

# WEST OSO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### LIBRARY REVEAL

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024, AT 5:30 PM  
JOHN F. KENNEDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
1102 VILLARREAL DRIVE  
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS 78405

West Oso ISD along with The Education Service Center, Region 2 (ESC-2) will host a **Library Reveal at John F. Kennedy Elementary School**. This ribbon cutting ceremony will celebrate the opening of the newly renovated library.

The ESC-2 was awarded an 8.1-million-dollar grant for a three-year period from the US Department of Education Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) Program. The **LEARN IT** (Literacy Excellence and Academic Readiness for Nurturing Innovative Thinkers) grant provides funding to renovate a total of fifty-four Education Service Center, Region 2 elementary school libraries over a three-year period. West Oso Elementary School received a sub-award in the amount \$130,000 to renovate the library.

The goal of the **LEARN IT** grant is to rejuvenate the selected school libraries into literacy-rich environments that engage students in multifaceted literacy activities.

The community is encouraged to attend the reveal ceremony and explore the newly renovated library. The ESC-2 Executive Director, Dr. Esperanza Zendejas, and ESC-2 Board of Directors will join WOISD Superintendent, Ms. Kimberly Moore, and WOISD School Board members in cutting the ribbon and welcoming all patrons to their library.

“Our Education Service Center is proud to work with our school districts to create fantastic library environments to provide students great learning spaces.” – Dr. Esperanza Zendejas, ESC-2 Executive Director

“Since the library is the heart, soul, and brain of our school, this grant has provided us with a unique opportunity to provide an enriched learning experience for our students. We have purchased new furniture, added an upgraded floor system created a STEM/STEAM area, and purchased \$10,000 of new books. This renovation has significantly impacted the library's atmosphere and plays a crucial role in our students' academic development.” -Dr. Malia Perez, JFK Elementary Librarian.

“We are so grateful for the support of the ESC-2 in making the dream of a renovated library come to fruition. The renovated library is the result of the shared vision of staff, children, and community stakeholders.”~ Ms. Kimberly Moore, West Oso ISD Superintendent.

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