

# Superintendent Message

September 24, 2018



## THOUGHTS FROM DR. BALL

Dear Judson ISD Team:

I hope that everyone had a great weekend. In last week's San Antonio Express Newspaper there was an article regarding charter schools. Depending on who you speak to about the subject, you'll find some that are staunch supporters of charters and others that adamantly oppose them. I, for one, support public education 100%. The work of educators in public schools and charter schools cannot be compared. I've used the analogy several times, but public schools are like the meaning of the Statue of Liberty. On that monument, it states:

*Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door.*

**JEANETTEBALL, PH.D.**



Public Schools, unlike charter schools, accept all students. We open our arms to all children without prejudice or agenda. I heard one superintendent put it this way.

*"If your parents never taught you how to read, we take you.  
If you have no one to help you with your homework, we take you.  
If you cannot speak a single breath of the English language, we take you.  
If you are forced to work two jobs after school to support your family, we take you.  
We cannot continue to look at each child as if they were, and are, the same.  
They are not.  
Thank God, in the State of Texas, we still take you. "*

That is why I have the utmost respect for public school educators. Not only do they love and care for all students, but many times they play multiple roles for our students. At times, we (public schools) are the ones that feed them, counsel them, transport them, and check on them when they get sick.

I thank God for public schools and for the individuals that serve in them. I thank you for being part of a system that educates, loves, and cares for ALL students. Regardless of your role in our district, know that you are appreciated and supported in all your efforts. Be proud of the work you do, because not many can do it, and not everyone does it as well as you do! THANK YOU and God bless you! ▲

# DR. BALL AROUND JISD

## Supporting Our Students



Bernadette is a Judson HS student and a proud Girl Scout. Dr. Ball joined her for the Girl Scouts of SW Texas at the Grand Hyatt for the Trefoi Luncheon

## At Rolling Meadows

### Rolling With The Times

It's always the challenge...staying up on classroom instruction, but not letting your office work pile up. Principal Michelle LaRue and AP Debra Rice try out their rolling offices they hope will help.



## Miller's Point Celebration!

### Hispanic Heritage Kickoff at Miller's Point

October is Hispanic Heritage Appreciation, but the students and staff from Miller's Point got a jump on the celebration by organizing a great display of culture and contributions to our country. Converse Mayor Al Suarez was the special guest speaker.



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## JISD Hall of Honor Call For Nominations

Judson ISD has so many people who have made a positive impact on their school and community over the years and we want to recognize them.

There are two categories in which to nominate someone. The JISD Athletic Hall of Honor and the JISD Civic Hall of Honor. These are individuals who have distinguished themselves athletically while a student in JISD and beyond or through their professional or personal contributions.

Nominations are now open for both the Civic and Athletic Halls of Honor and will be open until the close of the business day October 19, 2018.

For the nomination guidelines and forms please [CLICK HERE](#)

# Honoring Our **BEST**



## Noah Zuckerman National Merit Material

Judson Early College Academy senior Noah Zuckerman is a National Merit Scholar semifinalist who is looking at all his after graduation options...and there are a lot of them. He makes the Raptor campus and Judson ISD proud! See what he's hoping to do next.

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## THANKS TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Judson Learning Academy Principal, LaTanya Baker, and teachers Jessica Kite and Johnike Shuler stopped by the Walmart on Nacogdoches Rd. and 1604 to say thank you for a generous check. So how will it be used? To prepare our students for the working world the unique and effective JLA way. Learn how they use their corporate connections to benefit our kids.

**CLICK HERE**

### 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 16TH

JISD Band Extravaganza:  
Middle School and High School  
Rutledge Stadium at 7 pm.

### OCTOBER 18TH

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

### OCTOBER 18TH

Dig For A Cure:  
Veterans Memorial HS at 6 pm

### OCTOBER 22ND

Red Ribbon Week Starts



### Judson Education Foundation's

#### 8th Annual eGive Campaign

To participate in the eGive campaign visit -

<https://tinyurl.com/ybtme5vr>

For more information contact: Lexie Greathouse  
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# SADDLE AND RIDE AROUND JISD

## Bike Rodeo At Hopkins ES



Head 'em up, Round 'em up

A lot of campuses are hosting their bike rodeos this time of the year. Those events lead up to the JISD District Bike Rodeo later on. These bicycle cowboys are from Hopkins, but I'm sure well see plenty more from other campuses.

[CLICK HERE](#)

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### Bond Projects Are Rolling

If you've been driving around the district lately, you know there are a number of active work sites at different campuses. We appreciate your patience while we improve the facilities and resources for our students. To keep you in the loop, the video link below gives you a great view of some of the major projects and the progress going on.

[CLICK HERE](#)

#### JISD Construction Report - September 2018



# DISTRICT AT WORK

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