

SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE

AUGUST 21, 2023

DEAR JUDSON ISD FAMILY:

The first day of school was a busy one. All day long, from wishing our bus drivers a safe day at the bus barn to visiting many campuses throughout the day, I was reminded of what it's all about - our students.

As we enter into our first full week of school, I want to remind you what it's all about. We are here to serve our community. We are here to educate the whole child. As a #JudsonISDFamily, our mission is that all Judson ISD students will receive a quality education enabling them to become successful in a global society. I know that each and every one of you are going to do just that this school year.

Take some time to look at all the great things that are happening in our district.



Dr. Rob Fields



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CONVOCATION RECAP AND FEEDBACK

We hope everyone enjoyed this year's convocation. We believe that getting feedback is a vital part of continuous improvement. Please take time to fill out our feedback survey so we can continue to better serve you at the JISD Convocation.



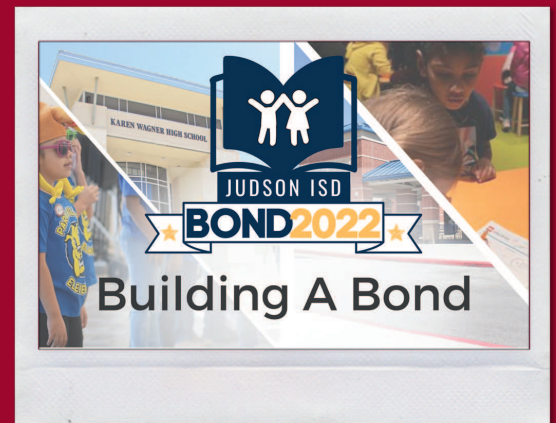
JUDSON ISD BOND 2022 UPDATE

The Judson ISD Bond 2022 is in full swing! Construction on Middle School #6 is ongoing, plus numerous bond projects across the district!

Check out a few of the updates:

- Schematic Design for Elementary School #21 was approved in July.
- Contract Negotiations are ongoing for Hartman ES Chiller Replacement.
- Construction is ongoing on sitework-related tasks for Middle School #6

Want to check out all the Bond 2022 updates? Visit <https://www.judsonisd.org/bond2022> for more information!



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JEF TEACHER GRANTS ARE NOW OPEN!

The Judson Education Foundation is an incredible organization that raises money to fund student scholarships and teacher grants for innovative instruction. JEF does that through a number of fundraising and community connecting events. Each year, the Judson Education Foundation awards tens of thousands of dollars to students and teachers to support them in their education and their work in the classroom.

Judson Education Foundation (JEF) Teacher Grant Applications are now open! JEF has over \$48,000 to give for innovative teaching. Our application is so easy to fill out. If you need a little guidance, two grant workshops will be available. Please see details below:

- **In-person Workshop: August 29 at 4 pm in the ERC Innovation Conference Room**
- **Online Workshop: August 30 at 3:30 pm via TEAMS** ([click here to join meeting](#))

If you have any questions, please contact the Executive Director of JEF (Judson Education Foundation), Lexie Greathouse, at agreathouse@judsonisd.org.

Apply Today!

The deadline to apply is September 15, 2022.

[View Last Year's Photo Album.](#)



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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AT JUDSON ISD

We're having an incredible start to the new academic year at Judson ISD! On Wednesday, August 16, all 31 Judson ISD campuses opened their doors for the first day of school.

Students filled the halls with energy as they reconnected with friends, ready to embark on a brand new school year. The halls came alive with laughter, enthusiasm, and excitement.

The dedication of our Judson ISD teachers and staff was felt in every classroom, as they welcomed students with open arms, ready to guide them through the upcoming year.

Here's to a year filled with knowledge, growth, and countless achievements. Welcome back, #JudsonISDFamily! Let's make it a remarkable year!



First Day Photo Album: <http://judsonisd.org/PhotoAlbums>



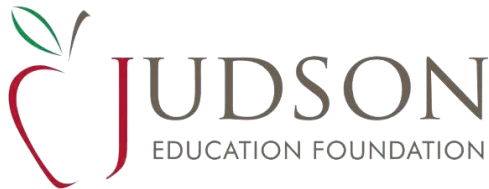
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DON'T DELAY, E-GIVE TODAY!

12TH ANNUAL EMPLOYEE GIVE CAMPAIGN TO SUPPORT:



The Judson Education Foundation is a tremendous tool that helps raise money for innovative Teacher Grants, Principal Grants & Student Scholarships.

**Make your pledge by Friday,
September 15 to get a t-shirt!**

**Click the notification to
contribute today!**



Judson Education Foundation
www.judsonisd.org/jef

Thank you for your voluntary
contribution!



EMPLOYEE DEDUCTION DONATION OPTIONS

\$3.00 monthly - You receive a foundation t-shirt that you can wear every Friday*
*with supervisor's approval

\$5.00 monthly - You receive a foundation t-shirt and a cute matching sticker.

\$7.00 monthly you receive a T-shirt, Sticker, and your name will be entered in a drawing for "Movie Night" gift basket that has a \$25 AMC gift card, 2 movie passes to EVO with game cards and all the snacks and goodies you'd want!

For more information contact: Lexie Greathouse, JEF Executive Director at 210-945-5414



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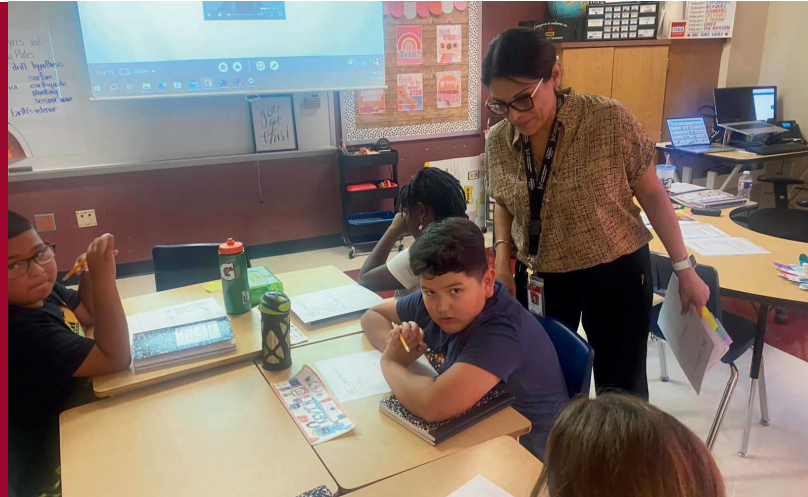
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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND JUDSON ISD

MODELING COMPONENTS

Mrs. Tovar, RLA Coordinator, went by Salinas Elementary to help classrooms with modeling the components of the RLA block for our 3rd and 4th-grade teachers!

She was able to visit several classrooms offering assistance to students and teachers.



COLLEGE DAY AT PVBLA

The Bulldog Family at Park Village Blended Learning Academy is participating in College shirt day! The PVBLA faculty and staff will represent their favorite schools each Thursday! Go Bulldogs!

WILDCATS IN THE HOUSE!

WOW! Wortham Elementary's First Week of School has been amazing! They are glad that their students and staff are all part of the Wildcat Family!



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JUDSON LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Are you interested in learning more about the Judson ISD leadership definition and strengthening your personal leadership capacity?

Judson Leadership Institute will develop leadership capacity in you. Professional staff members who are excited to begin the next career steps of campus/department leadership roles such as teacher leader, Academic Trainer/Coach/Dean, and/or Assistant Principal, are perfect candidates for this program. This program is meant to have a targeted approach to help develop future leaders and provide opportunities for our Judson leaders to learn and grow.

If you are interested in learning more about the Judson Leadership Institute, please attend the informational TEAMS meeting Thursday, August 24th at 5:00 pm. By attending the TEAMS session, you will learn about the Judson Leadership Institute application process, timeline, meeting dates, and hear from former JLI members. Application opens on Aug 28, 2023.

Judson Leadership Institute Information TEAMS Link.



If you have any questions about leadership development in JISD, please contact the Director of Leadership Development, Dr. Destiny Barrera, at dbarrera@judsonisd.org.



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Judson Learning Academy

WELCOMES 58 NEW STUDENTS

Last week, the Judson Learning Academy welcomed 58 new students into their cohort. These students are taking advantage of the innovative program offered to Judson ISD students through the Simon Youth Foundation. If a traditional high school setting isn't what's best for the student, they can apply and attend JLA and still earn a high school diploma.

"This is a fantastic opportunity our students have to not only manage their life needs but fulfill their dream of earning their high school diploma," Patricia Santos said, their lead counselor.

Now that they are fully staffed, including a social worker, Santos is hoping to increase the number of students who have access to this opportunity.

"I want the district to know that our goal at JLA is to help students graduate and prepare them for post-secondary options," Santos said.



Is there an event, student, teacher, or community member you want to highlight?
[Click here](#) and let us know about it!



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WELCOME NEW JUDSON ISD DIRECTOR OF ASSESSMENT!

For just under 10 years, Jose Sandoval has been leading and coordinating assessments at the campus and district levels. Before his role at the district level, he was an elementary school RTI teacher at Park Village, a bilingual RTI teacher at Hopkins, and an assistant principal at Spring Meadows Elementary and Woodlake Hills Middle School. Now in the role as Director of Assessments, his responsibilities include leading and coordinating state-level and programmatic assessments, including SAT, PSAT, ACT, and CBE for all 31 campuses.

“Judson ISD is family,” Sandoval said. “I am proud that I have been able to grow in my career in the district and look forward to serving all our stakeholders.”



NEW JISD BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTING DISTRICT 2

During the August Regular School Board Meeting, Mrs. Stephanie Faulkner was appointed to represent District 2.

Faulkner retired in June 2023 after teaching Physical Education, Adapted PE Coaching Special Olympics for 31 years. She received both her Bachelor of Science and Masters of Education from Southwest Texas State University. Mrs. Faulkner is a Judson alumnae and grew up in District 2. All three of her adult children attended Judson ISD, two of whom graduated from Wagner High School. Her family's Judson roots run deep. They include her husband of 31 years who attended Judson elementary and middle schools, her sister who retired from JISD in January 2023 after 29 years in the district, her mom who subbed at Hopkins Elementary and her grandmother who retired from JISD in the late 70's after opening the library at Kirby Middle School now named the Elsie Jordan Library.



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DECAL AND DADS

A fantastic turnout at the "Decal and Dads" event for the Veterans Memorial Football program! Athletes gathered Saturday morning with their dads, grandfathers, and significant grown-ups to decorate football helmets and kickstart the season with enthusiasm.



EAGLES GETTING TO KNOW EAGALS

Mrs. Denney's 3rd graders at Crestview Elementary got to know each other with a fun icebreaker activity.

We can't wait to see what Mrs. Denney's class will have in store this year.



DRESS TO IMPRESS

Ready to conquer a new school year at Kirby Middle School! Dressing for success sets the tone for achieving our goals. Let's rock those first-day outfits and make this year one for the books!



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UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND JUDSON ISD

- August: Back to School Month
- September: Campus Safety Awareness Month, Suicide Prevention Month, Friendship Month, and Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
- September 4: Labor Day Holiday
- September 5-9: National Payroll Week
- September 10: Grandparents Day
- Sept 15-Oct 15: National Hispanic Heritage Month
- September 17: National IT Professional Day
- September 21: Regular School Board Meeting
- September 26: Human Resources Day
- September 29: National Teacher's Assistant Day
- October: Principals Month, Breast Cancer Awareness, and Bullying Prevention Month

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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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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