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Not just a district, a destination.

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School Board Meetings
Board Room
5:30 PM

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District Chess Tournament
Oakcrest Intermediate
8 AM

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Good Friday
Student / Staff Holiday

For all fine arts & athletics events in April, **CLICK HERE**.

TOMBALL ISD

Tomball talk

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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WHY TOMBALL?

THE ONLY
STRAIGHT A SCHOOL DISTRICT
IN HARRIS COUNTY

94% OVERALL PERFORMANCE

- A STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
- A SCHOOL PROGRESS
- A CLOSING THE GAPS

17,000+
STUDENT ENROLLMENT

20
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TAX RATE: $1.34
UNCHANGED PAST 5 YEARS

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CTE PATHWAYS

RANKED #1
FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY
BY TXSMARTSCHOOLS

6.4% GROWTH
IN STUDENT POPULATION

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INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATIONS
HIGHLY RATED
OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
SMALLER SCHOOL COMMUNITY
ENGAGED FAMILIES
A DESTINATION
DISTRICT OF INNOVATION
STATE-OF-THE-ART STADIUM IN 2020

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TOMBALL COMMUNITY ART SHOWCASE

Community Comes Together to Support the Tomball Community Art Showcase

PHOTO GALLERY

The Tomball community came together on Thursday, March 21 to celebrate the Grand Opening of the newly formed Tomball Community Art Showcase (TCAS), located at the Lone Star College-Tomball public library.

Over 200 community members, including TISD students, educators, parents, community leaders and art enthusiasts, attended the kickoff event to celebrate the arts in the Tomball community. The partnership between Tomball ISD, Lone Star College-Tomball and the Harris County Public Library continues its strong bond through this art display and collaboration.

The Grand Opening celebration featured artwork from talented Tomball ISD students grades K-12 as well as pieces from the LSC-Tomball Fine Arts department. The collaboration was put on display and open to the public.

"We are very fortunate to have such talented students, talented and very passionate educators who have fostered that passion and parents and a community that support that as well. As Superintendent of Schools, I'm very grateful for this opportunity and very thankful that our Tomball community support this [TCAS] as well," Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora said.

TCAS will remain permanent in the Tomball Library with artwork rotating throughout the year. Art teachers in Tomball ISD will have the opportunity to select unique pieces by their students for a chance to be displayed publicly. Plans are underway to provide secure display cases for fragile pieces and valued collections.

"We love to serve our neighbors, serve our community and give back. We love Tomball. It is such an honor to have this opportunity to serve our community at large. Our goal with TCAS is to create an experience for the community to develop the belief that Tomball is the best place to live, raise families, to grow and to thrive," Dr. Lee Ann Nutt, President of LSC-Tomball said.

DESTINATION EXCELLENCE

TOMBALL ISD EXTENDS THANKS TO CCEMS, TOMBALL REGIONAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

Tomball ISD thanks CCEMS, Tomball Regional Health Foundation for collaboration in providing Stop the Bleed kits and training for TISD staff.

READ MORE

TIS STUDENT NAMED NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC GEOBEE TEXAS STATE COMPETITION SEMIFINALIST

Tomball Intermediate School sixth grade student Everett Presley has been named a semifinalist eligible to compete in the 2019 National Geographic GeoBee Texas State Competition.

READ MORE

TISD SPELLING BEE CHAMPION JESSICA NGUYEN HO COMPETED IN STATE LEVEL COMPETITION

Northpointe Intermediate sixth grader Jessica Nguyen Ho earned a spot in the Houston Public Media statewide Spelling Bee, which was held on March 23, after winning the Tomball ISD Spelling Bee competition last month.

READ MORE

DESTINATION EXCELLENCE

ROSEHILL ELEMENTARY'S 'SPARKLING SEVEN' ADVANCES TO DI GLOBAL FINALS

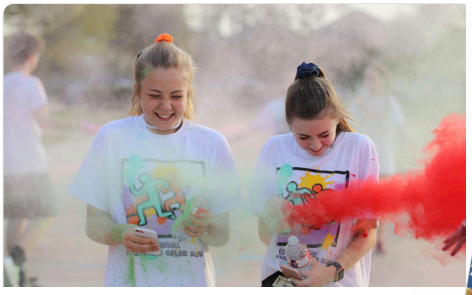
Students from Rosehill Elementary captured third place in the Texas Destination Imagination competition to earn a spot in the Global finals in May.

READ MORE

STUDENT SHOUTOUTS

David Surdovel @DaveSurdovel · Mar 23
Congratulations @TISDCFES for winning 1st place sweepstakes at @TomballISD #TMSCA competition! @JenniferCourv @karinthewoods @CFES_Schultz @shellysheffield & thanks @haley_galyean @ARBearden for helping to grade! #TeamTomball #DestinationExcellence #TomballMath #TISDsciencerocks

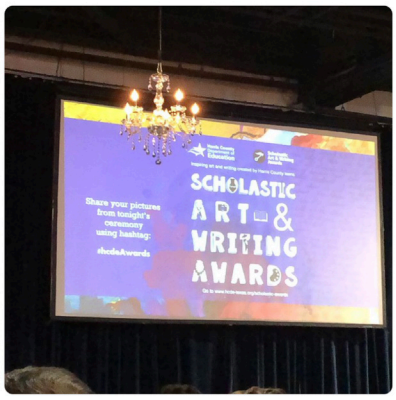
Best Buddies Texas @BestBuddiesTX · 21h
"Inclusion makes life more colorful" 🌈
Big shout out to @TMHSBB for hosting their first annual Color Run fundraiser this year! Their chapter is doing big things to promote inclusion in their community and beyond 💜 @bestbuddies @TomballISD @TISDTMHS #BBTX



Mr. Evans @THS_MrEvans · Mar 8
#CONGRATULATIONS to @TISDTHS student, Logan Grimm for winning overal GRAND CHAMPION for broilers @RODEOHOUSTON! 🏆 #CougarCountry is incredibly #PROUD of you! What an accomplishment! 🐔 🐔 🐔 @THS_Stolle @ths_jv @THS_Mr_Vierkant @TomballFFA @FineArtsTomball @TISD_CTE @TomballISD

You Retweeted
Tomball ISD Fine Arts @FineArtsTomball · Mar 21
1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners in the Poster Contest for the Houston Bar Association "Law Day" congrats to Mateo Oviedo-Cardona, McKenna Wilhelmsen, & Christian Cortes - @TISDWWJHS Art Teacher Cerethia Fontana! Brilliant work and cash prizes! So proud of you! @TomballISD @jdjanda

Paula Maeker @PaulaMaeker · 14h
Proud of all of our @TomballISD Scholastic Writing award winners! Amazing talent supported by amazing teachers! #teamtomball #destinationexcellence



Tomball Junior High @TISDTJHS · 3h
TJHS students, Ethan and Mia, being recognized downtown at the Harris County Regional Scholastic Writing Awards (over 7,000 students submitted)!! We are so proud of their willingness to participate and accomplishments !

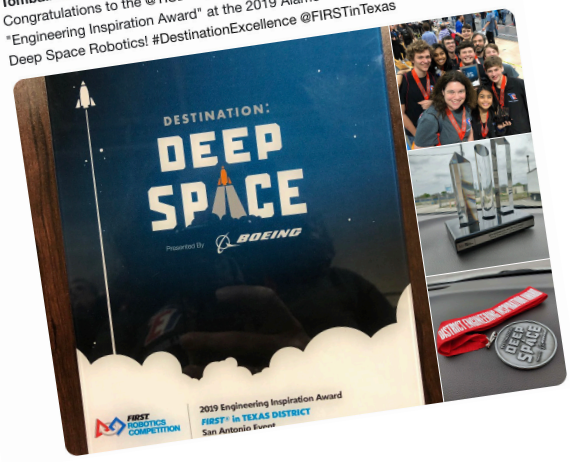
STUDENT SHOUTOUTS

Mr C - Tomball STAGE @ClintCottom · Mar 22
The Tomball STAGE advances to the Bi-District level of one-act play competition. It will be March 28 at Magnolia HS at 1:00. The Man Who Came to Dinner will be the 5th performance at around 5:00?

Mr. Evans @THS_MrEvans · Mar 21
#CONGRATULATIONS to @RotaryTomball March students of the month Andrea Martinez & McKay Abbott!! We are so proud of our @TISDTHS seniors, thank you @Rotary for taking the time to recognize excellent students!! #PRIDEofTexas #COOGS @spo_hs @TomballISD @hookemklh

TMHS Wildcat Theatre @TMHSTheatre · Mar 19
WILDCAT THEATRE ADVANCES AGAIN! SEE YOU IN PFLUGERVILLE!

Tomball ISD @TomballISD · Mar 18
Congratulations to the @TISDTHS Robotics Team (@frc7312) for winning the "Engineering Inspiration Award" at the 2019 Alamo FRC District Competition: Deep Space Robotics! #DestinationExcellence @FIRSTinTexas



Mr. Evans Retweeted
Tomball Cougar Pride Band @BandTomball · Mar 23
HEADED TO STATE!!! Amazing performance by our winterguard to earn 2nd place at Area and advance to TCGC Winterguard State Competition in College Station next week. @TISDTHS @FineArtsTomball

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Tomball HS Art @art_ths · Mar 11
Huge congrats to Sean Green!!! His drawing sold for $15,000 at the HLSR Art auction yesterday!! Way to go Sean!!! @FineArtsTomball @TISDTHS #prideoftexas #destinationexcellence

You Retweeted
TISD Special Programs @TSpecPrograms · Mar 23
Congratulations @TISDRES ->3rd Place @Texas_DI & invited to @IDODI Globa

Exciting News!

TOMBALL ISD
DESTINATION EXCELLENCE

Coming in 2019-2020

Two Way
Dual Language Academy

Bilingual • Biliterate • Bicultural

What is the Two-Way Dual Language Academy?

The Tomball ISD Two-Way Dual Language Academy (TWDL) is a biliteracy program model that integrates native English speakers and native Spanish speakers. Students will receive instruction in both languages through the core content areas of Math, Language Arts, Science and Social Studies.

Where is the Academy?

*Rosehill Elementary**
17950 Waller Tomball Rd.
Tomball, TX 77377

When are the Parent Meetings?

Tuesday, March 26, 2019 from 5:30 - 6:30 PM
Thursday, March 28, 2019 from 5:30 - 6:30 PM
Monday, April 1, 2019 from 5:30 - 6:30 PM

PARENT MEETINGS

Parents of incoming kindergarten students must attend one of the parent informational nights before applying for the Tomball ISD Two-Way Dual Language Academy. Applications will be available beginning April 1 for the 2019-2020 school year and will be due by 3:30 p.m. on April 19, 2019.

All Parent Meetings are at Rosehill Elementary.

Who can Attend?

This program is available to any incoming kindergarten students during the 2019-2020 school year across Tomball ISD (5 years old on or before September 1, 2019).

www.tomballisd.net/TWDL/

** Rosehill Elementary is also a Year-Round Limited Open Enrollment campus, so the TWDL Academy is also available to incoming kindergarten students living outside TISD boundaries, pending application approval.*

EARLY EXCELLENCE ACADEMY

Early Excellence Academy

Early Excellence Academy is coming to Tomball ISD during the 2019-20 school year and is open to full-time, Tomball ISD employees who are parents or guardians of children ages 3 years and 4 years old.

The Early Excellence Academy is designed to provide high quality childcare to the children of district employees by providing a strong foundation of literacy so that students will be well-equipped for Kindergarten.

Hours of Operation: 6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Days: Operational calendar will change annually based on teacher work days.

2019-20 care will run from August 5, 2019 - June 12, 2020. The center will be closed on all teacher holidays which can be found on the Tomball ISD Instructional Calendar.

Tuition & Rates via Payroll Deduction
Weekly Tuition - $185
Registration fee - $75
Annual Supply Fee - $150

Registration? An email will go out to all staff members regarding registration in April.

EDUCATOR SPOTLIGHT

EARLY EXCELLENCE ACADEMY LEADERSHIP

Introducing our new leaders for the Early Excellence Academy in 2019-2020...

DIRECTOR BRENDA BLACKMON

Brenda Blackmon has been named the new ***Director*** of the Early Excellence Academy. She has served as the Assistant Principal at Lakewood Elementary since 2015. She played an instrumental role in implementing Great Expectations, Restorative Practices, district and campus literacy initiatives and coordinated and planned professional development on campus.

Brenda brings to this Director role experience as an administrator and former teacher. She spent two years as Assistant Principal and three years as a reading and dyslexia teacher at Rennell Elementary, First Grade teacher at Reed Elementary (Cy-Fair ISD), three years as a Reading Coach in Illinois and 3 years as a 2nd grade teacher in Tyler, Texas prior to joining Tomball ISD. She is a graduate of the University of Texas at Tyler ('03) and earned a bachelors in interdisciplinary studies and a masters in principal administration from the University of St. Thomas in Houston ('11).

Her goal is to serve the community and children of Tomball by providing a caring, positive and quality learning environment.

ASST. DIRECTOR HOLLY MORRISON

Holly Morrison has been named the new ***Assistant Director*** of the Early Excellence Academy. She joined the district in March 2018 as a Secretary of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment. In that role, she served as an administrative assistant to three department directors, helped facilitate major projects, assisted with coordination of staff development program, and helped manage the department's budget.

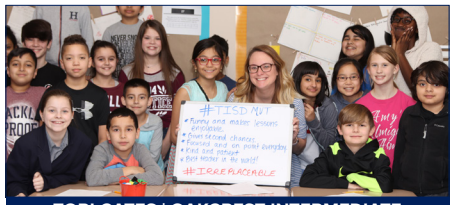
Holly joined Tomball ISD from WoodsEdge Community Church in Spring where she served as the Children's Ministry Welcome and Communications Director from 2014-2018. Holly brings preschool and elementary teaching experience to this new role having taught in a classroom setting for over 10 years. She is a graduate of the University of Houston-Victoria ('95), earning a bachelors of science in interdisciplinary studies.

#TISDMVT

Congratulations to our intermediate schools' #MostValuableTeachers and thank you for being an #Irreplaceable teacher in Tomball ISD.

BRITTANY BRECHT | OAKCREST INTERMEDIATE

SARAH BROUGHTON | OAKCREST INTERMEDIATE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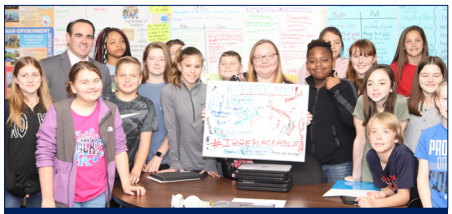
CARMEN PORRAS | OAKCREST INTERMEDIATE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KAYLA SHONTS | OAKCREST INTERMEDIATE

JENNIFER SOUHEAVER | OAKCREST INTERMEDIATE

JESSICA ALTMAN | TOMBALL INTERMEDIATE

MARTINA JAUD | TOMBALL INTERMEDIATE

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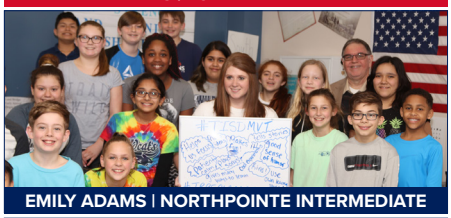
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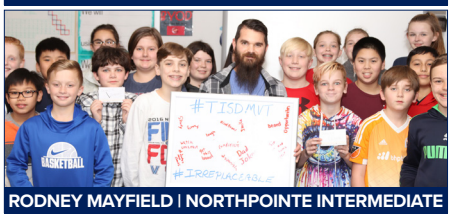
LYNN DEELSNYDER | NORTHPOINTE INTERMEDIATE


RODNEY MAYFIELD | NORTHPOINTE INTERMEDIATE

SUSANNE WHITLEY | NORTHPOINTE INTERMEDIATE

JACOB ISHEE | NORTHPOINTE INTERMEDIATE

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

AMANDA WHITE | THS, '05

Owner of Ron's Hamburgers & Chili (Tomball & Magnolia)

Moving to Tomball when she was in the eighth grade paid off for this now small business owner in town.

Amanda [Morgan] White, a 2005 graduate of Tomball High School, has made her mark on this town by opening Ron's Hamburgers & Chili as a co-owner with her husband David.

The original move to Tomball was sparked by the interest her family had in owning land and being a part of a small-knit community. They found Tomball and Amanda has never left.

"As a kid I moved around a lot and attended many different schools. I never felt so cared for by students and staff as I did at Tomball. I felt welcomed immediately," White said.

Amanda was active during her high school days at Tomball High School, playing soccer and serving on the Color Guard for three years.

"My experience at Tomball High School was wonderful."

Amanda immediately excelled in her career following high school.

"We [her and her husband] both excelled in the company we worked for and after many years of training and hard work, we decided to open a place of our own," she said.

Ron's Hamburgers & Chili originated in Oklahoma where Amanda's husband David was originally from. It was a locally-owned establishment and the family-like business was very appealing to the White's.

"It wasn't often we had the opportunity to eat at Ron's when in Oklahoma visiting family so we decided to bring the concept down here to Texas," White said.

The choice to open a business in Tomball was an easy one for the couple. The restaurant opened in September 2012.

"We chose Tomball because it is a close knit community that is very supportive of our business and family."

The business continues to thrive in the community and is an establishment with a strong reputation amongst area residents and Oklahoma transplants.

Because of her experiences working in the community and attending Tomball schools, Amanda wanted that for her children as well.

The White's are proud Tomball ISD parents of Madison, a Tomball Elementary student and Harrison, a one-year old.

"When it came time to make a decision on school for our oldest, we knew from the start we would transfer her to Tomball and it sure has been a wonderful choice," she said.

The community of Tomball has welcomed these small business owners with open arms and Tomball Elementary has provided this family with a secure and welcoming educational environment that is very much appreciated.

"The Tomball Elementary staff excelled in making sure our child wasn't forgotten. They all take the time to make each child and family feel loved, cared for and motivated. TISD really is a Destination for Excellence," Amanda said.

For Amanda, her dream of returning to Tomball and contributing to the community paid off through her hard work and commitment. For Ron's Hamburgers & Chili, this local business, is thriving right off of Hwy. 2920.

For those who are looking for a local, family-friendly restaurant in town, visit Ron's.

"Ron's, also located in Magnolia, is a casual family-friendly restaurant that gives you the same caring feeling that the city of Tomball does. Food is always fresh and excelling at customer service is our priority. Tomball is our family so when you come to Ron's, that's how we treat you," Amanda said.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Two-Way Dual Language Academy Parent Meeting #3

Monday, April 1 • 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm • Rosehill Elementary

Learn more about the new Two-Way Dual Language Academy.

GT Student Showcase

Thursday, April 4 • 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm • Northpointe Intermediate

An exhibit of advanced level projects by GT students from the elementary and intermediate campuses.

Tomball ISD Chess Tournament

Saturday, April 13 • 8 am • Oakcrest Intermediate

More information, CLICK HERE.

PK & K Registration Begins

Tuesday, April 16 • Rosehill, Decker Prairie, Creekside Forest, Creekview, Timber Creek, Tomball Elementary

Thursday, April 18 • Lakewood, Willow Creek, Wildwood, Canyon Pointe Elementary

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DISTRICT CALENDAR

TOMBALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

2018-2019 Calendar

First Day of School
August 21, 2018

Last Day of School
May 30, 2019

Staff & Student Holidays

Independence Day - July 4
Labor Day - September 3
Thanksgiving - November 19-23
Winter Break - Dec. 24-Jan. 4
Spring Break - March 11-15
Good Friday - April 19
Memorial Day - May 27

Staff Development/Workdays Student Holidays

August 7-9 (New Teacher)
August 13-17
August 20
October 8
January 7-8
January 21
February 15, 18
March 18
May 31

Early Release Days

All Schools: Oct. 5, Dec. 21, May 30
High Schools Only: Dec. 20, May 29

Make Up Days (if needed)

February 18
March 18
May 31

Reporting Periods End:

October 12
December 21
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Board Meeting Dates

Board Materials Due