

SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE

FEBRUARY 12, 2024

DEAR JUDSON ISD FAMILY:

Thank you for all you do and all you have given our students and our team in these last months and years. I have been so proud to witness the way each of you have stepped in and led throughout this school year to build a roadmap for student success in Judson ISD.

This is the type of leadership we know is possible and present across our entire school district when we support one another in our growth and development. As many of you know, to aid us in that effort we have been working Holdsworth Center and are proud of the work so many have done across our district. The Holdsworth Center is a non-profit organization that supports district and school leaders across the state. You can read more about The Holdsworth Center here: www.holdsworthcenter.org

Our work thus far has been guided by your feedback provided through the Holdsworth Talent Assessment survey. Our work has included creating a leadership definition along with various leadership programs to continue investing in others.

Your continued input is essential in shaping the direction of our district, and while I know time is short, your feedback will help us plan for continuing this work beyond the scope of our formal partnership with the Holdsworth Center, which ends this year. As part of the Holdsworth assessment, we invite you to take 15 minutes to fill out a short, anonymous survey on your experiences with talent and leadership development in Judson ISD that you received as a personal email on February 5th in your inbox from the Holdsworth Center.

Dr. Rob Fields

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LEADER IN ME CONFERENCE

The Franz Leadership Academy Administrative Leader in Me Lighthouse Team just got back from the Leader in Me Symposium in Austin, Texas!

At the conference, they had opportunities to build their Leader in Me knowledge through various breakout sessions and Lighthouse school visits. Mrs. Farley and Dr. Lofton were invited to present at one of the sessions and had a standing-room-only audience. They received phenomenal feedback, and the team is excited to share and implement their new knowledge with their Franz Leadership Academy team!



CREST AWARDS FROM THE TEXAS SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION

Last weekend, Olympia's Aimee Hadas and Masters' Maria Harris were awarded CREST Awards from the Texas School Counselor Association.

The award recognizes schools across Texas that appropriately utilize their Professional School Counselors and demonstrate a continuous commitment to building a campus team and programs. The award winners engage their Professional School Counselors to provide students with the classroom guidance, college and career readiness, and social/emotional skills needed to be academically successful and well-prepared for life.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND JUDSON ISD

STATE BOUND!

Congratulations to 3 Veterans Memorial HS wrestlers on advancing to the STATE Wrestling Meet! Go Patriots!

- Mia Taylor
- Natania Workman
- Torrance Adkins

Best of luck at State!



GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club at Crestview Elementary is hard at work planting strawberries and lettuce!

Students are looking forward to making their very own yummy salad with the Garden Club!

They plan to enjoy the fruits and vegetables they are growing while at school.



LEADING BY EXAMPLE!

On January 30th, Coach Mackey, from 2Words Character Development, visited Judson Middle School and presented a 2 Words Lesson LIVE to Boys & Girls Pre-Athletics/Athletics. The 3 Separators were: Finish Through The Line, Accept Hard Coaching, and Do Your Best. 2 Words Character Development is a program that is used across our district in our PE and Athletics classes.



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MRS. AIMEE HADAS IS PASSIONATE ABOUT HELPING HER

Unicorns

Aimee Hadas is a counselor in her neighborhood school. This is her sixth year at the Fine Arts Academy at Olympia and she loves it. She loves to see her kids when she walks her dog, Obi, with her husband, a city council member. She is invested in the families that she sees at the grocery store, around her neighborhood and in the community.

“We both (Hadas and her husband) believe in public education, making our communities better, making our schools better,” Hadas said.

Hadas began her career in Judson ISD 26 years ago as a teacher. She taught for 16 years and decided counseling was her next step. While teaching, she went back to school, got her counseling degree, and right after graduation, landed a long-term counseling substitute job at Converse Elementary. She’s been a counselor at JISD ever since - and a good one. She is a multiple-year CREST Award winner who provides the resources students and families need to be successful academically and emotionally.

But for Hadas, being a counselor is more than checking the boxes and winning awards.

“I love my kids. I love my job. Look, I’m a counselor. It’s about building relationships,” Hadas said passionately.

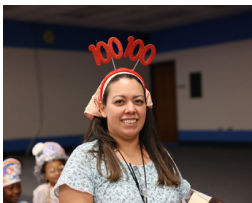
She takes every opportunity to build those relationships. From Coffee with the Counselor to the daily carline, she makes it her mission to get to know the families of the students she serves, because knowing a caring, trusting person at school can change the trajectory of a student’s life or even an entire family’s life.

[Read more about Aimee Hadas and how doing what she loves makes her happy.](#)



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100 DAYS OF SCHOOL AT JUDSON ISD!



**HIP! HIP!
HOORAY!
WE HAVE REACHED
100 DAYS!**

**Take a look at how our Judson
ISD campuses celebrated the
100th Day of School.**



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SUPPORT JUDSON ISD IN THE MY SA EXPRESS-NEWS READER'S CHOICE AWARDS!

Judson ISD is the BEST district in San Antonio.

Now, we can let the entire city know because we are a finalist for Best School District in the city in the San Antonio Express-News YourSA contest! We didn't get on this list by accident. Parents, students and staff members voted to put us there.

You can vote every day to help us spread the word that we are the best school district in the San Antonio area! I know I will be voting as many times as they will let me!

Let's do this, JISD Family! You can vote every day, once a day, through February 16th!

"Every day I come to work, I know that there are thousands of JISD employees making a huge difference for thousands of JISD families and it makes me incredibly proud. I don't need this contest to tell me that, but I sure want the entire city to know what I have known since I was a kid in school - that Judson ISD is the best place to learn and work!"

-Dr. Milton Fields

MAMMOGRAMS THAT COME TO U

Judson ISD will be visited by the University Health System's very own healthyUexpress! The University Health System healthyUexpress is a mobile mammography vehicle that offers screenings by appointment at various locations in Bexar County. Each exam takes approximately 30 minutes, requiring little time away from your busy day.

Please note that they will be offered at three separate locations around JISD on three different dates. **All location times are 7:30 am-2:30pm**

- Wednesday, March 20, 2024 – Wagner HS
- Thursday, March 28, 2024 – Judson HS
- Friday, April 5, 2024 – Veterans Memorial HS

See more details and how to sign up for a time slot convenient for you. Please contact Leesa Roberts at (210) 945-5610 should you have any questions.



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C&I Department

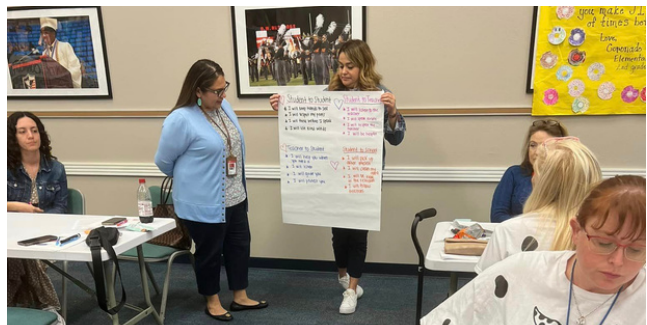
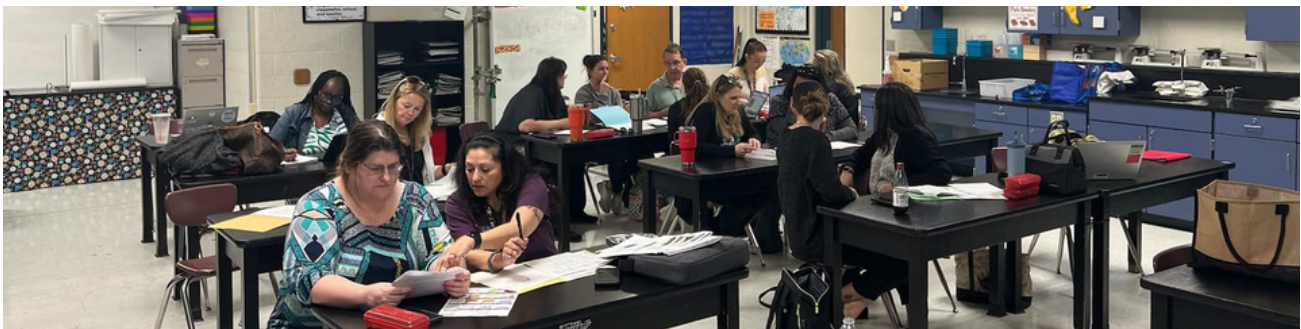
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AT WORK

Science 8th Grade Launch: Science Coordinator, Mr. Pope led 22 teachers through reviewing 8th grade assessments and guides.

Middle School Unit Launch: Ms. Clements led the 7th grade team by taking a dive into the upcoming unit so they can go back and be familiar with Tier I instruction and delivery.

Conscious Discipline: Dr. Shoemaker and Mrs. Gutierrez our RTI team led 24 elementary teachers in implementing respect agreements, I statements and restorative practices.

Keep up the great work Judson ISD growing leaders!



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND JUDSON ISD

LEARNING TOGETHER

Check out the ECSE students at Park Village Blended Learning Academy!

They have been busy bulldogs! The campus has opened up a sensory room where students are diving into all things Math, Science and even Music!



SPECIAL GUEST READERS FOR WORLD READ ALOUD DAY!

Last week at Escondido Elementary School JISD Deputy Superintendent of Innovation, Business and Operations, Mrs. Cecilia Davis and JISD School Board Trustee, Mrs. Suzanne Kenoyer joined our JISD students for some fun stories!

KENS 5 ALL-STAR ATHLETE

Congratulations to the Great Day SA KENS 5 All-Star Athlete from Wagner High School, Corina Talavera. She competes on the girls' varsity basketball team while balancing playing the saxophone for our award-winning Wagner Thunderbird band.

Corina will be featured on KENS Friday, March 15 during Great Day SA between 9-10 a.m.



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MARCH 7 TOWN HALL

Join board members, district administrators and staff to learn and share at the Town Hall on Discipline.

Event is on Thursday, March 7, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at Judson Early College Academy, 8230 Palisades Dr., Live Oak, TX.

Hope to see you there!



HAPPY NATIONAL WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY

Last week was National Girls and Women in Sports Day. Judson ISD celebrated and acknowledged the accomplishments of female athletes, recognized the influence of sports participation for women and girls and honored the progress and continuing struggle for equality for women in sports

Watch the video below to meet our female coaches. .



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JISD CAMPUS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

As part of the Holdsworth Center's Campus Leadership Program, Judson Early College Academy has spent the last year and a half improving student success in writing-intensive college classes. The JECA team visited Sunset HS in Dallas ISD over the past month, reviewing their school's work to improve student success in Advanced Academics and offering guidance for their continued success.

Last week, JECA hosted Aldine ISD's MacArthur HS. During the visit, JECA provided an overview of the campus, the work being done to support JECA's Problem of Practice goal, facilitated student and teacher discussion panels, and held instructional walks. Student journals were examined, as well as change implementation cycle data. In the debrief session that followed, the MacArthur team spoke about the real impact these efforts are having on our students, took ideas to implement, and provided suggestions for next steps. The highlight of the day was the student panel discussion, where our students spoke with confidence and absolutely impressed our guests!



UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND JUDSON ISD

February: Career & Technical Education and Black History Month

- February 12: Teacher Planning/Prep Day/ Student Holiday*
- February 14: Valentine's Day
- February 15: Regular School Board Meeting
- February 19: President's 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
- March 7: Town Hall on Discipline at JECA
- March 11-15: Spring Break Holiday
- March 29: Good Friday 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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