

Friday Beat

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The newsletter that takes a [Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child](#) approach.

Announcements

Texas Youth Preparedness Council: Applications due April 15, 2022

The Texas Youth Preparedness Council (YPC) brings together youth leaders from across the state who are interested in emergency preparedness and making their communities more resilient during potential disasters. The council provides an opportunity for Texas high school students to enhance their knowledge of emergency preparedness. Participants will develop leadership skills that will help them address and support the needs of their communities. Each Council year begins on June 1 and ends May 31. All students are expected to complete at least one (1) self-selected youth emergency preparedness-related project in his or her community or region. Learn more about the [Texas Youth Preparedness Council](#). Applications are due by 5:00 pm April 15, 2022.

Adolescent Immunization Action Week April 4-8, 2022

Adolescent Immunization Action Week is a call to action urging parents and healthcare providers to get adolescents up to date on recommended immunizations. Adolescent immunizations are scheduled to protect adolescents before they are exposed to serious, potentially life-threatening diseases. It is important to get up to date as soon as possible. The Unity Consortium has [immunization action steps](#).

Professional Development

PAX Good Behavior Game Virtual Training

The PAX Good Behavior Game is a school-based, classroom preventative intervention used by educators to teach self-regulation. PAX Good Behavior Game is a set of strategies for teachers to use throughout their day to build students' behavioral skills and stamina for focused attention and on-task behavior. Research by Johns Hopkins University has shown that students who received PAX Good Behavior Game are more likely to experience success in school and have significantly improved lifetime outcomes. See [PAX Good Behavior training dates](#) and registration.

Digital Threat Assessment Training

Digital Threat Assessment was developed by the Texas School Safety Center through the need to keep pace with the ever-evolving technology challenges that students face. The training will use real life examples from subject matter experts across North America. A significant portion of the day will be spent conducting hands-on searching exercises through the most current social media sites and applications. View [digital threat assessment](#) virtual and in person training dates and registration.

Kids Gardening Webinar: Teaching for Sustainability April 12, 2022

Kids Gardening is hosting a webinar about sustainability on April 12, 2022. Sustainability concepts come alive in exploring food systems from cycles and systems to diversity and interdependence. School gardens offer an accessible hands-on place to support students' learning and deepening understanding of the complexity of sustainability. Participants will dig into these concepts and learn about ways schools are connecting concepts and projects to student learning and voice. Learn more and register for the Kids Gardening [webinar on sustainability](#).

Funding Opportunities

Oliver Foundation Healthy Choices Grants

The Oliver Foundation's goal is to encourage children, families, and communities in Texas to improve eating and physical activity patterns. The Oliver Foundation has several Healthy Choices grants available for schools ranging from \$750 to \$5,000. Physical activity and nutrition education components are required for the grants. The grants have rolling deadlines up to April 15, 2022. Learn about eligibility for the grants and how to apply for the Oliver Foundation [healthy choices grants](#).

Texas Education Agency (TEA) Grant: School Action Fund-Planning and Implementation Grant

TEA is announcing the availability of grant funds for the 2022-2023 School Action Fund-Planning and Implementation Grant. Request for Application (RFA) #701-22-107 is authorized by Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965, as amended by Every Student Succeeds Act, Title I, Part A, Section 1003. View the full program guidelines in the [guidance handbook](#).

Health Education

Texas Youth Preparedness Camp

The Texas School Safety Center (TxSSC) at Texas State University will award scholarships to teams of 10 individuals (9 youth and 1 adult) to attend the Texas Youth Preparedness Camp. Camp will take place June 12-16, 2022, at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) curriculum educates individuals about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area. Participants will develop a project and acquire the leadership skills needed to address emergency preparedness in their schools and communities when they return home. Training includes basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Camp participants (including the adult team leader) will receive FEMA CERT Basic Training and a certificate of completion. Applications must be submitted by 5:00 pm April 15, 2022. See more information and submit team applications for the [TxSSC Youth Preparedness Camp](#).

Health Services

Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Learning Collaborative: Apply by April 6, 2022

Through the Youth Safety Net Project (YSNP), the School-Based Health Alliance is excited to announce year two of their learning collaboratives on Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) screening and care. There are two options for learning

collaboratives: SDOH Care Improvement and SDOH Screening Start-up. The Care Improvement Collaborative will learn about improving SDOH care to advance child and adolescent health. The Screening Start-up Collaborative will learn about the benefits of SDOH screening and how to create and implement a sustainable screening practice. Applications must be submitted by April 6, 2022. Read more about the [two learning collaboratives on SDOH screening and care](#).

Virtual Workshops for Health Centers Interested in School-Based Care

The National Association of Community Health Centers and the School-Based Health Alliance are offering two virtual workshops for health centers on the key elements of providing school-based health care. The workshops include a focus on enhancing school-based partnerships and the unique operational considerations for providing school-based health care. Register for a [virtual workshop on school-based health care](#) on April 7 and/or May 17, 2022.

Physical Environment

Plants and Children Grow Healthy Together Webinar April 6, 2022

Texas Children in Nature Network is hosting a webinar with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on April 6, 2022. This program will review research relating to the benefits nature has on child development. Parents, educators, and landscape designers will learn which plants enhance learning experiences in early childhood programs, schoolyard classrooms, and backyards. View full description and [register for the webinar about nature and child development](#).

Quote to Note

"Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans." - John Lennon

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