

# SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE

SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

## DEAR JUDSON ISD FAMILY:

The best part of being a superintendent is when I get to be with students on our campuses. Friday, I visited a pre-k classroom. I wasn't there long before they were running up for hugs. It was a joyful classroom filled with smiling students and a teacher who clearly loved every one of her students. The room was filled with bright colors and all of the things that inspire curiosity in our little ones. I hope every day, every student and every teacher has a moment filled with the kind of purpose I saw that day. What an incredible family we have here at Judson ISD! Wishing you all a great week!

*Dr. Rob Fields*



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## UTSA FOOTBALL & JUDSON EDUCATION FOUNDATION GIVE BACK NIGHT

Who's ready for some UTSA Football? UTSA and Judson ISD have partnered to bring you some fantastic discounts and experiences.

All JISD staff will receive discounted tickets to all UTSA home games.

Join us on October 28 for a designated Judson ISD District Night. A portion of your ticket purchase will be given back to the Judson Education Foundation to fund student scholarships and innovative teaching grants! On top of that, the first 60 tickets will get pre-game field access to watch the Roadrunners run out during team intros!

Get your Birds Up and [get your discounted tickets here!](#)



## JUDSON ISD CELEBRATES NATIONAL PAYROLL WEEK!

We're 'counting' our blessings and the numbers add up to an amazing payroll team!

Thank you to all of these outstanding Judson ISD Family members who answer our questions and make sure we get our paychecks each month! We appreciate you!



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## TEA PURPLE STAR CAMPUS DESIGNATIONS

On August 23, 2023, five Judson ISD campuses were given TEA Purple Star Campus Designations, which recognizes campuses for “demonstrating support and commitment in meeting the unique needs of military-connected students and families.”

“This designation is even more proof that Judson ISD is the district for military families,” said Monica Garcia, Executive Director of Student and Family Support Services. “We want to make sure that we serve those who have served for us.”

The designated campuses were Kirby Middle School, Copperfield Elementary, Veterans Memorial HS, Candlewood Elementary School, and Hartman Bilingual/Immersion Elementary. They join Judson High School and Salinas Elementary for the 2023-2024 school year.



[Read more.](#)

## SEPTEMBER IS ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

September is here, and it's not just the start of a new month, but a chance to ATTEND school and share our commitment to education!

Judson ISD celebrates Attendance Awareness Month by recognizing that each day in class is a stepping stone toward our dreams. Every class attended, and every lesson learned contributes to our growth and future success.



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# Martha Sanchez

## KEY CONTRIBUTOR FROM HARTMAN ELEMENTARY

It was easy to tell that Martha Sanchez, the Bilingual Dyslexia teacher at Hartman Elementary, does not do her job for the accolades or acknowledgment. As she quietly accepted the September Key Contributor award from Dr. Fields, one could tell what she really wanted was to get back to the business of teaching the students, something that does not surprise her coworkers.

"I often hear parents compliment Mrs. Sanchez's teaching and reading remediation techniques and she smiles humbly and quietly," said Hartman Principal M. Rodriguez.

During the last three years Sanchez has worked at Hartman, she has impacted students with reading difficulties with measurable results. And the students not only read better, but they also love doing the work with their teacher.

"You should see her work with her students; they love to go to class and don't even want to leave," Rodriguez said.

Sanchez is a teacher and communicator who understands that sharing strategies and data not only with her colleagues but also with her students' parents creates a path to student improvement and success.

Thank you to Martha Sanchez for making a difference in the lives of students every day and helping us Produce Excellence at Judson ISD. [Read more.](#)



Nominate someone today!



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## JEF TEACHER GRANTS ARE NOW OPEN!

The Judson Education Foundation is an incredible organization that raises money to fund student scholarships and teacher grants for innovative instruction. JEF does that through a number of fundraising and community connecting events. Each year, the Judson Education Foundation awards tens of thousands of dollars to students and teachers to support them in their education and their work in the classroom.

Judson Education Foundation (JEF) Teacher Grant Applications are now open! JEF has over \$48,000 to give for innovative teaching. Our application is so easy to fill out. If you have any questions, please contact the Executive Director of JEF (Judson Education Foundation), Lexie Greathouse, at [agreathouse@judsonisd](mailto:agreathouse@judsonisd).

### **Apply Today!**

**The deadline to apply is September 15, 2022.**

### **View Last Year's Photo Album.**



## FOUNDATION FRIDAYS

The Judson Education Foundation (JEF) wants to thank those who have participated so far in our eGive campaign. To add a touch of excitement to our Fridays, we are introducing Foundation Fridays which we are sure you will love. Every Friday, we invite each and every one of you to proudly wear your JEF 2023 eGive shirt.

Keep an eye out on Foundation Fridays for JEF members on campus because the first staff member we see proudly wearing their eGive shirt will receive a special surprise!

Thank you for your dedication to our students and support of the Foundation, see you on Fridays! Check out last week's winners!



Converse Elementary



Judson ISD ERC



Kirby Middle School



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND JUDSON ISD

### SEBASTIAN AT JUDSON HS

"I should've doesn't exist" for Judson High School's Sebastian Bernal. Judson High School's senior Sebastian Bernal was always told, "el hubiera no existe." It means "I should've doesn't exist."

That's the mindset he's had throughout his four years of high school - make the best of every opportunity afforded to you. No excuses.

[Read more.](#)



### SUPERINTENDENT'S SHINING STARS

We are so excited to celebrate the Superintendent's Shining Stars for September!

#### Hunter Maloy, Fine Arts Academy at Olympia

These students, selected by their campuses, show exceptional character and embody the Judson ISD's Leadership Definition. The key components of which are: Treat People Well, Plan for Success, and Invest in Others.

### BUILDING LEADERS!

Coach McKinley at Judson Middle School led this week's Boys & Girls Pre-Athletics 2 class.

This week's lesson started with "Words Character Building" to set the tone and foundation for a successful week ahead!

The student-athletes come together each week to build teamwork, inclusivity, and broader skills.



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## DON'T DELAY, E-GIVE TODAY!

### 13TH ANNUAL EMPLOYEE GIVE CAMPAIGN TO SUPPORT:



The Judson Education Foundation is a tremendous tool that helps raise money for innovative Teacher Grants, Principal Grants & Student Scholarships.

**Make your pledge by Friday,  
September 15 to get a t-shirt!**

**Click the notification to  
contribute today!**



**Judson Education Foundation**  
[www.judsonisd.org/jef](http://www.judsonisd.org/jef)

Thank you for your voluntary  
contribution!



### EMPLOYEE DEDUCTION DONATION OPTIONS

\$3.00 monthly - You receive a foundation t-shirt that you can wear every Friday\*  
\*with supervisor's approval

\$5.00 monthly - You receive a foundation t-shirt and a cute matching sticker.

\$7.00 monthly you receive a T-shirt, Sticker, and your name will be entered in a drawing for "Movie Night" gift basket that has a \$25 AMC gift card, 2 movie passes to EVO with game cards and all the snacks and goodies you'd want!

For more information contact: Lexie Greathouse, JEF Executive Director at 210-945-5414



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# JUDSON LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Are you interested in learning more about the Judson ISD leadership definition and strengthening your personal leadership capacity?

Judson Leadership Institute will develop leadership capacity in you. Professional staff members who are excited to begin the next career steps of campus/department leadership roles such as teacher leader, Academic Trainer/Coach/Dean, and/or Assistant Principal, are perfect candidates for this program. This program is meant to have a targeted approach to help develop future leaders and provide opportunities for our Judson leaders to learn and grow.

The Judson Leadership Institute (JLI) Application is now open!

[View program details and how to apply.](#)

The deadline to apply is September 10, 2023.



If you have any questions about leadership development in JISD, please contact the Director of Leadership Development, Dr. Destiny Barrera, at [dbarrera@judsonisd.org](mailto:dbarrera@judsonisd.org).



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## GROWTH & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

We are happy to announce that our first Judson ISD Growth & Planning Committee Meeting this year. The purpose of the committee is to represent the communities of Judson ISD by recommending options/actions to district leadership and school board and communicate information to local residents in the following areas:



- New and existing facilities, technology infrastructure, and educational environments.
- District growth
- Short-term plans to address growth
- Long-range plans to address growth

The meeting will be on Monday, September 11 at Wagner High School (3000 N. Foster Road, 78244) from 6:30 pm -7:30 pm.

## HAYDEN PAVING DONATES \$500 TO HOPKINS ELEMENTARY

Motivation comes in many forms. For Hayden Paving, being located right behind Hopkins Elementary gave them the perfect motivation to make a difference. Randi Claborn and Elizabeth Laffew from Hayden Paving dropped by Hopkins this week to make a \$500 donation to the campus that is almost literally in their backyard.

"Our corporate office is in Houston but we are right here. We wanted to get more involved in our community here in Kirby," Claborn said. [Read more.](#)





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### BUILDING SUCCESS!

Copperfield Elementary is a footprint for success within Judson ISD!

Take a look at our JISD students who are excited to share their incredible journey of discovery and growth inside of the classroom!



### THE GREAT COOKIE DUNK

Ms. Rae's Great Cookie Dunk Lab at Park Village Blended Learning Academy. Students used their senses to make observations, write a hypothesis, and make predictions! During the experiment, they tested to see which cookie sank and which floated.

The students wrote their conclusions and realized... ANYONE can be a scientist!

### MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHTS

The Wagner High School cluster on a very successful middle school night!

The Wagner High School Band invited Metzger Middle School Band and Kirby MS Band to their game against Dripping Springs.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND JUDSON ISD

- September: Campus Safety Awareness Month, Suicide Prevention Month, Friendship Month, and Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
- September 5-9: National Payroll Week
- September 8: Read a Book Day
- September 10: Grandparents Day
- September 10-16: National Arts in Education
- Sept 15-Oct 15: National Hispanic Heritage Month
- September 17: National IT Professional Day
- September 21: Regular School Board Meeting
- September 23: National IT Professional Day
- September 26: Human Resources Day
- September 29: National Teacher's Assistant Day
- October: Principals Month, Breast Cancer Awareness, and Bullying Prevention Month

## 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.

**CLICK HERE**

## FIND US ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA!

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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