

SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE

FEBRUARY 26, 2024

DEAR JUDSON ISD FAMILY:

Last Friday we started the morning with a groundbreaking for upgraded fencing and gate projects which were initiated as part of the 2022 bond. This project serves as a foundational step for a safer educational environment.

These physical fences stand as a visible reminder to our community that beyond these fences, Judson ISD is dedicated to maintaining a secure space—free from drugs, violence, and weapons.

This marks the beginning of a comprehensive effort to fortify the safety and well-being of our students and staff, setting the tone for the positive impact of the broader bond projects ahead.

Dr. Rob Fields



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DISTRICT BREAKS GROUND ON DISTRICT-WIDE PERIMETER FENCING AND GATE PROJECTS

It was a beautiful morning for Judson ISD to break ground on the newest projects brought on by the 2022 Bond. Upgraded district-wide fencing and gates are initiatives that reinforce the district's commitment to prioritizing safety and security for students and staff.

The recent groundbreaking ceremony featured a performance by the Veterans Memorial HS Choir and drum line, adding a touch of pride and unity to the event. Special recognition was given to student leaders from the Fine Arts Academy at Olympia.

The upgraded fencing and gate project symbolizes JISD's dedication to providing a secure educational environment. Thank you to the community's support and the forward-thinking decision of bond voters in 2022.



[View more photos.](#)

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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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND JUDSON ISD

RODEO SEASON

Ms. Berumen's 2nd grade class at Woodlake Elementary had an aWEsome week!

From rodeo field trip fun to rockin' their intro. to multiplication unit, they are giving it their all! They are always grateful for Ms. Barraza's unwavering support! Go Vikings!



BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

Celebrating a captivating night at Spring Meadows Elementary for Black History Month!

Parents got the chance to make arts and crafts with students. Students showcased incredible art work and projects, making it a truly inspiring evening.



A/V FUN WITH THE SPURS!

The Woodlake Hills Middle School CTE Principles of Arts and A/V class had the opportunity to visit the Frost Bank Center!

Students got the opportunity to tour many areas of their behind-the-scene A/V department and learn what it takes to work for the San Antonio Spurs!



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OUR LEADERSHIP DEFINITION: FROM THE DESK OF

Dr. Mary Duhart-Toppin

Leadership is the ability to inspire and influence others towards a common goal or vision. The Judson ISD leadership definition is centered on every student receiving a quality education that would enable them to become successful in today's world. Every student means ALL students deserve the opportunity to receive an education that will equip them for what is next. One way to meet that goal is to ensure that the districts and schools **Build a Roadmap for Student Success**. A roadmap is a strategic plan or visual representation that outlines the key steps, milestones, and goals needed to achieve a specific objective or project. It serves as a guide for navigating the journey from the current state to the desired future state. Every student that enrolls at a campus begins their journey in their current state with the potential to attain that desired future state.

One fact regarding our children in Judson ISD continues to resonate with me even after the 23 years in the district. Our students are born into an environment where they **did not** choose their parents, their neighborhood, their socioeconomic status, or any other factors that can directly or indirectly impact their educational success. Our calling as educators requires us to look beyond these factors and see the **potential** of every student. ALL means all—every student.

This means that as leaders at every level, we must accept the challenge to LEAD from wherever your role places you. Rise to the challenge: set the goals, make strategic plans, monitor progress, adapt the strategic plan as needed, and develop a culture of responsibility that will be accountable for the success of every student. A success that is not just centered around academic achievement but extends to the social, emotional, and physical well-being of all students. It is a daunting task, but educating our students is not for the faint of heart. Each of us have embarked on this career because of our love for young people and the burning desire to CHANGE lives. We must not faint in the face of adversity, but RISE UP to be the difference—one student at a time.



For more news and information about Judson ISD visit us on the web at
www.judsonisd.org



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BUS APPRECIATION DAY

On February 22 we celebrated #NationalSchoolBusDriverAppreciationDay! We send a special thank you to all of our Judson ISD Bus Drivers. We thank you for taking care of our students everyday.



RETIREMENT MEMO FROM OUR JISD HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Please see the linked memo regarding retirement and any unused state personal, state sick leave and local leave earned in the District.

For all contract employees that plan to retire at the end of this school year, the 90-day notice deadline to be eligible for the leave reimbursement will be March 1, 2024 (Converse Elementary employee deadline is March 2, 2024).

All non-contract employees, will need to give a 2 week notice to be eligible for leave reimbursement.

If you have any questions, please contact Erika Garza at eogarza@judsonisd.org.

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LEADERSHIP DAY

Celebrating Leadership Day at Franz Leadership Academy!

Students dressed as the future leaders they aspire to be, from doctors to engineers, police man to teachers, our future looks bright!



PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE!

It's that time of the year, where fifth graders get to experience new things in preparation for middle school!

Ms. Sanchez of Kirby Middle School and Kirby MS Band visited Park Village Blended Learning Academy to inform students about some of the Fine Arts they can get involved in!



GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club at Candlewood Elementary was excited to see their plants in full bloom.

Student could not wait to show off their potted plants to everyone at school. The students have been working very hard tending and caring for their plants. Great work!



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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.

The Event is 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!



CRESTVIEW'S DONAVAN RICHARDSON AND WAGNER'S DARIUS BURLEY NAMED FEBRUARY SHINING STARS

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

DonaVan Richardson from Crestview Elementary and Darius Burley from Wagner HS.

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.



DonaVan Richardson
5th Grade, Crestview Elementary



Darius Burley
12th Grade, Wagner High School

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WAGNER ART UNVEILS MURAL DEDICATED TO SCHOOL'S NAMESAKE, KAREN WAGNER

"Happy birthday, Karen!" is how the Thunderbird Pride mural was unveiled at Karen Wagner High School on February 22, 2024, the day that would have been the 63rd birthday of the school's namesake. As the mural was revealed, there were gasps from the crowd as they saw Wagner's likeness on the wall.

The mural project began because of a \$3500 Judson Education Foundation Grant written by Irma Carolina Rubio and supported by her fellow Wagner Art teachers Romero Garcia and Bill Delahay. The student-led project included approximately 60 Wagner Art students. "The skill of our student artists is extraordinary. We have so much talent at this campus and today is about celebrating them and honoring the legacy and life of LTC. Karen J. Wagner," Rubio said.

Kim Wagner, Karen's sister, and many family friends were there to celebrate the tribute to Karen.

"I just want to say thank you for everything you've done. I'm humbled by the school and its staff and students. We want you to know that we love you, and thank you for this mural. It is marvelous," Wagner said.

The students were able to design and create two 82-foot murals. One that honors Lt. Wagner and another that is a representation of life on the campus of Wagner High School. Neither of the murals would have been possible without the support of the Judson Education Foundation.

"It shows that the Judson Education Foundation recognizes the value of the visual arts. That they have a reverence for our culture and our students' voices and for what community means," Rubio said.



UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND JUDSON ISD

February: Career & Technical Education and Black History Month

March: Women's History Month and National Social Work Month

- March 1: Maintenance Worker Appreciation Day
- March 1: Employee Appreciation Day
- March 2: Read Across America Day
- March 3-9: National School Social Worker Week
- March 7: Town Hall on Discipline at JECA
- March 8: International Women's Day
- March 11-15: Spring Break Holiday
- March 21: World Down Syndrome Day
- 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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