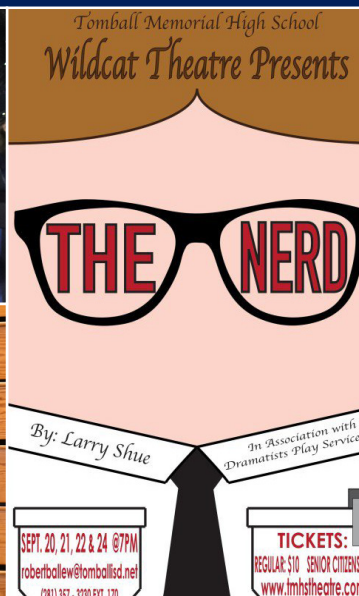


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8 AM

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What is Tomball Talk?

Tomball Talk is a monthly eNewsletter for Tomball ISD. Each issue will highlight the previous month's top headlines as well as awards, events and accomplishments.

Who is behind Tomball Talk?

Tomball Talk is edited and published by the Tomball ISD Communications Department.

Have materials to submit?

If you have material (calendar events, news stories, numbers of note) you wish to submit, please email: allisonmcclain@tomballisd.net.

Nominate an Educator or Group for our Spotlights!

Do you have an educator doing amazing things on your campus or a group that has been actively engaged in the community?

Nominate that respective individual or group, accompanied by a few bullet points explaining why they deserve to be spotlighted.

Email nominations to allisonmcclain@tomballisd.net.

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YOUNG SHELDON INITIATIVE



TOMBALL HIGH SCHOOL



Continuing its commitment to fund innovative efforts in STEM education, The Chuck Lorre Family Foundation (TCLFF) announced the creation of a new grant program — **THE YOUNG SHELDON STEM INITIATIVE** — inspired by the hit comedy series *Young Sheldon*.



TOMBALL MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

The program was created to foster excitement for learning in the fields of **Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)**, specifically in support of our nation's public schools, teachers and students. *Young Sheldon* executive producer/TCLFF founder Chuck Lorre enrolled fellow *Young Sheldon* executive producers Steven Molaro and Jim Parsons, Warner Bros. Television Group and CBS to co-fund two-year educational grants totaling more than \$600,000.00 which was awarded to 19 select elementary, middle and high schools in Southern California, where *Young Sheldon* is primarily produced, and East Texas, where the show is set, which included five schools in Tomball ISD.



CREEKSIDE PARK JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Young Sheldon executive producer/*The Big Bang Theory* star Jim Parsons attended three of the selected East Texas schools. And, *Young Sheldon* co-star Montana Jordan, who plays Sheldon's brother Georgie, attended one of the Texas schools, where his mother also taught first grade.

Each of the 19 public school grant recipients was acknowledged as a **YOUNG SHELDON STEM INITIATIVE** Grant Recipient and received a two-year grant from TCLFF which is specifically to support each school's STEM teachers and STEM educational programs within their existing in-class curriculum and/or after-school programs. In addition to the direct grant funding to each school, the **YOUNG SHELDON STEM INITIATIVE** will also fully fund all costs for an annual experiential opportunity for students and teachers in and outside the classroom. Each school will be eligible to submit for continuation grants at the end of the two-year period.



TOMBALL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Items identified by the teachers to be funded include robotics kits, computers, iPads, Vernier probeware, lab tables, 3-D printers, LEGO Mindstorm educational kits, general lab equipment, curriculum development and teacher training.

TOMBALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (5)

Tomball High School (9–12)
Tomball Memorial High School (9–12)
Creekside Park Junior High School (6–8)
Tomball Junior High School (7–8)
Willow Wood Junior High School (7–8)



WILLOW WOOD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

This public school STEM initiative follows The Chuck Lorre Family Foundation's collaborative establishment of *The Big Bang Theory* Scholarship Endowment at UCLA in 2015. This unprecedented endowment and scholarship program was designed to assist undergraduate students in need of financial aid who are pursuing their higher education in STEM fields. *The Big Bang Theory* UCLA scholarship launched with a \$4 million endowment, which included partner donations from the TBBT cast, producers, crew, CBS, Warner Bros. Television. The program supported an inaugural class of 20 TBBT/UCLA scholars for the 2015–16 academic year, adding five scholars each succeeding academic year — in perpetuity. To date, *The Big Bang Theory* endowment at UCLA has supported 35 TBBT/UCLA scholars. Each year, the scholars come to the set to be honored by the cast and crew, and the scholars have created an official UCLA on-campus club which provides mentorship and weekly study groups.

NUMBERS OF NOTE

5

Tomball ISD schools were awarded the Young Sheldon STEM Initiative Grant

Creekside Park JH Cheer raised Foundation.

\$800

for the Susan G. Komen

In an initiative to help out those in need, Creekside Forest Elementary brought in over

4,000

pounds of peanut butter.

6,890

Tomball fans showed up to show their support for the Patriotic Show featuring Tomball HS and Tomball Memorial HS.

Tomball Education Foundation was awarded businesses through Wednesday folder sponsorships, spearheaded by Hanigan + Johnson Orthodontics.

\$7,500

from local

The Chuck Lorre Family Foundation awarded Tomball ISD

\$150K

EDUCATOR SPOTLIGHT

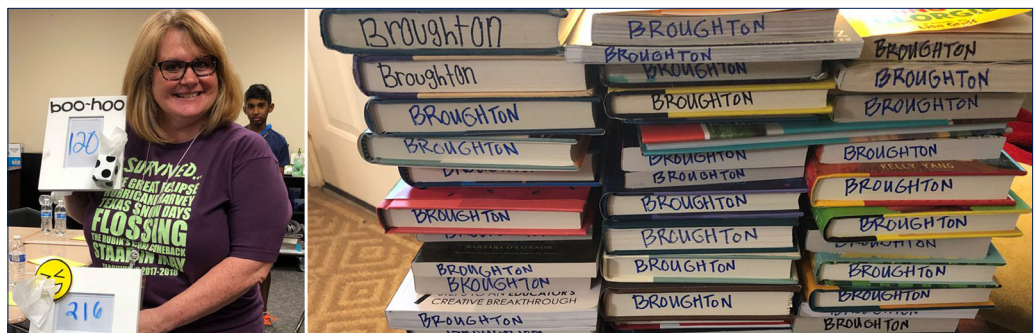
SARAH
BROUGHTON

OAKCREST INTERMEDIATE

5TH GRADE
LANGUAGE ARTS

Sarah Broughton, a fifth grade language arts teacher at Oakcrest Intermediate, was recently nominated for the **National LifeChanger of the Year Award**.

“Ms. Broughton has been a foundational piece of the Oakcrest campus since it opened in 2015 and has been an integral part of the success of several campuses during her 27 year career here in Tomball ISD,” Dr. Lee Wright, Principal said. “Her talent for delivering responsive instruction to her readers and writers in class is only matched by her passion for building relationships with each one as an individual.”



DESTINATION EXCELLENCE

HANIGAN + JOHNSON ORTHODONTICS GIVES BACK TO TOMBALL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Hanigan + Johnson Orthodontics, located in two locations in Tomball, presented a check for \$7,500 to the Tomball Education Foundation. This group was able to give back to Tomball ISD by creating and printing the Wednesday folders for every elementary and intermediate student in the district to take home each week.

[READ MORE...](#)



CREEKSIDE PARK JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS MAKE A DONATION

The CPJHS Cheerleaders began selling pink breast cancer awareness shirts to be worn at their football games during the month of October.

The fundraiser proved to be extra successful, allowing the cheer team to make a contribution of \$800 to the Susan G. Komen - Houston Foundation



TOMBALL SCHOOLS AWARDED GRANT FROM THE YOUNG SHELDON STEM INITIATIVE

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Tomball ISD received a grant of \$150,000 from the Foundation to support five TISD schools and its STEM programs:

Tomball HS, Tomball Memorial HS, Creekside Park JH, Tomball JH and Willow Wood JH.

[READ MORE...](#)



DESTINATION EXCELLENCE



TISD EDUCATOR HALEY GALYEAN HONORED AT ASTROS GAME AS TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Tomball ISD educator and 2018 Secondary Teacher of the Year Haley Galyean was honored as the ConocoPhillips Math Teacher of the Month at a recent Houston Astros game.

She is joined in the photo by Superintendent of Schools Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora and Oakcrest Intermediate School Principal Dr. Lee Wright.

STEAM CONFERENCE SET FOR SATURDAY, OCT. 6

STEAM Conference 2018 is a half-day conference at CPJHS, designed to expose Tomball ISD students in grades 3 - 12 to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics through:

- Hands-on activities
- Education about majors, colleges, and careers
- Mentoring opportunities with college students, professors, and professionals
- Critical thinking and discussion exercises
- Discussion on current STEAM issues
- Concurrent sessions that allow students to learn about all disciplines of STEAM



MORE INFORMATION & HOW TO SIGN UP

CREEKSIDE FOREST ELEMENTARY GIVES BACK IN BIG WAY

Creekside Forest Elementary found a way to give back to those in need with a peanut butter drive, which brought in over 4,000 pounds of peanut butter from students in the school.

The peanut butter drive was an effort, spearheaded by the PTO in order to teach a life lesson of giving back to the community in which supports them.

The display was made into a football field, sporting #TeamTomball colors.



GROUP SPOTLIGHT

TEXAS EDUCATION SUPPORT STAFF ASSOCIATION TOMBALL ISD CHAPTER (TESSA)

WHAT IS TESSA?

Tomball Educational Support Staff Association
(Paraprofessionals)

WELCOME BREAKFAST FOR ALL PARAPROFESSIONALS

- Held annual Welcome Breakfast for district paraprofessionals on August 14 at Oakcrest Intermediate.
- Over 60 paraprofessionals from around the district attended the breakfast and enjoyed a presentation by TESSA President Darcy Blackstock as she shared information and happenings about the State affiliate.
- Our Tomball ISD TESSA President, Terri Marfisi, shared all the good works our TESSA chapter is doing in the community especially our scholarship fund raising to benefit TISD high school seniors and paraprofessionals who are seeking to further their education.
- The Welcome Breakfast was a tremendous success with delicious food compliments of the Egg & I, great fellowship, and nice door prizes won by several paraprofessionals.



2018-19 TESSA BOARD

PARAPROFESSIONAL? JOIN THE ORGANIZATION.

- TESSA would like to invite all Tomball ISD paraprofessionals to join our organization.
- We have monthly meetings with guest speakers, games, food, awesome door prizes and fellowship.
- Your annual membership entitles you to work shop and conference discounts along with voting and the ability to run for office. We now accept credit/debit cards!

HOW TO JOIN?

- Please contact either our chapter President, Terri Marfisi, or our Vice-President Alan Webb.
- Both Terri and Alan are located at Oakcrest Intermediate and would be glad to tell you more about TESSA. They can send you a membership form and invitations to upcoming meetings.
- In addition to the monthly meetings, TESSA members enjoy both a Christmas and end of year celebration party.

UPCOMING MEETING

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 25

NEED TO KNOW INFO

Deadline: Oct. 5

Tomball Education Foundation Accepting Grant Applications NOW!

We want to personally invite you, (and your team), to complete the grant application! It is live! The application is due October 5 by 4:30 p.m.

[CLICK HERE to access:
Ed Foundation Grant Application](#)

Deadline: First Come, First Serve

STEAM Conference Filling Up Fast

STEAM Conference 2018 is a half-day conference designed to expose Tomball ISD students in grades 3 - 12 to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics through:

[CLICK HERE to share information/sign up](#)

Deadline: Oct. 6

Tomball Run/Walk: Paces 4 Pink

Get your running or walking laces tied up and be part of Team Tomball's first ever running/walking group! The city of Tomball is hosting their annual Paces 4 Pink 5k run or 1 mile walk/run on Saturday, October 6 at 8 a.m.

[CLICK HERE to sign up or join as a team](#)

Deadline: Oct. 10

Principal Partners Sign Up

Tomball ISD is encouraging parents, local businesses and civic leaders to volunteer a day as a Principal Partner and share ideas about the school's day-to-day operations.

A luncheon will follow to honor our partners.

[CLICK HERE for Principal Partners Application](#)

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

BRUCE HILLEGEIST | Tomball High School '78 President | Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce

To Bruce Hillegeist, Tomball is more than just home.

"We have a sense of identity and community spirit here in Tomball," Hillegeist said.

Born in Tomball Community Hospital to Arleah Bruce Hillegeist and the late Roy Hillegeist, Bruce is a fifth generation Texan and a lifetime resident of the Rose Hill and Tomball communities.

He is an alumnus of Tomball Lutheran School ('74), Tomball High School ('78) and Sam Houston State University ('82) and is a graduate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Organization Management, as well as Leadership North Houston.

In Tomball, Bruce Hillegeist is more than just a resident.

Hillegeist, a former banker, currently serves as the **President of the Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce** and has been in this role since 1994. He is a supporter of many other civic and charity organizations in the Greater Tomball area which include the Tomball Police Department Citizen's Police Academy, Tomball Hospital Association, Tomball Regional Medical Center Board of Directors, and Tomball Pregnancy Center Board of Directors, among others.

"When I came home from college, I was in banking and right away, I started to get involved with the Tomball community," Hillegeist recalls. "After a couple of years in banking, I became the Marketing Director. The President of the bank encouraged me to visit the Chamber and get involved and that is how I fell in love with the Chamber. Having volunteered and now in the job full-time, it really has helped me build relationships. I love sharing what goes on behind the scenes with others. I have a love for service and servant leadership is very important to me."

A true representative of the community and more specifically Tomball ISD, Hillegeist is a **1978 graduate of Tomball High School** and is a member of the Tomball FFA Booster Club, the Tomball Education Foundation, and the Tomball Scholarship Foundation.

"Tomball ISD has always, in my memories as a child, driven the community spirit through its academics, arts and athletics," he said. "The school district has pride. We share a love of learning through our loving and caring staff on each campus," Hillegeist said. "The premium academics along with the facilities is second to none. I am and will always be a proud alumnus that wants to give back."

From the small country town outside the city of Houston, Hillegeist has seen Tomball grow and expand, yet maintain a small-town feel that every resident cherishes.

"We have always had the slogan, "Tomball, Hometown with a Heart." Whether it's a Chamber or school event or a city function or a charity, everything is family-friendly. We are about relationships and making people happy," Hillegeist said. His representation was statewide as Hillegeist served as the Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives Chairman in 2010.

His roots are thick and there is no better representative for this community than one Tomball's own.

"It is neat to have roots here. My mom was a teacher and my dad was a banker," Hillegeist said. "I remember when Main St. was a two-lane road and remember when Tomball was a long drive away from the city, but now we are a part of the city. You really don't know when Houston starts and ends. To see people you know, go into stores, drive Main St., the police know who you are, it is a great thing to have those relationships."

Hillegeist has continued to share his love for this community through civic duties and a passion for giving back. He represents what Tomball is all about. He brings life and a passionate spirit to everything he does in the community and residents attract to his admiration for the place he, and many others, call home.

"People here in Tomball are good people," Hillegeist said. "We understand Tomball is growing and changing and we welcome new folks and new ideas. We are a very welcoming community that supports education and our schools and we want you to feel a part of it each and every day."

And to new residents and businesses joining the community, Hillegeist makes it known that "Tomball ISD is the best investment you can make when bringing a new business to the community or moving your family to Tomball."



PHONE APP REMINDERS

Wondering how to download the new My-EOP app that replaces the colorful flipchart that was printed and located in various areas of the district? Check out this quick how-to guide. This app is a one-stop shop for all emergency information and contact numbers within our district.



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If you already have My-EOP downloaded, skip to step 4.

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DISTRICT CALENDAR

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