. She previously held the position of principal in Houston ISD.

##### Principal — Tracie Robinson

Ms. Robinson will be the new principal at Carver High School. She previously held the position of principal in the Marshall Independent School.

##### Principal — Shauna Showers

Ms. Showers will be the new principal at MacArthur High School. She previously held the position of principal at Stephens Elementary School.

##### Principal — Delilah St. Julian

Ms. St. Julian is the new principal at Reed Elementary. She was previously the principal at Odum Elementary School.

##### Principal — Juan Toscano

Mr. Toscano is the new principal of De Santiago Primary School. He previously served as an assistant principal at Keeble Primary School.

### Upcoming Events

On Friday, July 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., La Promesa staff will help families enroll incoming ninth-graders for the 2021-2022 school year. The school will focus on students who have lived three or fewer years in the U.S. and are from non-English speaking countries or have limited English proficiency. For more details, such as what you need to bring with you to enroll your child, click here.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 7. Aldine ISD will be hosting



its sixth annual Back to School Expo from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center, 1865 Aldine Bender Rd. The free drive-thru event is open to families in Aldine ISD with children in Grades PreK-12. In addition to backpacks and supplies, the COVID-19 vaccine and other childhood vaccinations will also be available. For more details about the expo and how to preregister for vaccinations, click here.

### BACK TO SCHOOL REMINDERS Enrollment Open for New Students

Parents or legal guardians enrolling students new to the school district will complete a New Student Online Enrollment Form.

### Communication

Communication is important for schools and the district to reach out to families about new programs, updates, or information about your child. Beginning August 2, students' families must complete the Required Annual Update. Previously, AISD relied on parents/legal guardians to make updates on their student's information. Moving forward, Aldine ISD will have families complete the Required Annual Update. Why? The measure will help increase customer service and ensure individual student information is updated annually. Starting August 2021, AISD will ask families to complete a yearly update before beginning each new school year. Families will access the Annual Update form through the Home Access Center (HAC). At least one legal guardian — a student's parent or legal guardian — needs to have a HAC account.

### Resources

Aldine ISD families can visit [AldineISD.org](http://AldineISD.org) and click on the Back-to-School button. As items are approved, the page will continue to be updated, and information will be shared on social media and campus websites. Check regularly for any updates.

### Updates 2021-2022 Bell Schedule

The district has made revisions to standardized start and dismissal times for the 2021-2022 school year. Aldine ISD updated the times to ensure each level has the same amount of hours. Please find all schedule updates at this link.

### DISTRICT REMINDERS

#### Students to Benefit From Free Breakfast and Lunch During the 2021-2022 School Year

All students are eligible for free school breakfast and lunch meals next school year through a USDA program. Families are not required to submit a free/reduced meal application. However, they are encouraged to apply for meal benefits 1) to ensure that their household qualifies for P-EBT funds if they become available again, 2) to allow for meal status eligibility carry-over the following school year, and 3) so that the district receives funding to support all students the next year. Families can apply for free and reduced-price meals on [www.SchoolCafe.com](http://www.SchoolCafe.com). To learn more, click here.

### District Updates

We have so many wonderful things happening in our district! Please make sure to check out the District News page to stay up to date on everything happening in our district. You can also connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

I wish you a wonderful week ahead. With Aldine Pride,  
Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney  
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Mensaje de la Superintendente, 27 de julio de 2021

Estimada comunidad de Aldine:

En solo cuatro cortas semanas, daremos la bienvenida a cada uno de los 67,000 alumnos en nuestras escuelas donde volverán al aprendizaje presencial. Continuamos monitoreando y consultando con expertos en salud pública para garantizar un regreso seguro y tener un fuerte comienzo el 16 de agosto.

Las principales prioridades del Distrito Escolar de Aldine (Aldine ISD) son la seguridad y el éxito académico de todos nuestros alumnos. A medida que Aldine ISD continúa brindando aprendizaje en persona, los protocolos y la información para las familias se han actualizado para el año escolar 2021-2022. Las mascarillas continúan siendo opcionales, pero son bienvenidas, en todas las escuelas y edificios administrativos de Aldine ISD. Continuaremos evaluando nuestros protocolos actuales y tomaremos en consideración las pautas de salud locales, estatales y de los CDC. Publicamos toda la información relacionada con nuestras operaciones junto con cualquier actualización en [www.aldineisd.org/healthalerts](http://www.aldineisd.org/healthalerts).

Como mencioné la semana pasada, tenemos varias nuevas iniciativas y expansiones emocionantes. Una de ellas es nuestro compromiso con el bienestar de los alumnos dentro y fuera del aula. Estamos ampliando nuestra asociación con la organización sin fines de lucro Communities In Schools (Comunidades en las escuelas o CIS por sus siglas en inglés) de Houston, trayendo



especialistas en apoyo estudiantil a más escuelas para el año escolar 2021-2022. CIS ofrece servicios integrales para alumnos y familias en momentos de necesidad. Los especialistas de apoyo estudiantil de CIS estarán integrados en las escuelas de Aldine ISD para eliminar barreras y apoyar el éxito de los alumnos, desde la intervención en crisis hasta la provisión de necesidades básicas y otros recursos. Continúe siguiéndonos aquí y en línea mientras compartimos nuevas iniciativas a partir de este otoño.

ANUNCIOS

Nuevos directores en las siguientes escuelas  
Únanse a mí para felicitar a nuestros directores:

Directora: Jacqueline Beas

La Sra. Beas será la nueva directora de la Escuela Primaria Worsham. Anteriormente ocupó el puesto de subdirectora en la escuela primaria Worsham.

Directora: Dora Garza

La Sra. Garza será la nueva directora de la Escuela Primaria Stehlik. Anteriormente ocupó el puesto de subdirectora en la escuela primaria Johnson

Principal — Nicole Haskins

La Sra. Haskins será la nueva directora de

la Escuela Primaria Spence Elementary. Anteriormente ocupó el puesto de director en Houston ISD.

Director: Trent Johnson

El Sr. Johnson será el nuevo director de la Escuela Primaria Cypresswood. Anteriormente ocupó el puesto de subdirector en Houston ISD.

Principal — Ricardo Pequeño

El Sr. Pequeño será el nuevo director de la Escuela Primaria Odom. Anteriormente ocupó el puesto de subdirector de la Escuela Primaria Reed.

Directora: Iliana Pérez

La Sra. Pérez será la nueva directora de la Escuela Primaria Stephens. Anteriormente ocupó el puesto de directora en Houston ISD.

Directora: Tracie Robinson

La Sra. Robinson será la nueva directora de la Escuela Secundaria Carver. Anteriormente ocupó el cargo de directora en el Distrito Escolar Marshall.

Directora: Shauna Showers

La Sra. Showers será la nueva directora de la Escuela Secundaria MacArthur. Anteriormente ocupó el puesto de directora en la Escuela Primaria Stephens.

Principal — Delilah St. Julian

La Sra. St. Julian será la nueva directora de la Escuela Primaria Reed. Anteriormente ocupó el puesto de directora en la Escuela Primaria Odom.

Director — Juan Toscano

El Sr. Toscano es el nuevo director de la Escuela Preescolar de Santiago. Anteriormente se desempeñó como subdirector en la Escuela

Preescolar Keeble.

Próximos eventos

El viernes 30 de julio, de 8:30 a.m. a 12 p.m., el personal de La Promesa ayudará a las familias a inscribir sus hijos que ingresan al noveno grado para el año escolar 2021-2022. La escuela se enfocará en alumnos que han vivido tres años o menos en los EE. UU. y son de países que no hablan inglés o tienen un dominio limitado del inglés. Para obtener más información, como lo que necesita traer para inscribir su hijo en La Promesa, haga clic aquí.

Marque su calendario para el sábado 7 de agosto. Aldine ISD será el anfitrión de su sexta exposición anual de regreso a la escuela de 9 a.m. a 11 a.m. en el Centro Educativo M.O. Campbell, 1865 Aldine Bender Rd. El evento gratuito en automóvil está abierto para familias en Aldine ISD con niños de prekinder a 12º grado. Además de las mochilas y los útiles, también habrá vacunas contra la COVID-19 y otras vacunas infantiles. Para obtener más detalles sobre la exposición y cómo preinscribirse para las vacunas, haga clic aquí.

RECORDATORIOS DE REGRESO A LA ESCUELA

Inscripción abierta para nuevos alumnos al distrito escolar

Los padres o tutores legales (apoderados) que inscriban a alumnos nuevos en el distrito escolar completarán el Formulario de inscripción en línea para estudiantes nuevos.

Comunicación  
La comunicación es importante para que las

escuelas y el distrito se comuniquen con las familias sobre nuevos programas, actualizaciones o información sobre su hijo. A partir del 2 de agosto, las familias de los alumnos deben completar la Actualización anual requerida. Anteriormente, AISD dependía de los padres/tutores legales para actualizar la información de sus alumnos. En el futuro, Aldine ISD hará que las familias completen la Actualización anual requerida. ¿Por qué? La medida ayudará a aumentar el servicio al cliente y garantizará que la información individual de los alumnos se actualice anualmente. A partir de agosto de 2021, AISD pedirá a las familias que completen una actualización anual antes de comenzar cada nuevo año escolar. Las familias accederán al formulario de Actualización Anual a través del Centro de Acceso Desde el Hogar (Home Access Center o HAC en inglés). Al menos un tutor legal, el padre/madre o tutor legal del alumno, debe tener una cuenta de HAC.

Recursos  
Las familias de Aldine ISD pueden visitar [AldineISD.org](http://AldineISD.org) y hacer clic en el botón Back to School (Regreso a la escuela o Vuelta al cole). A medida que se aprueban los artículos, la página continuará actualizándose y la información se compartirá en las redes sociales y los sitios web de las escuelas. Compruebe periódicamente si hay actualizaciones.

Actualizaciones del horario de campaña 2021-2022  
El distrito ha hecho modificaciones a los horarios de la campaña para el año escolar 2021-

2022. Aldine ISD actualizó los horarios para garantizar que cada nivel tenga la misma cantidad de horas. Encuentre todas las actualizaciones del horario en este enlace.

RECORDATORIOS DEL DISTRITO

Los alumnos se beneficiarán de desayunos y almuerzos gratuitos durante el año escolar 2021-2022

Todos los alumnos son elegibles para desayunos y almuerzos escolares gratuitos este año escolar a través de un programa del USDA. Las familias no están obligadas a presentar una solicitud de comida gratis / reducida, sin embargo, se les anima a solicitar los beneficios de comidas 1) para asegurarse de que su hogar califique para los fondos P-EBT si vuelven a estar disponibles, 2) para permitir la elegibilidad del estado de las comidas traspasar al año escolar siguiente y 3) para que el distrito reciba fondos para apoyar a todos los alumnos el próximo año. Las familias pueden solicitar comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido en [www.SchoolCafe.com](http://www.SchoolCafe.com). Para obtener más información, haga clic aquí.

Actualizaciones del distrito  
¿Están pasando tantas cosas maravillosas en nuestro distrito! Asegúrese de visitar la página de Noticias del Distrito para mantenerse actualizado sobre todo lo que sucede en nuestro distrito. También puede conectarse con nosotros en Facebook, Twitter e Instagram.

Les deseo una gran semana.  
Con orgullo de Aldine,  
Dra. LaTonya M. Goffney  
Superintendente

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**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦♦  
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

**HOCUS-FOCUS**  
BY HENRY BOLTONOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Suspenders are different. 2. Shoe lace is missing. 3. Sign is lower. 4. Drop of water is missing. 5. Hand is showing. 6. Leaves are added.

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**ACROSS**

- Scepter
- Israeli airline
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- Not worth debating
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- Use a shovel
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- Wood pigeon
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- "Shane" star
- Juan's pals
- Charged bit
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- Ordinal suffix
- Fragrant tree
- Abrupt turn
- Michelle
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- Cameo shapes
- Tip off
- Awestruck
- Peacekeeping org.
- Hurry
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- Pinot —
- And others (Lat.)
- Sent forth
- Doctrines
- Wall St. debut
- Pair
- Jog
- "Toodle-oo!"
- Way out
- Viral web phenomenon
- Low isle
- Flamenco cheer
- LBJ's successor
- Copper head?
- "Smoking or —?"

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**Trivia test**  
by Fifi Rodriguez

- LITERATURE: Which book series featured a character named Samwise Gamgee?
- TELEVISION: What was the name of Fred's boss on the animated TV show "The Flintstones"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many cards are in a modern tarot deck?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is Canada's largest island?
- MOVIES: Which 1990s movie features a character nicknamed "The Dude"?
- FOOD & DRINK: In which country did tequila originate?
- ADVERTISING: Which website is advertised in commercials that feature the character Captain Obvious?
- SCIENCE: What kind of tree produces acorns?
- HISTORY: When did the United States' first commercial radio station go on the air?
- U.S. STATES: What is the state capital of Missouri?

**Answers**

1. "The Lord of the Rings"; 2. George State; 3. 78; 4. Baffin Island; 5. "The Big Lebowski"; 6. Mexico; 7. Hotels.com; 8. Oak trees; 9. 1920, when KDKA went on the air in Pittsburgh; 10. Jefferson City.

Solution time: 24 mins.

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# CHURCH PAGE

## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey —

1. Is the book of Sadducee in the Old Testament, New Testament or neither?
2. In Matthew 12:9-14, what does Jesus tell the Pharisees it is lawful to do on the Sabbath? Tend to sick, Pray out loud, Feast together, Do good (well)
3. What did Saul use a couple of times in attempts to kill David? Poison, Spear, Mallet, Sling
4. From Judges 8, which city refused to give food to Gideon's army? Succoth, Thessalonica, Tarsus, Gaza

5. Why did David meet Goliath without armor? Faith in God, Not used to wearing, Too poor to buy, Size not handy
6. Who was the mother of Gad and Asher? Jezebel, Anna, Rachel, Zilpah

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Do good (well); 3) Spear; 4) Succoth; 5) Not used to; 6) Zilpah  
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## Aldine ISD Students to Benefit From Free Breakfast and Lunch During the 2021-2022 School Year

ALDINE – In April 2021, The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that schools would be able to serve nutritious meals to all students free of charge regardless of eligibility through June 30, 2022. The National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option is expanding beyond the summertime and will be available for all Aldine ISD students through the 2021-2022 school year.

Through this program, all students are eligible for free school breakfast and lunch meals.

According to the USDA, as many as 12 million children are living in food-insecure households during the pandemic. Through this program, all children can access fruits, vegetables, milk and whole grains at no cost.

“We are happy to provide quality food and service to all Aldine ISD



students this year,” Executive Director of Child Nutrition Services, Susan D’Amico said. “Our cafeteria managers are bringing back student favorites and there will be some new recipes shared at various campuses this year.”

D’Amico also mentioned the after-school snack/supper program will be available in the fall and more information will be shared after school begins.

Families are not required to submit a free/reduced meal applica-

tion, however, Aldine ISD Child Nutrition Services is asking that families apply for meal benefits 1) to ensure that their household qualifies for P-EBT funds if they become available again, 2) to allow for meal status eligibility carryover the following school year, and 3) so that the district receives funding to support all students the next year. Families can apply for free and reduced-price meals on [www.SchoolCafe.com](http://www.SchoolCafe.com)

## Los alumnos de Aldine ISD se beneficiarán de desayunos y almuerzos gratuitos durante el año escolar 2021-2022

En abril de 2021, el Departamento de Agricultura de Estados Unidos anunció que las escuelas podrían servir comidas nutritivas a todos los alumnos de forma gratuita, independientemente de su elegibilidad hasta el 30 de junio de 2022. La opción de verano sin figuras del Programa Nacional de Almuerzo Escolar se está expandiendo más allá del verano y estará disponible para todos los alumnos de Aldine ISD hasta el año escolar 2021-2022.

A través de este programa, todos los alumnos son elegibles para el desayuno escolar gratuito y las comidas del almuerzo.

Según el USDA, hasta 12 millones de niños viven en hogares con in-

seguridad alimentaria durante la pandemia. A través de este programa, todos los niños pueden acceder a frutas, verduras, leche y granos enteros sin costo alguno.

«Estamos felices de proporcionar alimentos y servicios de calidad a todos los alumnos del Distrito Escolar de Aldine este año», dijo la Directora Ejecutiva de Servicios Alimentación Escolar, Susan D’Amico. «Nuestros gerentes de cafetería están trayendo de vuelta los favoritos de los alumnos y habrá algunas recetas nuevas compartidas en varias escuelas este año».

D’Amico también mencionó que el programa de refrigerios / cenas después del día escolar estará disponible en el otoño y se

compartirá más información después de que comience la escuela.

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