

SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE

NOVEMBER 6, 2023

DEAR JUDSON ISD FAMILY:

This past week, I was amazed by our community, both our school community and our greater community. I saw how being part of a community can lift spirits, bring people together and create stronger bonds with one another.

Friday, I spent the morning with some of our students at Crestview Elementary, leaders from the City of Live Oak and the Village Garden Club celebrating Arbor Day. Every year, Live Oak donates a tree to an elementary school in their community. It was wonderful to see the tree donated years ago growing and thriving alongside the new small tree waiting to be cared for by the CES family. I'd like to think the students were excited that I was there, but in reality, Smokey the Bear was the real showstopper!



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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED...

Saturday, I attended the Judson Education Foundation's Wobble N' Gobble at Wagner High School. What a wonderful event for our community. The run gives families the opportunity to donate to JEF, get some exercise and spend time together. Then, the feast feeds nearly 1,400 community members for free while our fine arts students keep them entertained. The atmosphere is always filled with gratitude.

These kinds of events where our communities come together to do something meaningful make me feel particularly fortunate to be part of JISD. One Home. One Family.



Dr. Rob Fields

HALL OF HONOR NOMINATIONS CLOSE SOON!

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!



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MILITARY FAMILY APPRECIATION MONTH

In the month of November, Judson ISD acknowledges the sacrifices that our military families make each day, month, and throughout the school year. Military life imposes unique demands on them, and during these difficult times, they have demonstrated exceptional sacrifice, resiliency, and courage. From frequent moves to demanding deployments, military life requires a lot from service members and their families. We see the challenges our families face and honor their countless contributions to our nation.

Judson ISD recognizes that families also serve.

It is our honor to pay tribute and thank our service members, spouses, and children for their duties and the sacrifices they have made to our nation.

We Salute You!



LAST CHANCE TO GIVE TO THE UNITED WAY

The annual JISD United Way is coming to a close. 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.



HOW TO DONATE?

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)

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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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND JUDSON ISD

JISD CHARACTER PARADE

Students at Park Village Blended Learning Academy and Judson ISD campuses celebrated Halloween in character parades book.

Students attended school dressed up as their favorite storybook characters.



FUTURE WHS MUSICIANS

Wagner High School Orchestra visited Escondido Elementary and played for their 3-5 graders! Between pieces, musicians named the instrument they were playing and played a short solo of a familiar tune so students could hear the difference between instruments. At the end, Lions were asked who was interested in joining orchestra at middle school, and hands shot up all throughout the audience!

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE?

Exploring the future, one career at a time! Woodlake Elementary's Career Day was a blast as our young stars discovered a world of career possibilities.



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2023 WOBBLE N' GOBBLE FUN RUN & COMMUNITY FEAST

This year's Thanksgiving Wobble 'n Gobble Event sponsored by the Judson Education Foundation (JEF) proved to be an outstanding success, with an incredible turnout that warmed our hearts and our community. On this day of gratitude and giving, a remarkable 400 runners laced up their sneakers to participate in the 5K race, all with one goal in mind: to support education in our community.

The race was not just about athletic competition; it was a symbol of unity and philanthropy. Participants of all ages and abilities came together, demonstrating their commitment to our cause. Awards were given, cheers were exchanged, and spirits were high as the 5K runners completed the route around Wagner HS, knowing that their efforts were contributing to the betterment of our community through the Judson Education Foundation.

But the day didn't end there. After the race, an astounding 1,400 people gathered for the Community Feast, creating an atmosphere of warmth and togetherness that truly captured the essence of Thanksgiving. The feast was more than just a meal; it was a manifestation of community support.



[Read more.](#)



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CITY OF LIVE OAK AND CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY USHER IN *Arbor Day*

The City of Live Oak and Crestview Elementary ushered in Arbor Day with beautiful singing, artwork, and, of course, the annual Arbor Day tree donation!

Live Oak Mayor Mary Dennis shared the Arbor Day Proclamation with the students reminding them of the importance of caring for our environment and making their city a beautiful and healthy place to live.

The Crestview Choir sang America the Beautiful and got the crowd smiling and swaying with their energetic performance of the perfect song for the beautiful morning, "Bright Happy Day".

JISD Superintendent Dr. Fields recognized the contributions of the City of Live Oak and the Village Garden Club to our school community.

"Our yearly celebration of Arbor Day with the City of Live Oak and the Live Oak Village Garden Club is a true reminder of the wonderful things that happen when we join together with community partners to make our cities and schools better places to live and learn," Fields said.

JISD would like to thank the City of Live Oak, the Parks and Recreation Department, Live Oak Village Garden Club and the Live Oak Tree Care Board for their continued partnership and active involvement in our Live Oak schools. [Read more.](#)



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THE RIGHT MINDSET AT KMS

Chrissy Stragisher and the Spurs Way visited the Kirby Middle School Lady Falcon student-athletes for a special mindset workshop! Over 90 athletes to learn about mindset, confidence, and positive self-talk.



KNIGHTS CELEBRATE

Hartman Elementary hosted their 3rd annual Dia de los Muertos celebration on November 2nd. In collaboration with family literacy night movie night, and the event was well attended! All teachers were in attendance to raise literacy awareness for all children. Families were invited after to watch the "Book of Life" and enjoyed the Dia De Los Muertos homage movie.



JLA AT NORTHEAST LAKEVIEW

Judson Learning Academy students enjoyed a fun and informative day at Northeast Lakeview College learning about the academic programs and campus life activities!



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OPERATION DOG TAGS FOOTBALL GAME

The 2nd Annual Operation Dog Tags Football Game kick-off on Thursday night with the Judson High School Rockets facing the New Braunfels Unicorns.

Before the game, veterans who participated in Operation Dog Tags, and all veterans in attendance, were honored for their service. The first 500 people who entered D. W. Rutledge Stadium received a commemorative dog tag. The All Veteran's Parachutes Team jumped onto the field to present the colors.

Judson ISD has continued this established tradition, with each high school hosting Operation Dog Tags each year. Veterans Memorial High School will host the next event in 2024.

Thank you Judson ISD - Athletics for your dedication to honoring our #JudsonISDFamily veterans!



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JUDSON ISD BOND 2022 NOVEMBER 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 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!



ALL AMERICAN BOWL PRESS CONFERENCE

The All-American Bowl's Road to the Dome tour visited Veterans Memorial High School on November 2, 2023, to recognize James Peoples as a 2024 All-American. Veterans Memorial High School honored James Peoples in the PAC during a press conference with classmates, teammates, family, and friends in attendance. He was officially honored as a 2024 All-American and presented his honorary All-American jersey while also representing San Antonio as the only player selected in the area.

San Antonio Sports also recognized Aaron Hoyle, Clinton Dixon, and Sebastian Walker. They were selected to play in the SA Sports All-Star Football Game presented by Valero.



UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND JUDSON ISD

- **November:** Native American Heritage Month and Military Family Month
- November 7: Election Day (Student Holiday)
- November 8: National STEM/STEAM Day
- November 7-11: National School Psychology Week
- November 10: District Holiday
- November 11: Veterans Day
- 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

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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