



# BLANCO ISD

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## Superintendent's Newsletter

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I hope everyone reading this blog is doing well and looking forward to spending quality time with friends and family during the holiday season.

It is hard to believe that the holidays are here and the end of our first semester is quickly approaching. If you will take just a moment to reflect on this semester, you will see many significant achievements at both the district and campus levels. As I have already stated, I am proud to acknowledge that the school district and all three campuses received commendable ratings from the Texas Education Agency for our scores on the *Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills* and on the *Adequate Yearly Progress* assessment. Overall our test scores indicate that improvement and progress are being made in all areas of concern.

- ❖ Congratulations are also in order for our Middle School students and staff for receiving Gold Performance Acknowledgements in Writing and Social Studies, and to our students and staff at the High School for receiving a Gold Performance Acknowledgement in Math.

There have been numerous achievements and successes worthy of recognition throughout our extra-curricular programs this first semester as well.

- We had district championships in volleyball and football with our boys making it to the Regional Quarterfinal's game this past weekend.
- Our band also competed well this year in marching, only to miss out on a trip to State by a narrow margin.
- We can also be proud of our FFA students and sponsors as they have experienced lots of success thus far. Our Ag students have already received many awards and received worthy recognition, and the stock shows have yet to begin.
- We have experienced academic successes as seen through our UIL Literary Meets. We just completed the District UIL Literary meet for elementary and middle school students. I am elated to say that special recognition goes out to our Blanco Middle School participants for their efforts in winning the competition (including each grade level), with many of our students receiving individual awards as well.

STUDENTS TODAY - LEADERS TOMORROW - PANTHERS FOREVER!

This is a great achievement for everyone involved and an accomplishment that everyone should be excited about. I would like to congratulate our students, parents, teachers, and the entire Blanco ISD staff for their dedication and commitment to excellence.

As a new year approaches, I am proclaiming that we will continue to strive for new heights of excellence in all of our endeavors and I feel confident the new-year will produce another successful year at Blanco ISD. I am excited and look forward to 2008 and the possibilities it presents to us as educators.

As your superintendent, I will continue to communicate with you as often as I can with newsletters and blogs such as this one. My next newsletter will reference several issues such as our facilities and the like.

**Please send me an email if you would like for me to address an issue of interest or concern. I will include it in my next newsletter and will do my best to reply within a reasonable time frame. Your input is always appreciated and welcome.**

*Thank you again for your commitment and dedication to our kids and school district. You are the reason we are successful.*

*Cliff Gardner*