

SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE

DECEMBER 4, 2023

DEAR JUDSON ISD FAMILY:

We have two weeks before the Winter Break and there is so much happening at JISD! This week alone, we have two opportunities for parents and community members to provide input and learn with our JISD School Board and administration. On Thursday, December 7, we have a Town Hall on Bullying and on Saturday, December 9, we have the first Virtual Community Brew with the Superintendent. You can find details about the events in this newsletter. We hope to see you at one or both events. Your involvement in your child's education is a key factor in their academic success, and we appreciate your partnership.

Last week, I was on campuses to award the November Superintendent Shining Stars, and I was blown away by the achievement and character of our students. The winners were not only great students, they were also making a difference in their communities and schools. They all had different talents in the arts, sports and leadership. We award the Shining Stars in front of the students' peers, and I am always impressed by not only the winners but also by how the other students support their classmates.



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It is a reminder of the incredible kids we have in Judson ISD.

Have a great week, and I hope to see you at an upcoming event!

Dr. Rob Fields



[Read more about November's Superintendent Shining Stars here!](#)

OUR 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: 5hKibS

Hope to see you there!



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Judson High School's

ELYAS PEREZ ACCEPTED INTO NAVY SEALS TRAINING

In the Fall of 2019, Elyas Perez told himself that he would be a Navy SEAL.

He didn't know what he would be required to do or what would be expected of him. Over the next four years, the path to becoming a SEAL took left and right turns, ups and downs, roadblocks and hurdles.

But that didn't detour Perez because he knew he would be a Navy SEAL.

On November 30, HM1 (FMF) Reuben Castro and his team from the Navy Warrior Challenge Program surprised Perez with his acceptance into the Navy SEAL Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL Training at Coronado Beach, California.

"This is extremely rare, especially for a high schooler," Castro said. "He goes up against candidates throughout the nation. We take his numbers, send them to headquarters, and they determine, based on his skills, if he's ready for this training."

On June 4, four days after graduation, Perez will ship out to California to begin his training.

Read more how Judson ISD and the JROTC Program has shaped and guided him into making his dream become a reality.

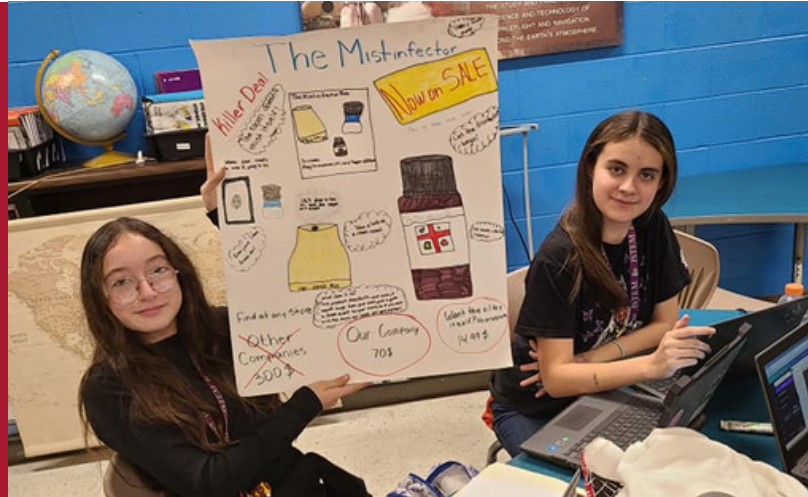


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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND JUDSON ISD

JSTEM ACADEMY PBL IN ACTION!

6th grade is creating a "Shark Tank" type prototype that meets the needs of the community in the areas of education, health, sports/entertainment, or environment.



LETTER'S TO THE NORTH POLE!

In honor of National Letter Writing Day on December 7th, Salinas Elementary has set-up a mail box that goes straight to the North Pole, in the front office!

Check out some of their kinder kids writing their letters! The students can't wait to get their letters back from Santa!

SPREADING THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!

Last week, members of the Metzger Middle School Band, Choir, and Orchestra traveled to Masters, Woodlake, Candlewood, and Escondido Elementary schools. Students were treated to mini concerts featuring holiday music!



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HOPKINS ELEMENTARY WINS BACK-TO-BACK IPLAY SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS

iPlay is back and has not missed a beat. On November 11, thirteen of our elementaries competed in the Red McCombs iPlay Soccer tournament. Of the 48 schools around the city, the Hopkins Hawks and Coach Cuellar brought home the 1st place Trophy for the second year. On December 1, the campus held a parade to celebrate the back-to-back champions.



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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HOLIDAY CARDS DESIGNED BY OUR STUDENTS

The Christmas holidays are right around the corner and the Fine Arts Department encouraged students all across the district to create the best holiday artwork for the district Christmas card. Students were asked to dial-up their creative juices for this project and they really came through! The contest garnered over 300 entries and judges picked out the top three...one from elementary, one middle school, and one high school.

Congratulations to our Judson ISD 2023 Christmas Card Winners!

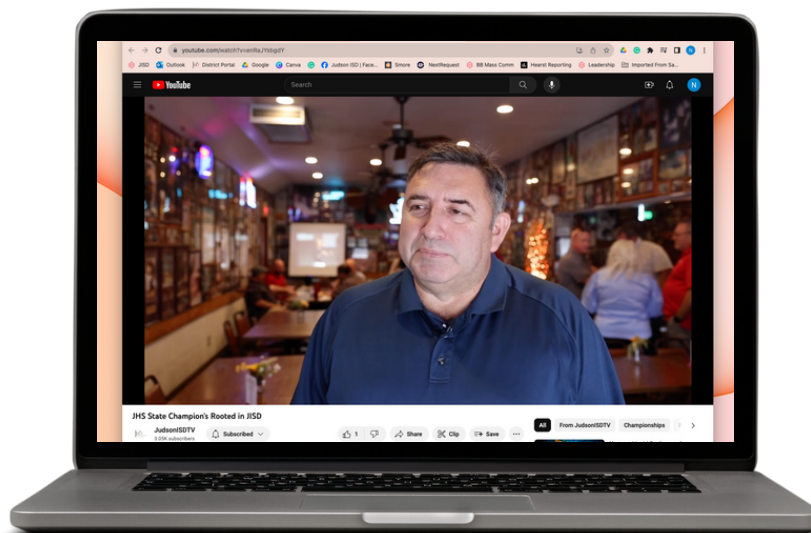
- W. Quin Milord-Routh, Crestview Elementary, 2nd Grade
- Zander Jameson, Judson Middle School, 7th Grade
- Anne Johnson, Judson High School, 12th Grade



ROOTED IN JUDSON ISD: JHS STATE CHAMPIONS

Football season is over but the memories never end, just ask these Judson Alums. Take a look at their time together celebrating their state championship runs and the impact JISD has had on their lives.

[Join the JISD Alumni Network today!](#)



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MR. GRINCH IS IN TOWN!

Look who crashed the Holiday Spirit Week at Kirby Middle School! Mr. Grinch himself couldn't resist joining in on the festive fun!

Check out Mr. Grinch sneaking around the campus to surprise students and staff here!



THE WILDCAT CHRISTMAS TREE

Students at Wortham Oaks Elementary are filling up their campus Christmas tree with sentimental ornaments.

The students' faces light up when they see their family ornaments on the tree. They are having so much fun with it being on display!

IT WAS A FESTIVE FRIDAY INDEED!

Spring Meadows Elementary Hawks decked out and showed their Christmas Spirit!

Their special friend Elfonso made an appearance today as well! He's ready to spread some cheer throughout the season!



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PRINT YOUR HOLIDAY CARDS AT OUR DISTRICT PRINT CENTER

As the holiday season approaches, we want to invite you to utilize our district print center located at Veterans Memorial High School (7618 E Evans Rd, San Antonio, TX) for any of your upcoming holiday printing needs.

Our team at the print center is ready to assist you in printing holiday cards to share your holiday wishes. To ensure timely delivery, we encourage you to place your orders within the next week, allowing you to pick up your cards before the holiday break. Please send your orders to printcenter@judsonisd.org.

The print center conveniently accepts payments in cash or checks.

Thank you for choosing our print center, and we look forward to helping you spread joy this holiday season.



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!



UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND JUDSON ISD

December: Read a New Book Month

- December 4: National Cookie Day
- December 7: Town Hall on Bullying
- December 9: Virtual Community Brew
- December 14: Regular Board Meeting
- December 15: Early Release Day for Students
- December 16- January 2: Judson ISD Holiday

January: Board Appreciation Month

- January 3: Staff returns to Judson ISD
- January 8: Students return to Judson ISD
- January 9: Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
- January 15: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 18: Regular Board Meeting

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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