

# SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE

NOVEMBER 13, 2023

## DEAR JUDSON ISD FAMILY:

I hope you all had a restful three-day weekend.

As Thanksgiving gets closer, I want to express my gratitude to each one of you. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to our students. From teachers to our support staff, everyone is making a difference in our students' lives and producing excellence at Judson ISD.

While I am sure most of you have started the countdown for next week's holiday break, I would like to encourage you all to take a moment to reflect on the blessings in our lives. Whether it's our family, friends, or simply the little things that bring us joy, we each have so many things to be grateful for.

Thank you for all that you do, and I wish you all a happy and safe holiday season.

*Dr. Rob Fields*

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## HALL OF HONOR NOMINATIONS NOVEMBER 27!

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!

Deadline to submit your nomination is November 27.



## JISD'S FIRST VIRTUAL COMMUNITY BREW

Want to know what's brewing at JISD? Grab a cup of coffee, sit in your most comfortable chair and log in to our first JISD Virtual Community Brew!

Join Dr. Rob Fields for conversation on Saturday, December 9, beginning at 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

You can join from your computer, mobile app or room device.

**Meeting ID:** 243 813 732 327 | **Passcode:** 5hKib5



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## JISD SHINES IN IPLAY SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Over the weekend, Judson ISD Elementary students participated in the iPlay San Antonio Sports Soccer Tournament! The tournaments included 1,500 participants, 41 schools, and 5 school districts across the San Antonio area.

Congratulations to our JISD Winners:

- Hopkins Elementary School - 1st Place (B2B Champs)
- Spring Meadows Elementary - 2nd Place
- Wortham Oaks Elementary - 3rd Place
- Escondido Elementary School - 4th Place

It was an amazing weekend filled with teamwork, excitement and great sportsmanship!



## JUDSON ISD BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Judson ISD Bond 2022 is making 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 next monthly Bond Oversight Committee meeting on Wednesday, at 6 pm November 15, at JTECH** 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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# JUDSON EDUCATION FOUNDATION AWARDS OVER \$48,000 IN TEACHER GRANTS

It's the happiest day of the year! The Judson Education Foundation visited 17 campuses and awarded over \$48,000 in innovative teacher grants.

The grants fund a wide variety of innovative learning opportunities, enriching students' academic and social-emotional experiences at school. From astronomy and yoga to broadcast news and drama, JEF grants are giving teachers the tools to engage students in new ways.

The foundation works year-round raising money for grants and scholarships.

"We are so grateful for our donors who make today possible. They are truly making a difference in learning for JISD students," said JEF Executive Director Lexie Greathouse.



JEF Board members and JISD Superintendent Dr. Fields joined in the excitement as grants were awarded. [Read more.](#)

[Congratulations to all of the grant winners!](#) [Click here](#) to view the entire photo album.



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## JUDSON ISD DISTRICT-WIDE COLLEGE FAIR

The Judson ISD District-wide College Fair was hosted at Veterans Memorial High School. It showcased a wide variety of diverse opportunities for our high school students. Students had the chance to interact with representatives from different colleges, universities, and the military, who provided information about the different academic programs, scholarships, and career pathways available.

The event allowed students to explore their future options, ask questions, and gain a better understanding of the educational opportunities available to them after high school. It was a valuable experience that helped our Judson ISD students make more informed decisions about their academic and career choices!



## TOWN HALL ON BULLYING

We are excited to begin a series of Town Hall Meetings. We want to hear from our parents and community about important issues.

Join Judson ISD board members, district administrators and staff at the first Town Hall focusing on Bullying.

The Town Hall will be held at the JTECH building, 7990 Pat Booker Rd, 78233, on December 7, from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Hope to see you there!





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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND JUDSON ISD

### SPREAD KINDNESS EVERY DAY!

Today, the Hopkins Elementary School Kindness Crew greeted students and staff with homemade kindness signs to celebrate World Kindness Day!

Spread kindness this week with someone!



### HEALTH PROFESSIONALS FAIR

The Judson Early College Academy hosted a Health Professions Club Fair!

The student members shared information about a variety of health topics and careers available to students.

### TRANSPORTATION VETERANS

Transportation has Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps veterans serving our community as Bus Drivers, Bus Assistants, and Mechanics. These individuals served our country as pilots, medical technicians, logistics planners, airplane mechanics, and vehicle mechanics. Still driven to serve, they have answered the call to make a positive contribution to the community! Thank you for your service.



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## PRAISE CATHEDRAL CHURCH PARTNERS WITH *Candlewood Elementary*

At Judson ISD, we love it anytime community partners take an active role in our school district. When they begin making the kind of difference Praise Cathedral Church has made at Candlewood Elementary, we want to shout it from the rooftops!

Mr. George Allen from Praise Cathedral said that reaching out to the community is what the church is all about.

“Our role in the church is to seek out and explore where there are gaps and needs and find ways to fill those gaps,” Allen said

Praise Cathedral has donated supplies for classrooms, supported campus literacy by reading to students, brought in guest speakers and presentations for Black History Month and the list goes on. Recently, however, they have made a different kind of impact. They donated \$2500 to support the Snack Pak program at Candlewood.

The Snack Pak program provides weekend food packs for students with limited access to food when they aren't in school. Last year, Candlewood participated in the program through a one-year grant. This year, without Praise Cathedral, the program wouldn't be available to Candlewood students.

Learn more about how Praise Cathedral is making Candlewood Elementary an even better place to learn and grow.





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### FINE ARTS COLLABORATION

Copperfield Elementary had a wonderful ceremony to honor the men and women who have served our country. Music teacher Mr. Jesse Rodriguez organized the event and had students from Copperfield Elementary, Judson High School Choir and Wagner High School Band perform at the ceremony. Great job Judson ISD Fine Arts for coming together for a special event.



### SALINAS GIRLS ON THE RUN!

Salinas' Girls on the Run Club participated in their first 5k at Comanche Park in San Antonio.

Thank you to their coaches. Mrs. Camelio, Mrs. Vasquez and Mrs. Gentry for sponsoring this club and giving them this opportunity!

### OUTSTANDING OLYMPIANS!

Students were selected for their commitment to following our core values of respect, responsibility, and restorative practices. Their individual pictures and awards will be on display all week in the hallway, their achievements were announced to the entire school, and they will go home with them next week!





## UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND JUDSON ISD

**November:** Native American Heritage Month  
and Military Family Month

- November 13-17: American Education Week
- November 13: World Kindness Day
- November 15: America Recycles Day
- November 15: Education Support Professionals Day
- November 17: Substitute Professional Day
- November 20-24: Thanksgiving Holiday Break
- November 23: Thanksgiving Day
- November 30: Computer Security Day

**December:** Read a New Book Month

- December 2: Special Education Day
- December 4: National Cookie Day
- December 7: Town Hall on Bullying
- December 9: Virtual Community Brew

## 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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