

SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE

FEBRUARY 5, 2024

DEAR JUDSON ISD FAMILY:

I know that Judson ISD is the BEST district in San Antonio. Now, we can let the entire city know because we are a finalist for Best School District in the city in the San Antonio Express-News YourSA contest! We didn't get on this list by accident. Parents, students and staff members voted to put us there.

Every day I come to work, I know that there are thousands of JISD employees making a huge difference for thousands of JISD families and it makes me incredibly proud. I don't need this contest to tell me that, but I sure want the entire city to know what I have known since I was a kid in school - that Judson ISD is the best place to learn and work!

You can vote every day to help us spread the word that we are the best school district in the San Antonio area! I know I will be voting as many times as they will let me! Let's do this, JISD Family!

You can vote every day, once a day, through February 16th!

Have a great week!

Dr. Rob Fields



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MASTERS ELEMENTARY WELCOMES GUEST SPEAKER

Chants of “read, baby read” could be heard from the Masters Elementary cafeteria led by guest speaker Mark Larson. Larson, a former teacher, principal and superintendent, is currently with Early Matters, a coalition focused on early childhood education and literacy.

The message, delivered in a fun and engaging way, encouraged students to read more, learn more and use that knowledge to change the world in a positive way. Students shared things they would like to change in the world - hunger, cruelty to animals, abuse. Larson talked about the power of perseverance, integrity and working together to make the world a better place.



STAFFING ASSESSMENT SURVEY

As you may know, we have been working with Moss Adams on a staffing audit. The goal of this project is to help us identify staffing needs, ideal district reporting structures, and opportunities to enhance our operations to serve our students. As part of this work, it's important that we hear from staff at all levels. To achieve this, **we are inviting all employees to complete a confidential survey.** We know that Spring is a busy time of the year for surveys and want you to know that your feedback is very important. We appreciate your participation in this very important work!

You should expect to receive an email from Moss Adams today that will ask for your input on current staffing levels and organizational structure. Please note that the survey responses will be completely **confidential**; individual responses will not be disclosed to anyone at the District. Moss Adams will review the data and then summarize the anonymized results as part of the assessment.

If you have any questions about this project, please let us know. Thank you in advance for sharing your experience and feedback to continuously improve Judson ISD.

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YEE! HAW! IT'S RODEO DAY!

Rodeo Day rocked at Salinas Elementary! From San Antonio Rodeo guests to bull riding, roping lessons, and live music, it was a morning filled with excitement.

The students soaked in the yee-haw magic and hands-on learning experience of the rodeo!



UIL UNIFIED PLAYOFFS

Our Special Education Department would like to invite you to support two of our schools at this year's Unified Basketball Area Playoffs.

Tomorrow, February 6, at 6 pm, Judson High School and Wagner High School will be playing each other at Roosevelt High School (5110 Walzem Rd).

If you have any questions or would like to get more information about tickets, please contact Amy Paul at apaul@judsonisd.org.



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ALTHOUGH THE JOB IS HEAVY *Wagner's Mrs. Kellye Jackson* IS RIGHT WHERE SHE BELONGS

It was April 1995. Mrs. Kellye Jackson was teaching English at Kirby Junior High School. During the day, news broke about a domestic terrorist truck bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

It rattled the students.

Jackson threw out the plans for the day and just talked to her students, processing the day. They needed to share what they were feeling. She needed to share what she was feeling. Students need that - a safe space to feel open and vulnerable. Ms. Jackson's classroom was that place.

But in 1995, teacher salaries weren't nearly as high as today's. With three small children in school and daycare, she couldn't go back to school to be a guidance counselor. Then, Columbine happened, which changed education forever.

At that moment, she knew she wanted to be a counselor - she wanted to do more to help students.

When the district says One Home, One Family, Mrs. Kellye Jackson is the epitome of that.

[Learn more about Mrs. Jackson and her impact as a JISD counselor.](#)



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JUDSON ISD CELEBRATES *Career and Technical Education Month*

In February, Judson ISD celebrates Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month, highlighting the importance of CTE programs in shaping students' education.

We recognize the value of CTE programs in a student's educational experience and the achievements and accomplishments of CTE programs across the country. Judson ISD is proud of our comprehensive CTE programs that support student future readiness with courses providing clear direction to pursue high-demand post-secondary opportunities, whether that's a college education, joining the military, or entering the workforce. CTE empowers students to explore unique career opportunities aligned with their interests and strengths.

A special thanks to our dedicated Judson ISD - CTE teachers for their daily impact on our students, enabling them to pursue their dreams!



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND JUDSON ISD

KIRBY STEAM NIGHT

Kirby Middle School had a successful and fun-filled Family STEM Night in partnership with Communities In Schools of San Antonio!

Thank you to the staff and families who attended this engaging event!



Learn more about Urijah Jones

SUPERINTENDENT'S SHINING STARS

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

Urijah Jones from Hopkins Elementary

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.

FEELING INSPIRED!

Mrs. Morales' 1st graders at Woodlake Elementary have had an amazing week!

From being inspired to find their place in the world to Place Value practice in Nearpod, they are swinging into learning! WE can. WE will. Go Vikings!



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FOUR MIDDLE SCHOOLS PARTICIPATE IN HER TIME TO PLAY

On February 1, four Judson ISD girls middle school basketball teams participated in Her Time To Play, a WNBA initiative “dedicated to championing change on behalf of girls and women and providing them with ways to connect, collaborate, and actively engage with basketball and one another.”

In coordination with the San Antonio Spurs, the Spurs Youth Basketball League, and the Junior NBA League, Kirby, Kitty Hawk, Judson, and Metzger Middle Schools were invited to play at the Frost Bank Center on the same court as the championship San Antonio Spurs! Each team played competitive 30-minute games against teams from across the San Antonio area, creating a moment that each girl will never forget.

The San Antonio area is rich with basketball history, from the Spurs championships, to hosting numerous mens and womens Final Fours, to our own Triva Corrales winning the 6A state championships! Initiatives like Her Time To Play are created to spur the love of basketball and sport in our young girls. These Judson ISD athletes were able to have an unforgettable experience at the Frost Bank Center, on an NBA court, thanks to the San Antonio Spurs and the WNBA!

[View the entire photo album.](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND JUDSON ISD

February: Career & Technical Education and Black History Month

- February 5-9: National School Counseling Week
- February 12: Teacher Planning/Prep Day/Student Holiday*
- February 14: Valentine's Day
- February 19: President's Day

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

- March 1: Maintenance Worker Appreciation Day
- March 3-9: National School Social Worker Week
- March 11-15: Spring Break Holiday
- 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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