

Superintendent Message

September 4,



THOUGHTS FROM DR. BALL

Dear Judson ISD Team:

I hope that everyone had a great weekend! Mine was so very busy. I finally live in the district! I was able to move into my home this weekend. To say that my husband and I are thrilled is an understatement. I stayed with my sister for four weeks while we looked for a home. While I appreciate her hospitality so much, there is nothing better than sleeping in your own bed.

Do you ever feel like public schools or the education system ends up getting the blame for almost everything? If students fight, it's somehow our fault, or maybe a student is absent, tardy or misbehaves...it is also our fault. But how about when a student goes off to Harvard? Did we have a hand in that? Or what about one of our students who is doing well in their career? Did the school or teacher have any impact on their success? Whether one sees blame or positive impact, I do know that educators are very important. Seldom do students tell you how wonderful you are, what a big influence you've been, or what a great job you do. Parents also forget to share their child's positive experiences with you and how much they value you. But I want to make sure that you know that regardless of your role (teacher, librarian, nurse, counselor, bus driver, aide, custodian, etc.) you do matter and you are making a difference.

Last Monday, I had the opportunity to visit with some Judson High School students. Madalynn Lambert and Alexandra Villanueva are both students in Mr. Pedro Cabrera's Journalism and Communication class. One of them came up to me and asked if I wanted to meet their favorite teacher. How could I refuse that! She walked me to that teacher's classroom and as she did, she shared how much she learned from this teacher and how great the class was. I could see how sincere and enthusiastic she was about her teacher. There are many students that feel this way about their teachers but students don't always pass that on.

In closing, I share this quote below with you because YOU are important. You will never really know all the lives you've changed and the impact you make each day. But if you trust in always trying to do what's best for students, you are important.

"You may never have proof of your importance but you are more important than you think. There are always those who couldn't do without you. The rub is that you don't always know who."

— **Robert Fulghum, All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten**

JEANETTEBALL, PH.D.



Dr. Ball with Judson HS journalism students Alexandra Villanueva and Madalynn Lambert

NEW AROUND JISD



Students Celebrate Manu!

Students and staff at Hopkins Elementary School made their feelings known in celebration of Manu Ginobili Day. There are a lot of Spurs fans here!



Honoring Those Who Respond

JISD Police Chief Teresa Ramon was the district representative honoring first responders a year after Hurricane Harvey.

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NEW AROUND JISD



Engaging With Students

Dr. Ball took some time to speak with these journalism students at Judson High School about her hopes and vision for the district as well as her experiences in the professional world.



One On One Interview With The Superintendent

The Fuel Journalist Alexandra Villanueva interviews JISD Superintendent Dr. Jeanette Ball. Photo by Madalynn Lambert. Read their story from The Fuel. [CLICK HERE](#)

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DANCING INTO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR



Every campus starts their new school year in a different way and is certainly true of Miller's Point Elementary School. Students, staff, and parents hung the disco ball up and celebrated with a Back To School dance.

SEPTEMBER 20TH

Judson ISD Board of Trustees will convene its regular meeting at 7 pm at the ERC Boardroom.

OCTOBER 5TH

Ribbon cutting ceremony for Escondido Elementary School. 9 am. 5000 Texas Palm Dr.

OCTOBER 8TH

Columbus Day. District offices and campuses will be closed for this holiday

OCTOBER 18TH

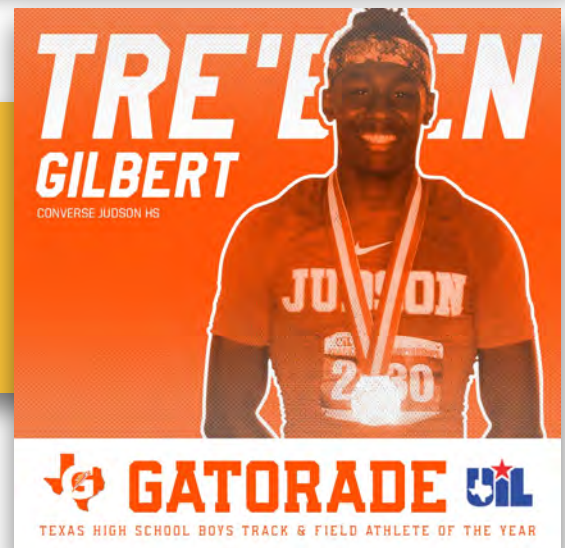
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OCTOBER 22ND

Red Ribbon Week Starts

TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Judson High School's Tre'Bien Gilbert was recently selected as the 2018 Gatorade Texas Boys Track and Field Player of the Year. Last year as a senior he was tearing up the Texas Track and Field scene especially in the hurdles. Congratulations. [CLICK HERE](#) for more.



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