

SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE

JANUARY 16, 2024

DEAR JUDSON ISD FAMILY:

I hope you had a nice long weekend and stayed warm during this cold weather.

On this Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, I think about our role in pursuing a more inclusive society by inspiring conversations and actions centered around justice, equality and service. Our work requires us to create opportunities for all children to thrive in a world that is complicated and sometimes indifferent to the needs of others.

I know that in our classrooms there are students who are inspired by your words, your work and your deeds. The influence you have on students goes far beyond what they learn while they are in their seats. You help them create their dreams. You help them know that they can achieve no matter what they look like or where they come from. Your continual pursuit of equality within our schools, our classrooms, our cafeterias and our buses makes a difference, a huge difference.

"Make a career of humanity. Commit yourself to the noble struggle for equal rights. You will make a better person of yourself, a greater nation of your country, and a finer world to live in." - Dr. Martin Luther Jr.

Dr. Rob Fields

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JUDSON ISD KEY CONTRIBUTOR

Judson ISD individuals and community members are invited to nominate a JISD employee by filling out and submitting the [Nomination Form](#).

Paper forms are available and may be obtained by contacting the Communications Department either by email or by phone at 210-945-5410.

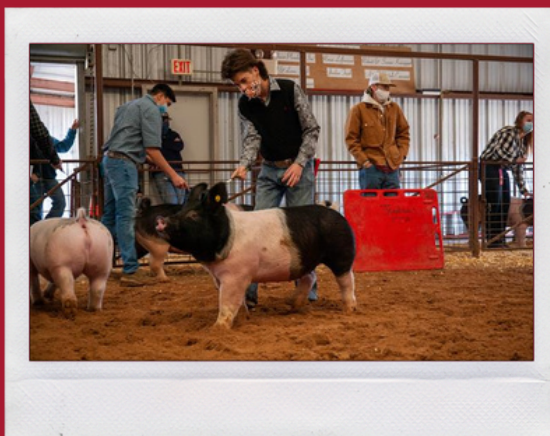
The selection committee members will review each nomination and evaluate them using a standard rubric. The highest-scoring nominee will be considered for the award. Once a winner is determined, we will verify with the candidate's supervisor that the employee is in good disciplinary standing and therefore, eligible for the award.



[NOMINATE SOMEONE
TODAY!](#)



JUDSON AGRICULTURE 2024 EXPOSITION



The Judson FFA will be hosting its annual Agriculture Exposition this weekend, January 18th- 20th, at the Judson AG Barns. The Expo is a free event that is open to the community for all to enjoy. [View Schedule](#).

The Judson Agriculture Exposition promotes responsibility and leadership skills through the educational work of the Judson FFA Chapter.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Lauren Henderson at lhenderson@judsonisd.org

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Candlewood Elementary

HORSE CLINIC

The sky was blue, the air was crisp, the horses were happy and you could smell the firepits where marshmallows were being roasted for s'mores. That doesn't sound like an elementary school playground, but that's what was happening at Candlewood Elementary School on January 13.

With two trail riding groups and a drill team in attendance, families gathered around the horses to learn about their care and gear, but the big attraction was getting to pet them! But that wasn't all - there were free hot dogs, hamburgers, and s'mores!

It was a perfect opportunity for families in the community to gather together to learn, eat, and connect with their neighborhood school.

"This is all about community," George Allen, community member and Candlewood volunteer, said about the event he spearheaded.

Allen took care of everything. He got riders from the Greater Randolph Area Trail Riders, Mesquite Trail Riders, and the True Women Drill Team to come out with their horses. He invited the Buffalo Soldiers to add to the history lessons. He donated the food and got his friends from Wack'em & Stack 'em BBQ Team to be the grill masters.

"Mr. Allen thinks big and always has something bigger and better planned for the Candlewood community. I am just so grateful to him for providing this experience for our families," Candlewood Principal Rachelle Diaz said.

Read more about this amazing experience that will eventually become a special memory in our Candlewood community.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND JUDSON ISD

COOL "G" INSPIRES RANGERS

Grant Kendall, a graduate of Judson High School, spoke to students at Salinas Elementary School about the importance of education and valuing the role teachers play in students' lives.

He uses his experiences as a student in the district, and experiences in college and afterward, to influence young minds, especially those from the community where he was raised.



JANUARY SHINING STAR

Congratulations to Candlewood Elementary fifth-grader Derek Rivas for being a Superintendent Shining Star!

Derek is planning for success, treating others well and investing in people at Candlewood Elementary and in his community. We couldn't be more proud of this Superintendent's Shining Star!

[Learn more about Derek.](#)

HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

Converse Elementary welcomed students back by honoring their A/B Honor Roll Students!

Students earned their certificates and goodie bags for their accomplishments for the 2nd nine weeks! They were then spotlighted on the campus social media platform for their outstanding achievement!



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BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION

We continue to celebrate board member appreciation month. Today's spotlight is Ms. Suzanne Kenoyer!

Ms. Kenoyer has been part of the Judson ISD Family for over 30 years. The district is her Family.

"Over the years, I've made many JISD friends, some of whom are more like family. I am grateful for the opportunity to help make decisions that impact our staff and students," Kenoyer said.

In those 30 years, she has seen it all. However, her favorite memory is experiencing one of the biggest moments in Judson ISD history.

"Being in the Alamodome when the Judson HS girls basketball team won the state championship is an unforgettable memory," Kenoyer said. "Other favorite events include graduations, retirement dinners that celebrate our employees' contributions to the district, and convocations. I truly appreciate the opportunities to celebrate our staff and students."

Being a proud member of the board has allowed her to grow personally and professionally, looking at education from a 360 view.

"Being on the board has made me much more aware of issues that affect our staff and students. I am much more politically aware than I was before my election. I strive to remain informed so that I can make good decisions. I want to do my best to ensure our students graduate with the tools they need to be productive citizens," Kenoyer said.



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JHS AUTOMOTIVE RECEIVES \$27K DONATION

We are pleased to announce that a generous donation has been made to Judson High School, benefiting the Automotive Collision Paint and Refinishing CTE Course. The complete mixing system, including a computer, mixing machine, scale, liquid toners, table, and support products, has been provided by English Color and PPG. The Judson High School Paint and Refinishing class is led by instructor, Angie Vanegas. The total value of this contribution is \$27,697.95.

The complete mixing system has already been installed at JHS, and is being operated by our Judson ISD students! We extend our gratitude for this valuable support to enhance the educational experience for our students.



NEW JUDSON ISD DISTRICT LEADERS



In Judson ISD, we define leadership as treating everyone well, planning for success, and investing in people.

Guided by our JISD Leadership Definition and our Holdsworth Center partnership, Judson ISD is committed to building strong leadership pipelines to build leaders from within Judson to make an impact for all students.

We are proud to announce the appointment of these new leaders ALL from within Judson ISD. [Read more about each of them on our website.](#)

For more news and information about Judson ISD visit us on the web at
www.judsonisd.org



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JEF INVITES YOU TO AN EVENING AT MONTE CARLO

Join us for a great cause – and a great time! The Judson Education Foundation provides student scholarships and teacher grants to Judson ISD.

This year we proudly funded over \$94,000 in student scholarships and innovative teacher grants.



EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

1 admission ticket (open seating); 1 drink ticket; \$500 in gaming chips

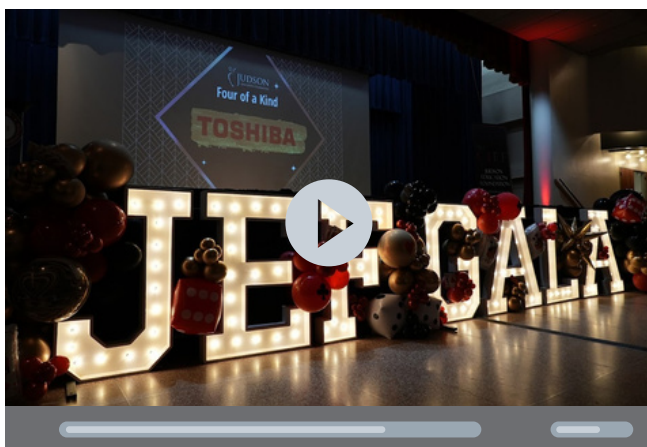
One seat: \$60 instead of \$100

The last day to purchase discounted tickets is this Friday, January 19th.

[Purchase your tickets here!](#)

All proceeds benefit students and staff of Judson ISD.

Feel free to contact Executive Director Lexie Greathouse at (210) 956-5414 if you have any questions about tickets or sponsorships.



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JEF IS CELEBRATING 25 YEARS BY AWARDING A \$25,000 GRANT!

The Judson ISD Education Foundation is celebrating 25 years of giving; we are excited to announce a special grant opportunity to support and recognize outstanding educational initiatives in Judson ISD!

Grant Details:

- **Amount:** \$25,000
- **Application Period:** 25 days: January 10 to February 3 at midnight
- **Submission Requirement:** A two-and-a-half-minute or less video presentation

Rules for grants can be found here.

This grant aims to empower and elevate innovative projects that enhance education in our district. We encourage all district employees to consider applying and showcasing the incredible work you are doing to make a lasting impact on our students' lives.

How to Apply:

1. Prepare a two-and-a-half-minute or less video presentation.
2. Highlight the goals, methods, and outcomes of your educational initiative.
3. Showcase the alignment of your project with the mission and values of Judson Education Foundation.
4. [Submit your video here.](#)

The deadline for submissions is February 3rd, so please take advantage of this opportunity to share your passion and dedication to education.

We believe that the heart of innovation lies within our own district, and we look forward to seeing the creative and impactful projects that make our educational community exceptional.

Thank you for your dedication to education, and we eagerly anticipate your submissions.

[Learn more about the Judson Education Foundation and how they support our Judson ISD students and teachers](#)



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ROBOTICS LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

SST/90 Tigers FTC Robotics League Championship, SST/90 Tigers FTC Robotics League Championship PHOEN-X Team 12115 got first place Inspired Award, which is the highest honor awarded and will be advancing to regionals.

JECA Robo-Raptors Team 10632 got second place Motivate Award.



LET'S LEARN ABOUT PLANS!

Ms. Pierce's class at Franz Leadership Academy shared about their soil samples! They described its properties, if plants would survive in it, and how it gets its nutrients! They are wonderful scientists!

Ms. Koletar's class created with different manipulatives. Awesome job, Mustangs!

OUTSTANDING OLYMPIANS!

Check out the Outstanding Olympians, selected for their commitment to following the campus core values of respect, responsibility, and restorative practices. Their individual pictures and awards will be on display all week in Olympia's main hallway, and their achievements were announced to the entire school!



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JANUARY IS SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

The one thing to know about Ms. Monica Ryan - she is everywhere! She tries to be at any and every Judson ISD event. It shows her commitment and dedication to the district.

"I enjoy any time I can be out in our Judson ISD community, talking to our students, staff, and families and watching activities," Ryan said. "I enjoy everything from sports events to fine arts to visiting the agriculture barn because our team is out there doing amazing things every day."



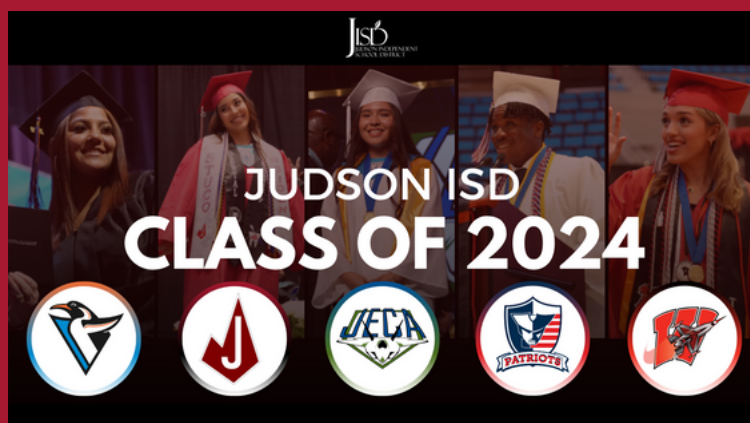
For Ryan, it's an honor to serve her community, working every day to uphold the oath she took to make Judson ISD better.

"I take this position very seriously because I can see every day how decisions impact individuals, schools, and the entire community," Ryan said. "I have seen how important it is to just be present and listen to show everyone how valued they are."

As she continues to serve the district throughout the year, she hopes to bring the community together as the Judson ISD family she knows we are.

"I want to ensure we are a district where everyone has a voice," Ryan said.

JUDSON ISD HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATIONS DATES



New Creation Christian Fellowship

- JECA: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 7:00 PM
- JLA: Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Freeman Coliseum

- JHS: Friday, May 31, 2024 at 7:00 PM
- VMHS: Saturday, June 1, 2024 at 2:30 PM
- WHS: Saturday, June 1, 2024 at 7:00 PM

For more details, visit: judsonisd.org/graduation

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UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND JUDSON ISD

January: Board Appreciation Month

- January 18: Regular Board Meeting

February: Career & Technical Education and Black History Month

- February 5-9: National School Counseling Week
- February 12: Teacher Planning/Prep Day/ Student Holiday*
- February 14: Valentine's Day
- February 19: President's Day
- February 22: School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

March: Women's History Month and National Social Work Month

- March 1: Maintenance Worker Appreciation Day
- March 3-9: National School Social Worker Week

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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