



a look back at May 2020

Tomball talk

Tomball ISD ... not just a district, a destination.



Tomball Talk

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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.

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Email

communications@tomballisd.net
to submit ideas or to nominate an individual for a feature.



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GET TO KNOW **TOMBALL ISD**

NOT JUST A DISTRICT, A DESTINATION



Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora
Superintendent of Schools

3rd Year as Superintendent
6th Year Overall in TISD

OUR LEADER + EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dr. Amy Schindewolf
Chief Academic Officer

Jim Ross
Chief Financial Officer

Jeff McCanna
Chief of Human Talent

Dr. Steven Gutierrez
Chief Operating Officer

Dr. Valerie Petrzelka
Assistant Superintendent
Elementary Schools

Dr. Rick Fernandez
Assistant Superintendent
Secondary Schools

Dr. Michael Webb
Assistant Superintendent
Student Support

Nefertari Mundy
Assistant Superintendent
Strategic Initiatives

Mark White
Assistant Superintendent
Accountability & Governmental Relations

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tomball ISD is governed by an elected seven-member board. School Board members are guardians of the public trust and, through the policies they make, are ultimately responsible for the success or failure of local public education. The board serves as the advocate for educational excellence for the community's youth and puts those interests first. The policies school boards make dictate the standards and philosophy by which schools are run and the criteria used to judge whether they are being run well.



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Position 5



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Position 4



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Position 3



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Trustee
Position 6



ABOUT US

Tomball Independent School District is a highly regarded public school system with a reputation for excellence. It serves over 18,000 students in grades pre-kindergarten through 12 across 20 campuses.

Tomball ISD takes pride in its progressive instructional programs and maintains a strong foundation of guiding principles, beliefs, and a visionary mission of the future.

Tomball ISD encompasses 83 square miles in northwest Harris County and southwest Montgomery County, and is located 30 miles from downtown Houston.

Tomball and its school district are unique because of their heritage, traditions, and hometown appeal. Parents choose Tomball ISD because of the district’s unwavering commitment to high student achievement characterized by quality instruction, equality of opportunities and resources, demonstrated results, strong parental involvement and community support. In Tomball ISD, we believe our students are leading in “Creating the Future!”

VISION

Tomball ISD students will lead in creating the future.

MISSION

Tomball ISD educates students to become responsible, productive citizens by providing innovative, individually rigorous, and personally valuable educational experiences.

GOALS

1. Tomball ISD will develop, continuously enhance and utilize rigorous college, career, and life ready curriculum that is responsive to the needs of individual learners.
2. Tomball ISD will provide multiple sources of high quality academic content that infuses technology in learning experiences and instruction.
3. Tomball ISD will attract, develop and retain high quality staff through a well –defined, personally valuable professional development plan and support structure.
4. Tomball ISD will foster a culture of caring and compassionate educators to provide a supportive learning environment.
5. Tomball ISD will promote academic success by engaging students through real world experiences while cultivating independent thinking and creative problem solving.
6. Tomball ISD will prepare our graduates to succeed in the college/career path of their choice.
7. Tomball ISD will promote an emotionally and physically safe and secure learning environment.
8. Tomball ISD will be fiscally responsible while meeting the educational and facility needs of the students.
9. Tomball ISD will inspire students to develop and exhibit character traits that are reflective of community standards.
10. Tomball ISD will actively engage and involve parents and the community.

WHY TOMBALL?



**BACK-TO-BACK
HIGHEST
RATED
SCHOOL
DISTRICT**
in NW Harris County



18,000+
STUDENT ENROLLMENT



20
CAMPUSES



TAX RATE: \$1.29



25
CTE PATHWAYS



RANKED #1
FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY
BY TXSMARTSCHOOLS



6.4% GROWTH
IN STUDENT POPULATION



REPUTATION OF EXCELLENCE

INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATIONS

HIGHLY RATED

OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

SMALLER SCHOOL COMMUNITY

ENGAGED FAMILIES

A DESTINATION

DISTRICT OF INNOVATION

STATE-OF-THE-ART STADIUM COMING SOON



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FROM DR. Z



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGES

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May 28, 2020

Dear Tomball ISD Family,

The longer days and warmer temperatures may seem like the only familiar signs that this school year is nearing the end. I don't think any of us could have ever imagined how this situation would unfold and all of the thousands of answers that had to be found for questions never before asked. I am always proud of our community for being so close-knit and striving for the same goals; but words truly cannot express how especially proud I am of the exceptional work you have done during these trying times as teachers, parents and students.

I am so thankful to our families for their cooperation and participation while we navigated these unknown waters and found alternatives to providing them instruction, resources, and even meals. It truly has been a team effort and forms the very essence of what **TEAM TOMBALL** is all about!

It was simply amazing to witness the dedication and creativity with which our Tomball ISD community swiftly came together to meet the needs of our students. Within a week of the closure announcement, families were provided online remote engagement activities and quickly trusted us in the process. We are especially proud to have served our families through meals and device distributions and by the end of March, this community was in full stride and has since then, continued to quickly adapt to changes being made each day. As a District, we conquered challenges, the unknown and created a new approach to learning, all while maintaining a safe and healthy lifestyle within our community.

Tomball ISD is a place that values teamwork, preparation, rigor, creativity, and collaborative problem solving. Our excellent condition, culture, structures, and traditions all played a role in seeing us finish out yet another successful school year and will guide us into our reopening next fall.

At this time of year, I usually have particular examples of student performances to highlight as an example of our success. However, this year our success reaches beyond what we expected and attributes to your amazing response, commitment, and teamwork; the engagement of our students and the incredible responsibility they and their parents undertook to complete so much at home, and the tireless hours Team Tomball put in sitting at their home offices and kitchen tables at all hours of the day.

Every day we are provided more information and guidance about planning for next school year. We can all assume that there will be new and different things, but there will be solutions in which Tomball ISD develops that ultimately meet the challenges Tomball ISD will face. I know for certain that those are solutions we can trust. You all just proved it!

Wishing you all the best for a safe and restful summer break and very much looking forward to seeing you soon.

Dr. Salazar-Zamora

Superintendent of Schools

VALEDICTORIANS



Gianna Gilbert Tomball High School Valedictorian

What are your plans after you graduate from THS?

"I am attending the University of Texas at Austin in the fall to study biomedical engineering."

What has been the best part about attending THS?

"The best part about THS was getting to meet such a wide variety of people and making connections that I hope will last a lifetime!"

What will you miss the most about high school?

"I think what I will miss most is sitting in my car, talking with my friends before the bell of first period rang. It was always such a refreshing way to start the day and wake up a little before getting ready to learn! It truly was the little things that made the fondest memories."

[More on Gianna](#)



Kareena Pal Sharma Tomball Memorial High School Valedictorian

What are your plans after you graduate from TMHS?

"After graduation, I will be attending the Canfield Business Honors Program at the University of Texas at Austin. I am very excited to be joining this highly selective program with a class size of 120 talented students selected from 1,600 who applied."

What has been the best part about attending TMHS?

"The best part of my TMHS journey has been my involvement in the numerous clubs and organizations. Throughout my four years, I have taken part in Key Club, Mu Alpha Theta, NHS, SNHS, BPA, and NAHS. I have been able to grow my leadership, make friends, and have fun through these activities."

What will you miss the most about high school?

"I'll definitely miss my teachers at TMHS. They have provided a supportive environment and always done whatever they could to enable my ability to excel. I found teachers who would stay behind to help me when I was unsure. I wouldn't be where I am today without them."

[More on Kareena](#)

GRADUATION & MEALS

Class of 2020

Graduation at Woodforest Bank Stadium

19115 David Memorial Dr, Shenandoah, TX 77385

Tomball High School
June 11 @ 8 AM

Tomball Memorial High School
June 11 @ 8 PM

Curbside Meal Service to Continue on Wednesdays in June

Tomball ISD will continue its curbside meal service on Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. during the month of June at Tomball High School.

Please note the time frame for pick up has changed: meals will be distributed until 11 a.m. rather than 1 p.m. Anyone that is in line by 11 a.m. will be served.

- Wednesday, June 3 - 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Wednesday, June 10 - 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Wednesday, June 17 - 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Wednesday, June 24 - 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The free service will continue to be available for all Tomball ISD students. *Please be ready to provide your student's ID# upon pick-up. If you do not know your student's ID#, we will assist you. Non-TISD students under the age of 18 can receive meals, but they must be present.



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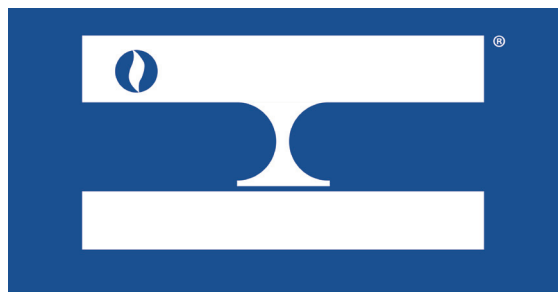
FREE MEALS
FOR ALL TOMBALL ISD STUDENTS
VIA CURBSIDE PICKUP

DESTINATION EXCELLENCE

DR. Z NOMINATED FOR TEXAS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

The Tomball ISD Board of Trustees adopted a resolution in March to officially recommend Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora, as Texas Superintendent of the Year.

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**NATIONAL MERIT
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

THS, TMHS, TSA STUDENTS RECOGNIZED AS NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

Being recognized as a National Merit Scholar is a prestigious honor and Tomball ISD is proud to recognize those outstanding students from TMHS, THS and TSA who received this honor.

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TOMBALL SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION AWARDS 16 SENIORS WITH SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to this selected group of 16 seniors from Tomball High School and Tomball Memorial High School on being named 2019-2020 scholarship recipients from the Tomball Scholarship Foundation.

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#TISDWE GOT THIS



Jing-Huey Lin @JingHLin · 3h

U is for reading Under something: the Pinkalicious in our house is reading Pinkalicious under the secret fort she built in our living room. @TISDCPES @CPES_MrsDo



Marlene Vazquez @marleneavazquez · May 23

Thank you @Arline_TX for the mask! Will definitely be wearing next week as I make the trip back to @TISDOIS to clean out the classroom 🙌🍏 It's been a great year, @TomballISD is still the happiest district ❤️ #TISDWE Got This



Sharon Finger @THS_Mrs_Finger · May 22

Tomball High School NHS members continue to earn NHS points while at home! Viny Salvatori serviced the family washer and dryer. He also helped paint/sand the exterior of his house. Viny earned his NHS collar! #THS_NHS_Spotlight @TISDTHS @TomballISD #PrideofTexas #COVID19 @nhs_njhs



Candice @Mrscturner · 1h

Just finished our last Google Meet chat with @MBartoneea. We are so sad that Emery's time at @TISDEarly is over, but we are so grateful for the best year ever with the best teacher ever. @TISDGOES, here we come! ❤️



Martha SalazarZamora @m_salazarzamora · May 20

It felt good to see some of my fellow educational leaders today as we build the best blueprint for a safe return to school for 20-21. Thanks to these @TomballISD #TeamTomball members who came to our first "in person" task force meeting today!!! #SocialDistancing #TISD



Norma Landino @NormaLandino · May 19

R is for Read In Day! Kindergarten countdown celebration 🎉 @cpeshoward @TISDCPES @TomballISD #TISDWeGotThis



#TISDWE GOT THIS



Stacey Toman @Fabulous3rdST · May 18

Since we missed out on class picture day, I put my creativity to good use & made us one! Excited to share these with their families! @TISDLES1 @TomballISD



Jesse Javillonar @THS_libraryyy · May 14

Celebrating our #ClassOf2020 and their next chapter!

#SeniorShowcase #ThePrideOfTexas #MyNextChapter #TISDWeGotThis @TISDTHS @TomballISD



Mei Zelahy @meizelahy · May 9

Since @TISDTMHS prom got canceled this year, we decided to throw our own private Prom - quarantine style! #promking #promqueen #GoWildcats @TomballISD



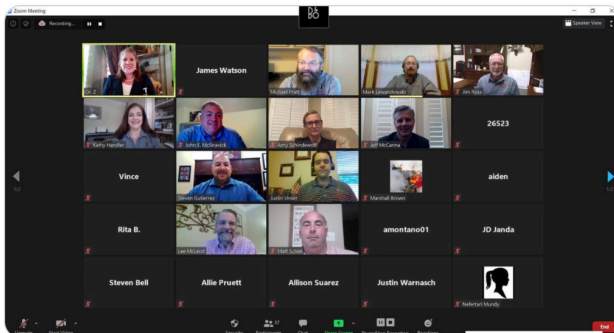
Steven Gutierrez @stevengutierrez · May 20

What a great day today: during @TomballISD weekly meal distribution, @TISD_NUTRITION passed out over 27,000 meals, @HOU_Distillery and @HCPrecinct4 donated hundreds of hand sanitizer bottles and @BCFellowship gave hundreds of face masks! Special to see #TeamTomball in action!



Tomball ISD @TomballISD · May 12

Excited to continue greatness in @TomballISD with our first ever video Zoom Board of Trustees meeting! #DestinationExcellence



Oakcrest PTO @OakcrestPTO · May 7

Day 4 of our "Teacher Appreciation Week" special shoutouts... @TISDOIS @TomballISD #teacherappreciationweek #pto #thankyou #theoakcrestexperience #teamtomball



#TISDWE GOT THIS



Josh Kelley @JoshKelleyOIS · May 7

Missing this room. Being in it for the moment I was there made me think of all the laughter, talking, thinking, and learning that takes place! I miss the students!! I'm thankful to be part of @TISDOIS in @TomballISD!
#TeacherAppreciationWeek #TeamTomball



Tomball ISD Human Talent @TISD_HT · May 4

Thank you @TomballISD Teachers for your passion, dedication, and commitment to ensuring the academic and social-emotional success of our kiddos! We ❤️ You! #TeamTomball



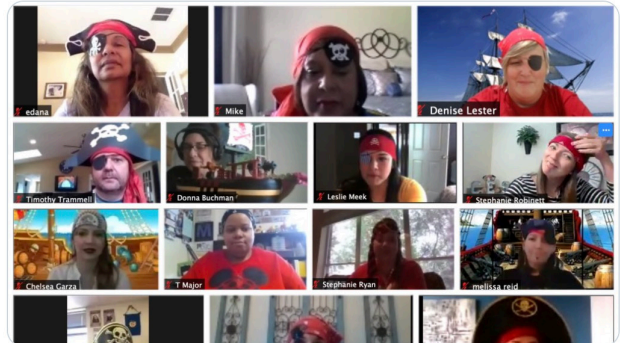
Rachel Grimes @GrimesTCESart · 5h

Amazing 1st grader chalk art!! ❤️❤️❤️ @TISDTCES



Creekview Elementary @TISDCES · May 24

Rrrrrr last Faculty Share for the year! Thanks Mateys for joining us.
@dbelle88 @leslmeek @stephferro @KinderGarza @MsMajorsMMs
@redd_brwncrayon @MrsApfelCES @NguyenAtCESart



Kathy Hannan @cpes_hannan · May 11

CPES 2nd grade it's your turn! We can't wait to see you ❤️ @TISDCPES
#teamtomball



Tomball HS Art @art_ths · May 22

Results are in! Sean Green's rodeo artwork sold for \$26,000!!! Congratulations Sean on this amazing accomplishment!
@TISDTHS @FineArtsTomball

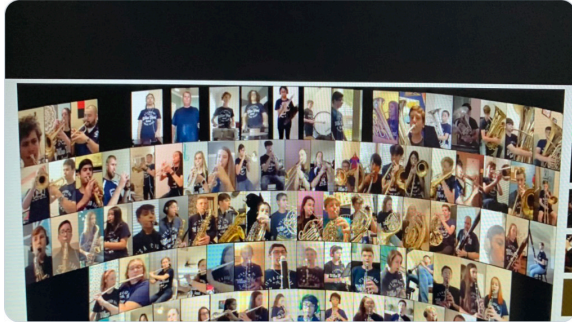


#TISDWE GOT THIS



Willow Wood Junior High @TISDWWJHS · May 3

We have the best JH band in the world! Performing section by section, from their homes!! Outstanding. I am the proudest Principal in the World! We will post the youtube link ASAP! Congrats to all of our talented Musicians and Directors! #Wildcatpride



Timber Creek Elementary @TISDTCES · May 11

Sending love and virtual hugs to our 5th Graders, and all of our TCES Cougars! 🐾💕🌈



Decker Prairie Elementary @TISDDPES · May 15

Who says teacher appreciation has to be one week... free 🍕 last night for our amazing staff! 🍕👏 #alwaysappreciative #ourteachersrock



TJHS Library @tjhslibrary_ · May 18

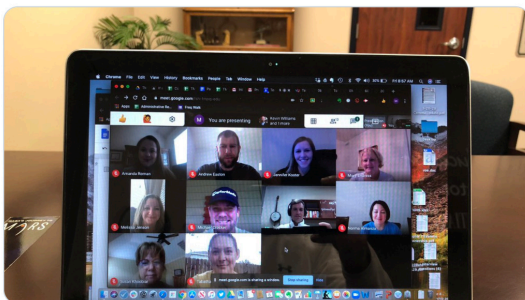
Music did an amazing job on the other side of the building in their "we miss your face" masks! 🎵🎶 #tisdwegotthis #cougarcollaboration



Dr. Mike Metz @DrMetz_TMHS · May 9

You can't question the commitment of ANY teacher that signs up for a voluntary book study that meets on Friday mornings at 8:00 am.

This morning, I am thankful for for these 18 AMAZING educators dedicated to learning, and passionate about helping @TISDTMHS be THE BEST!



Tomball Intermediate @TISDTIS · May 6

Special thanks to our PTO & @CravingTreats for the delicious popcorn, the Admin Team for the stationery, and the Leaders in Training of TIS for the amazing cookies! #Grateful4u

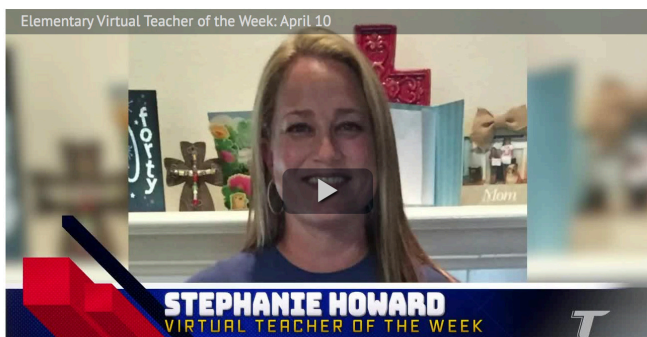


VIRTUAL TEACHERS

Tomball ISD Virtual Teachers of the Week

During remote learning, Tomball ISD recognized teachers as Virtual Teachers of the Week. These educators went above and beyond for the needs of their students during this time.

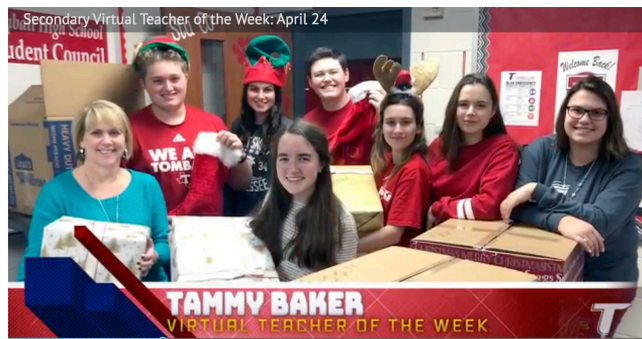
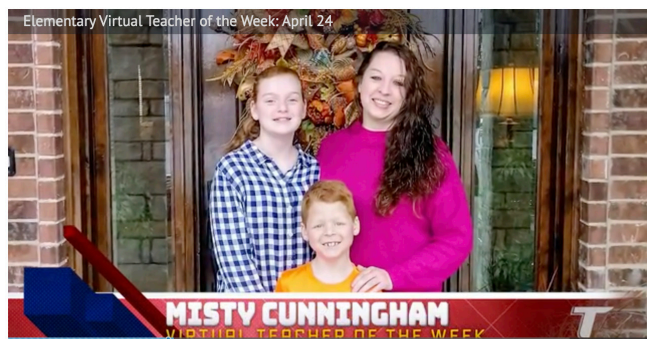
April 6-10, 2020: Elementary - Stephanie Howard (CPES) & Secondary - Arline Clark (TIS)



April 13-17, 2020: Elementary - Wendy Shannon (TCES) & Secondary - Chris Bellicini (CPJHS)



April 20-24, 2020: Elementary - Misty Cunningham (RES) & Secondary - Tammy Baker (THS)



April 27-May 1, 2020: Elementary - Heather Kearns (WCES) & Secondary - Nicole Canada (TJHS)

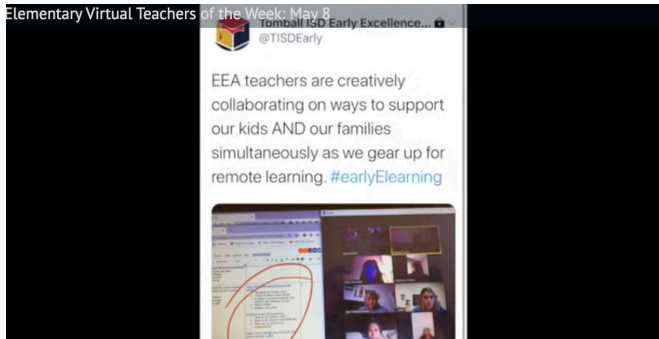


VIRTUAL TEACHERS

Tomball ISD Virtual Teachers of the Week

During remote learning, Tomball ISD recognized teachers as Virtual Teachers of the Week. These educators went above and beyond for the needs of their students during this time.

May 4-8, 2020: Elementary - Early Excellence Academy Staff & Secondary - Sheri Frost (TSA)



May 11-15, 2020: Elementary - Ashley Stack (TES) & Secondary - Peter Jagdeo (TMHS)



May 18-22, 2020: Elementary - Virginia Nichols (CES) & Secondary - Amber Wal (WWJHS)



2019-2020 TOP HONORS

Teachers of the Year

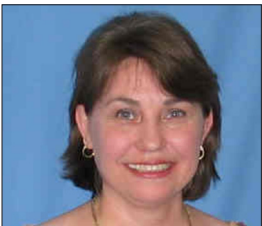


BETSY CASTILLE
Elementary Teacher of the Year
Lakewood Elementary
ESL Specialist



HOLLY DRESSEL
Secondary Teacher of the Year
Creekside Park Junior High
ESL Specialist

Paraprofessionals of the Year



YOLANDA ARCHER
Instructional Paraprofessional of the Year
Rosehill Elementary
Bilingual Instructional Aide



PAM CAPLINGER
Clerical Paraprofessional of the Year
Tomball Junior High
Administrative Assistant - Principal

Principals of the Year



NIESA GLENEWINKEL
Elementary Principal of the Year
Creekview Elementary



DR. MINDY MUNOZ
Secondary Principal of the Year
Creekside Park Junior High

**READ ALL ABOUT OUR TOP
AWARD WINNERS**