

SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE

OCTOBER 30, 2023

DEAR JUDSON ISD FAMILY:

November brings cooler weather, holidays, and elections. This is the last week of early voting. This time last year, we were hoping to pass a bond package that would make a huge difference for our staff and students. While JISD doesn't have a specific item on the ballot this year, I want to encourage you to exercise your right to vote. There are important issues in every election, and we should model good and responsible citizenship by making our way to the polls.

Stay warm, don't eat too much candy tomorrow, and have a great week.

Dr. Rob Fields



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BAND EXTRAVAGANZA 2023

Celebrating a Night of Musical Excellence at the Annual Judson ISD - Fine Arts Band Extravaganza!

Judson ISD band students took the field, leaving parents and supporters very proud. The evening began with performances by bands from Kitty Hawk Middle School, Metzger Middle School, Kirby Middle School, Judson Middle School, and Woodlake Hills Middle School, as the JISD high school marching bands prepared for their shows.

Judson High School Band, Veterans Memorial HS, and Wagner High School Band showcased their 2023 UIL marching shows with props and theatrical flair!

For the finale, all JISD bands came together for an inspiring performance that left the audience filled with excitement and smiles.

Congratulations to our exceptionally talented JISD band students for delivering a memorable performance!

[Watch Instagram Reel](#)

[View Photo Album](#)



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CAMACHO AND CORRALES KEY IN SA SPORT ALL-STAR GAME

Congratulations Christina Camacho, Judson High School Girls Head Basketball Coach for being selected as "Team Gold Coach" at the inaugural San Antonio Sports All-Star Basketball Game!

San Antonio Sports will highlight local high school basketball athletes at the inaugural San Antonio Sports All-Star Basketball Game on Sunday, March 24, at Northside Gym.

Game day will showcase 120 top local high school seniors in a competition of Team Black vs. Team Gold in two divisions: 1A –4A schools plus private schools and 5A/6A schools. Each session will include a girls' and boys' game. An all-star skills challenge and three-point contest will take place between the afternoon and evening sessions. Games will be broadcast on KSAT 12. Tickets will go on sale in late January.

San Antonio Sports All-Star Basketball Championship trophies for the winning teams will be named in honor of our JISD Athletics Coordinator and Director!

Girls 5A/6A Trophy: Triva Corrales,
Judson ISD - Athletics

Girls 4A/1A & Private: Christina Camacho,
Judson High School

[Read more about the game.](#)



GET READY FOR FLU SEASON

Employee Services would like to encourage all JISD employees to get their seasonal flu shot.

Please see the [listing of dates, times, and locations](#) where flu shots will be given by HEB. HEB will accept any insurance, so be sure to bring your insurance card with you to the clinic.

If you have any questions, please contact Employee Services at 210-945-5611.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND JUDSON ISD

HARTMAN GOES TO CAMP

Hartman 5th graders returned from camp after days of hands-on learning!

From team-building activities to learning about the outdoors through fun science activities, the Knights did it all while making lasting memories and friendships.



UC FIRE VISITS CVE

The Universal City Fire Department visited the students at Coronado Village Elementary School.

The Toros learned about fire safety plus students even got to try on some real fire gear!

TEAM UP AGAINST DRUGS!

Students at Candlewood joined together for red ribbon week for their theme day Teamed Up Against Drugs and Bullying by wearing their favorite sports teams!

Eagles continue to support a united school and drug-free life.



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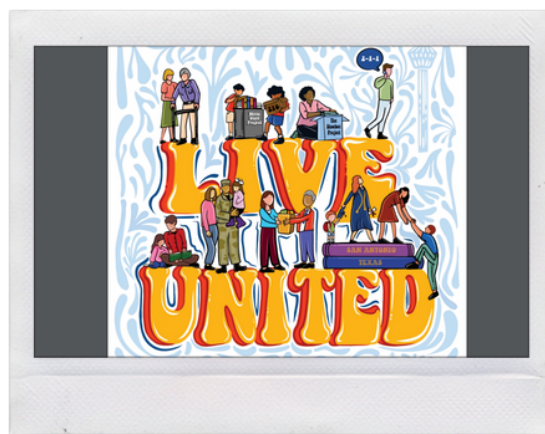
GIVE TO THE UNITED WAY BEFORE FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3RD

The annual JISD United Way is coming to a close and JISD is almost to its goal of \$77,000 in donations! United Way has made it easy for you to make a contribution to a charitable organization of your choice using e-pledge, the online pledging site.

Your support will help address the root causes of the most critical needs in our community and provide meaningful, lasting change in people's lives. When we work together, we empower children, students, individuals and families to reach their full potential.

The Judson Education Foundation (search "Judson" when designating your donation) is one of the many charitable organizations you can choose to support and they are offering incentives to spark your generosity and competitive spirit!

- \$500 Grant to the campus with the Highest Contribution to Judson Education Foundation!
- All Campuses that reach 100% Participation will enter a drawing for a \$500 Grant!
- All Departments that reach 100% Participation will enter a drawing for a Breakfast for your team!



HERE'S HOW TO GIVE!

Go to: www.giveuw.org/jisd

User ID: = your full work email address ending in @judsonisd.org

Password: = JISD Employee ID ([You can find it in Skyward by clicking here](#)).

Every campus has a Champion that can assist you! Thank you in advance for supporting the JISD United Way campaign and for making a difference in our community. If you have any questions please reach out to your campus Champions or Kim Cathey, JISD Community Relations Liaison at kcathey@judsonisd.org.



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Principal Combs:

INVEST IN KIDS. INVEST IN PEOPLE. AND THE REST WILL FALL INTO PLACE

There is something to be said about experience.

In any profession, experience provides wisdom, insight, and mentorship. And above that, it allows for friendships and relationships that last for years. In education, it means bonds with staff, faculty, students, families, and a community that can span generations.

At eight years at the helm of Hopkins Elementary, Principal Terry Combs has seen siblings, families, and even generations of students come through the doors of the Kirby campus.

That is what makes Hopkins special - it's a small-town school feel next to a large metropolitan city.

"We have grandparents that went here, parents, the kids, and the grandkids," Combs said. "I want those parents to be able to come to school and be comfortable here too. I want their kids to be comfortable here. If their parents aren't comfortable coming into our school then their kids won't be. Relationships matter."

Relationships Matter - that was a theme Combs hit on when talking about her campus and her experience in Judson ISD.

[Read more about Terry Combs and what makes a great principal.](#)



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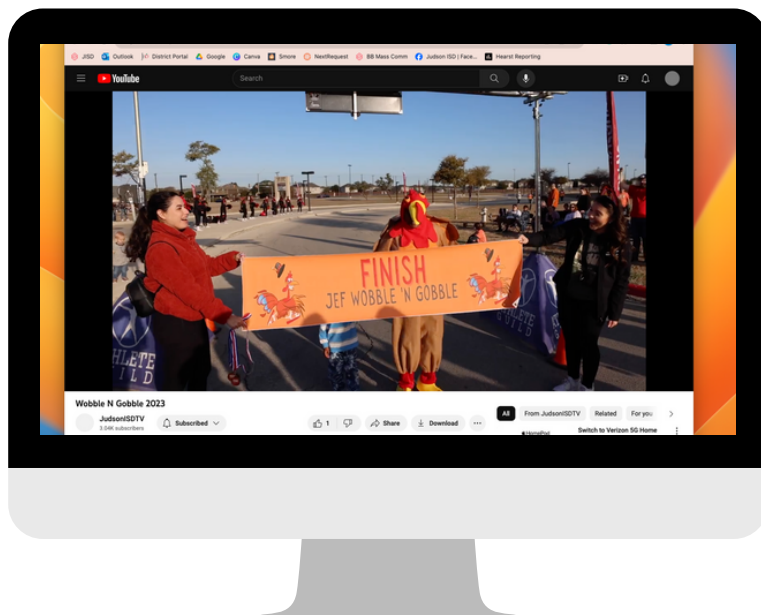
2023 WOBBLE N' GOBBLE FUN RUN & COMMUNITY FEAST

Mark your calendar for the 2023 Wobble N' Gobble! The Judson Education Foundation (JEF) & Judson ISD are hosting its 7th annual Fun Run and 12th annual Community Feast on THIS Saturday, November 4, at Wagner High School. Proceeds benefit the Judson Education Foundation to provide student scholarships and Innovative Teacher Grants in Judson ISD.

Wobble with us at the 5K fun run beginning at 9 a.m. **Get more information and register here!**

Then, **Gobble** with us at the FREE Thanksgiving Feast anytime between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The Feast will also feature performances by talented JISD students!

WOBBLE N'
GOBBLE



Hey, JISD, Keep your eye on the Pie!

We challenge every campus and department to create the biggest team to run the 5k!

The largest department or campus team will receive a feast of pies for your entire staff!

It's simple, 1st team member creates the team and all others register under that team name!

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LITIGATION AGAINST MIKE MORATH

A lawsuit against Texas Education Commissioner Morath was filed by several Texas school districts. The lawsuit is related to the fairness of the new rules that have been recommended to determine the 2023 A-F Accountability Ratings.

Last week, a judge granted a temporary injunction in favor of the school districts, blocking the state from implementing the new standards to determine this year's accountability ratings. **This means that the Commissioner is prohibited from releasing the 2023 A-F results until a new court order is issued.** The TEA intends to file an appeal to this decision.

The delay in the results has not and will not affect the quality of education that we provide as a district. We are committed to providing a first-rate education to all our students, with or without state ratings.

Judson ISD will keep you informed of any developments or additional information regarding this issue. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.



JUDSON ISD BOND 2022 OCTOBER UPDATE AND BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Judson ISD Bond 2022 made some exciting progress. Completed projects include police body cameras, police department laptop upgrades, panic buttons for automatic lockdowns and visitor check-ins.

Please join us for our monthly Bond Oversight Committee meetings on Wednesday, November 15, at 7:30 a.m. at IHOP in the Forum. We will be discussing Judson ISD Bond and Construction Updates.

Want to check out all the Bond 2022 updates? Visit <https://www.judsonisd.org/bond2022> for more information!



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HALL OF HONOR NOMINATIONS

Do you know a person who exemplifies what Judson ISD is all about? If your answer is yes, we are now accepting nominations for the Judson ISD Hall of Honor!

Being a part of the Judson ISD Hall of Honor is a meaningful way of recognizing those who embody the positive spirit of Judson ISD. Recipients have used their talents and abilities to overcome challenges and obstacles to achieve excellence in either the world of athletics or civically as contributors in our society...or both!

[Visit our website](#) to review the criteria and submit your nominee today!

Nomination deadline is **November 10, 2023**.



WHAT'S CUTER THAN A PUMPKIN PATCH? A PUMPKIN PATCH FULL OF OLYMPIA UNICORNS!

Last Tuesday afternoon, our Unicorn Choir entertained the crowd by singing fun, spooky songs, the Unicorn Cheerleaders showed off their Monster Mash moves and art students displayed their self-portraits!

It was a night filled with fall fun for students, their families, and the community!

[View Instagram Reel.](#)



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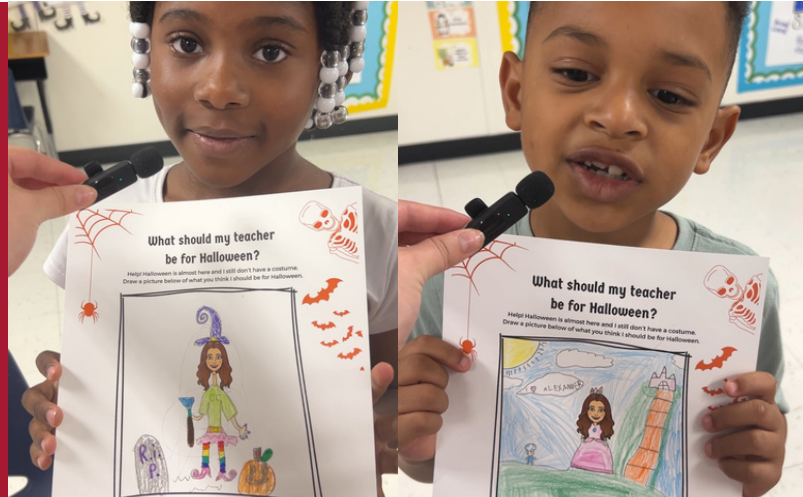
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WHAT SHOULD MY TEACHER BE?

What should my teacher be for Halloween?

Students in Ms. 'Alexanders' class at Master Elementary helped pick out their teacher's costume! Check out what the students drew and hear their reasons for selecting these costumes.

[Watch the full reel here!](#)



FOCUS FRIDAYS AT PVBLA

Focus Friday at #PVBLA! Last week's subject was Reading with a focus on the Main Idea and Theme!

Check out the [Park Village Blended Learning Academy](#) Bulldogs in action!

SCIENCE LESSON

During a science lesson in Ms. Castruita 4th grade class on Nearpod, students were questioning a concept and a discussion would not do. She headed to the closet for some ping pong balls. Students at Woodlake Elementary experienced the concept, discussed it, saw it modeled, discussed it again with academic vocabulary, and then wrote about it!



UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND JUDSON ISD

- **October:** Principals Month, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Bullying Prevention Month, Mental Illness Awareness Month, Family Community Engagement Month, Dyslexia Awareness Month, German Heritage Month, and National Book Month
- October 31: Halloween
- **November:** Native American Heritage Month and Military Family Month
- November 2: Dia de los Muertos
- November 4: Wobble N Gobble
- November 5: Daylight Savings Time Ends
- November 7: Election Day (Student Holiday)
- November 8: National STEM/STEAM Day
- November 7-11: National School Psychology Week
- November 10: District Holiday

DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL STORY?

Is there an event, student, teacher, or community member you want to highlight? The Judson ISD social media platforms and website are a great way to highlight student and district successes!

To request media coverage, please fill out this submission form.

If you have any questions, please contact **Judson ISD's Multimedia Specialist, Briana Estrada**, at **210-945-5411** or **bestrada@judsonisd.org**. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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The communications department would love to share your stories! After all, a picture is worth over a thousand words! **Click on the images below to go to our pages and give us a follow.**



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