

Transcript for the Austin ISD podcast for Sept. 14.

Host: Hello, everyone! Welcome back to the Austin ISD Podcast. In today's episode: Upcoming boundary realignment discussions, plus which schools are celebrating very special birthdays and we'll hear from the educators at T.A. Brown on how their students are succeeding in academics.

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Tonight and Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 6pm the district will host an Open House to review proposed updates to school attendance areas and share your input with district staff. Based on community feedback and district needs, we're looking at two focus areas: creating a boundary for Marshall Middle Schools and adjusting the boundary for Linder Elementary School. These will be the only changes happening for the 2027-28 school year. Any additional boundaries will be analyzed in the future. More information on meeting times and locations will be posted on the online district calendar.

Maplewood Elementary School celebrated its 75th Anniversary Celebration over the weekend.

[Sounds of cheering and voices singing Happy Birthday!]

The campuses celebrated with a Pep Rally on Friday with inspiring guest speakers, a drumline and a cheer performance.

This week, Mathews Elementary School will also celebrate a milestone. The campus will celebrate its 110th birthday.

On Tuesday, on Sept. 15, enjoy an evening of music. The 53rd Annual Marching Band Jamboree starts at 7 p.m, at Toney Burger Stadium. This annual event showcases Austin ISD's high school marching bands and is a great opportunity to see the incredible talent, dedication, and spirit of our student musicians. Each band will perform a preview of their show, giving the community a look at the hard work they have put in throughout the season.

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Host Intro: Now let's shine some light on one of our many campuses that has shown amazing growth in its academics. T.A. Brown Principal Ricardo Gonzalez-Gurza shares what led to the school's rising student performance and how teachers are leading the way.

Intro music

Ricardo Gonzalez-Gurza: Hi, I'm Ricardo Gonzalez-Gurza. I'm the proud principal here at T.A. Brown. T.A. Brown went from two consecutive Fs to a C, so we're really excited about it. I work a lot on the climate and culture of the campus to be able to have the teacher and the students only worry about teaching and learning not other instructions.

Imelda Pulido: My name is Imelda Pulido. I teach 4th grade dual language. Our administrators really helped us focus on our goal. They supported us by also providing amazing interventionist that really targeted instruction for our students. So it was all a collaborative effort.

Iria Gayoso-Pineiro: My name is Iria. I'm Ms. Gayoso-Pineiro to the kids. I'm a 5th grade dual language teacher. We work a lot on social skills, communication, so we could create a safe and happy place for the kids. Where they feel confident and relaxed. I think that's really important for them to learn.

Ricardo Gonzalez-Gurza: The students, we make them accountable for their own learning improvement. Following the data, they will have individual data trackers, with them they will meet with the teacher and set goals that are attainable and improve, little by little. They will be tracking that and they will be working hard to do this. I always thought that you were the best team ever and the best students. You can do anything you want.

Iria Gayoso-Pineiro: I'm so proud of them. They deserve it. They work really hard.

Ricardo Gonzalez-Gurza: Teachers, thank you for all the effort you put and we hope that next year will feel better than this year. We will go to a B or an A.

Host: Time now for what's on the menu? Let's check in with the Food Services staff at Kiker Elementary.

Sarai: ¡Hola, Hola! I'm Sarai, la gerente de Kiker Elementary. Mi comida favorita que servimos es la pasta Alfredo. It's so creamy and delicious! Ten out of 10, recommend if you haven't tried it yet!"

Host: Before we head out! Have a question you want us to explore or a story that needs to be told? Send us an email at aisdcommunications@austinisd.org.

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Host: Thank you for joining us and we hope you have an excellent week! Find all this information and more over on our website at [AUSTIN I-S-D DOT ORG](https://austinisd.org). All links mentioned during this episode are in the podcast episode summary. And, don't forget to follow us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#)!

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