



a look back at October 2019

# Tomball *talk*

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





# Tomball Talk

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## SCHOOLMESSENGER IN TOMBALL ISD



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### WHAT IS SCHOOLMESSENGER?

SchoolMessenger allows you to personalize communications from your school or district. After logging in, you will be able to:

- See your related SchoolMessenger Contacts across schools and districts.
- View the last 30 days of SchoolMessenger messages.
- Change your SchoolMessenger communication preferences.
- Opt-into Push notifications (mobile only).



### 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.

### SUBMIT IDEAS / NOMINATE

Email

[communications@tomballisd.net](mailto:communications@tomballisd.net)  
to submit ideas or to nominate an individual for a feature in next month's *Tomball Talk* by November 15.



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# GET TO ..... KNOW **TOMBALL ISD**

NOT JUST A DISTRICT, A DESTINATION



**Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora**  
Superintendent of Schools  
3rd Year / 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 Petrzeka**  
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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Board President  
Position 4



**Michael Pratt**  
Vice President  
Position 2



**Matt Schiel**  
Secretary  
Position 5



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Assistant Secretary  
Position 1



**Lee McLeod**  
Trustee  
Position 7



**John E. McStravick**  
Trustee  
Position 3



**Justin Unser**  
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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# DESTINATION EXCELLENCE

## TOMBALL ISD TEACHERS HONORED AS CHAMBER TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

2018-2019 Tomball ISD Teachers of the Year, TMHS' Janet Stackhouse and CES' Stephanie Scott, were honored as the Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce October Teachers of the Month, presented by Element Payment Services.



## DISTRICT ZONE COMMITTEE MEETS

A new elementary and new junior high school are coming to Tomball ISD in the near future and it is necessary to realign attendance zones to achieve balance.

A District Zone Committee was selected and met to develop options. An open public forum will be held on November 14 at 5:30 p.m.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

## STEAM CONFERENCE WELCOMES STUDENTS

In Tomball ISD, a focus on hands-on learning was evident once again as the 2019 STEAM Conference welcomed in TISD students, between grades 3-8, to Tomball Junior High. The district event was a half-day conference designed to expose students to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics through education and mentoring opportunities while also providing critical learning sessions for students interested in STEAM.





# SOCIAL EMOTIONAL

## R.I.S.E. Program Implemented in Tomball ISD

The Restore Instruct Support and Education (RISE) is a substance use disorder program implemented in Tomball ISD made possible by funding from the Tomball Regional Health Foundation. RISE supports both substance use disorder assessment and intervention support for students referred by parents, teachers or through the campus disciplinary process. The RISE program is our attempt to address the root cause of substance use disorder as alternative to use of the discipline process alone.

### What is R.I.S.E.?

#### Substance Use Assessment and Intervention

#### Referral

ALL students in Tomball ISD are eligible for R.I.S.E. The Student Intervention Team (SIT) at every campus has the ability to access this program for students in need. Possible referral sources could include students found, "Under the influence" on campus, students with positive alcohol and drug test results within the district's drug testing program or any student suspected of having a substance use disorder. Referrals may be made by parents, teachers and administrators.

#### Assessment

Teen and Family Services (TAFS) in partnership with Tomball ISD will complete all assessments of students referred to R.I.S.E from the campus Student Intervention Team (SIT). TAFS is a local organization committed to providing your teen and entire family the tools, skills and knowledge to deal with substance abuse problems in a holistic way. Following an assessment administered by a licensed clinician with TAFS the student and parents will be informed of the assessment results and the possible need for intervention. All assessment results are confidential and consent must be obtained from the student's parent prior to an assessment.

#### Intervention

Based on the assessment results, the licensed clinician from TAFS will determine the extent to which an intervention should be implemented. In general, most intervention programs will last from five to seven weeks. Following successful completion of an intervention TAFS will work with the family to provide extended support beyond the intervention period to maintain sobriety.

### Why was R.I.S.E. implemented?

In 2014, an estimated 22.5 million Americans aged 12 and older self-reported needing treatment for alcohol or illicit drug use...

- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Youth addiction is the top health crisis of our time.

- Teen and Family Services

**R.I.S.E.**  
**Restore. Instruct. Support. Educate.**

Substance-Use Assessment & Intervention

**[LEARN MORE ABOUT R.I.S.E.](#)**

# TOP TEACHER TWEETS



**T3 7312** @frc7312 · Oct 20

Yesterday, we had the amazing opportunity to help teach fascinated kids how to build, program, and control different robots at the @TomballISD annual STEAM Conference! #OMGRobots #MoreThanJustRobots #FIRSTinTexas #FIRST



**Nancy Newton** @Nannewt · Oct 18

@TomballISD @TStudentsupport showing support for our @astros !



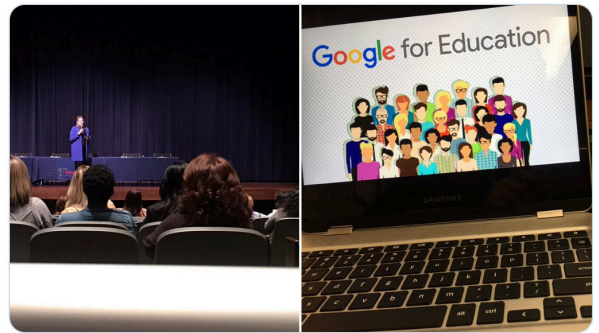
**Kristy Mathoslah** @KMathoslah · 14h

National Walk/Bike to School Day! It was extra fun with neighbors and a gang of #TeacherKids! Not pictured, the @ChickfilA cow and Callie, the @TISDCES Cougar! 🚲 🐾 🐾 #cesbeyondgreatness



**Holly Dressel M.Ed** @ESLwithDressel · Oct 12

WINNING in more ways than one as I learn new skills and strategies @tomballset360 today! (And won a Starbucks Card too!!) 🍰 @TomballISD #DestinationExcellence #AchievingExcellenceTogether



**Loreta Garcia** @WES\_MrsGarcia · Oct 1

Our #geniushour research is concluding and now we are into the Maker portion of our project. We are so excited to see their collaboration & creativity! 🤖 🧠 @TISDWES #PBL #digdeeper #geniusHour



**Mrs. Sibert** @MrsSibert\_TMHS · 12h

@DrMetz\_TMHS speaking to our future educators about School Accountability today. Thanks so much for visiting us!





# TOP TEACHER TWEETS



**Cathy Eng** @CPESeng · Oct 19

Busy day at the Tomball ISD STEAM conference! Love to see these minds at work building, programming, collaborating and having a great time!  
#TISDSTEAMconference #CPES @TISD\_AdvAcad



**Laurie Taylor** @LES\_Librarian · Oct 18

Book fair is here! @TomballISD



**Stephanie Howard** @cpeshoward · Oct 7

Go Astro's!! We believe in you!! @astros @TISDCPES @TomballISD



**Brandyne Finney** @FinneyBrandyne · Oct 2

The red carpet was rolled out for our @TISDDPES Hollywood STARS during the @TISDTHS Homecoming parade! It's great that @TomballISD and @CityofTomball work together to promote such an awesome event! #citywithaBIG ❤️



**Heather Barrett** @MrsBarrett\_TMHS · Oct 2

Thankful for @TISDCPES and @TomballISD who value the arts and nurture my daughters creative spirit! Amazing experience to see her work displayed at LoneStar College Community Library.



**Nancy Newton** @Nannewt · Oct 18

@TomballISD @TStudentsupport showing support for our @astros !





# DESTINATION EXCELLENCE

## **TOMBALL COMMUNITY ART SHOWCASE: 'AN EVENING WITH THE ARTISTS'**

Young Tomball ISD artists had the opportunity to present and talk about their latest work to the local community at the Tomball Community Art Showcase 'An Evening with the Artists' at LSC-Tomball library.

The students' artwork will be on display until Thanksgiving and is open to the public for viewing.

[MORE PHOTOS](#)



## **THS BAND: STATE BOUND!**

The Tomball High School Cougar Pride Band finished first in 5A area prelims and second in 5A area finals to advance to the State Competition!

The Cougars will travel to San Antonio's Alamodome and will compete in prelims on Monday, Nov. 4.

[MORE INFORMATION ABOUT STATE](#)



## **THS CROSS COUNTRY: STATE BOUND!**

Tomball High School boys cross country captured a third place finish at Regionals to advance to the State Meet.

Also, advancing to State was THS girls' cross country competitor, Callen Nash, after finishing 16th at Regionals.

State meet will be held in Round Rock on Nov. 9.

[MORE INFORMATION ABOUT STATE](#)





# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## LESLIE [GEBHARDT] JOHNSON | THS, '00 Owner & Operator of Tomball Yard Greetings

"But the thing to realize is that your hometown will always be the first community you know and it watched you grow into the person you are today. If you have a chance to go back and change it or impact it no matter how great or small, you take that chance."

Leslie Johnson, formally Leslie Gebhardt, returned to Tomball with her family in mind and is now successfully reconnecting with her community through her business, Tomball Yard Greetings, as the owner and operator since 2015.

"I started my business as a way to reconnect to our community while also giving me the ability to stay at home with my children after a marketing career," she said.

Her connection to this community dates back to 1993 when her dad's job brought her family to the area. It wasn't long before they landed in Tomball after her mother researched school districts.

"Tomball stood above the rest for what they wanted...smaller district, highly rated and many activities for my brother and I to participate in," she said.

Leslie was extremely active in school, having attended Beckendorf Intermediate, Tomball Junior High and Tomball High School. She is a 2000 graduate of THS and was a member of the Cougar Charms and played an active role in Tomball STAGE.

"I was in theatre production class, enjoyed many different roles in various productions, and also was the stage manager for our fall production my junior year and outreach officer for the drama club by senior year," she recalls. "I also attended the state convention for three years with Tomball STAGE."

Because of her creative nature, Leslie found a passion in the arts.

"My parents considered me their 'free spirit.'" She took that free spirit and eventually landed in North Carolina. There, she was tasked with finding her path and it was an information session for the Art Institute of Charlotte that helped pave her way.

Her creative side was explored and the school provided her an outlet with like-minded students and professionals who valued creativity over lecture. She went on to earn a Bachelor's degree in Fashion Merchandising and Management in 2009. After many "big-city experiences" following her degree, Leslie and husband Josh, decided they wanted a small-town life for their growing family so they returned to Tomball.

"It was important to us to give our kids the same experiences we had growing up," she said. "There is something about a small town that cannot be replaced by big city lights no matter how hard you try."

Despite the growth in Tomball, Leslie and her family have been able to make the most of their reconnection to her once beloved community.

"Tomball is special because you can have those unique small town experiences like a holiday parade, little league, city festivals, mom & pop restaurants but still have the convenience of the city of Houston with their big city fast-paced life."

She admits that she was that kid in high school that couldn't wait to leave and explore the world, but now realizes that returning to a connected community is what life is all about.

"Returning to Tomball also allowed me to teach my husband all the secret backroads and about the Mel's Burger Challenge."

Not only has she returned to Tomball, she has quickly made an impact with her business and volunteering with her son's PTO as Vice President. She looks forward to continuing the same volunteer spirit when her daughter joins Tomball schools in the future.

"I grew up with a mom highly involved in our school. From elementary to high school, if we were involved my mom was right there volunteering and supporting us. I knew that if I wanted my son to succeed and his school to be a place he wants to go, I needed to be there supporting the teachers and staff."

She has a passion for giving back and a passion for actively sharing her creativity with this community. From welcome back to school signs, happy birthday signs, to events around the community, one can connect those colorful yard letters to Leslie Johnson and her business, Tomball Yard Greetings.

"Every yard greeting we install spreads happiness and cheer in our area while reconnecting me with old friends I haven't talked to since graduating, which was an unexpected bonus."

For more information on [Tomball Yard Greetings](#) or follow on [Facebook](#).





# THS HOMECOMING





# HOMEGROWN



## KRISTIN [HAMMOND] SHOCKLEY

1st Grade Teacher

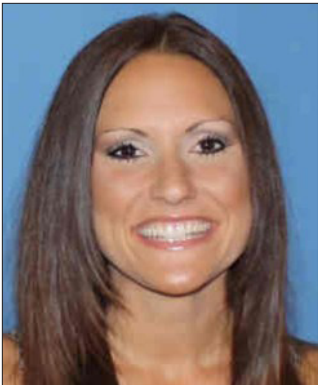
3rd year at Timber Creek Elementary

Kristin Shockley has taught her entire career in Tomball ISD and spent her first 14 years teaching at Decker Prairie Elementary.

She is a **1999 graduate of Tomball High School** and attended Lakewood Elementary, Tomball Intermediate, Tomball Junior High and Tomball High School.

She attended Texas A&M University and graduated in 2003 with an Early Childhood Education degree.

“Tomball ISD is a special place because even though we have grown so much, it is still MY hometown with a heart! We care about kids and provide a loving, nurturing environment while continuing to challenge them and provide the rigor needed to create lifelong learners. We are still a tight knit community that does what’s best for kids!”



## ANNIE [BECKENDORF] PEMBERTON

2nd Grade Teacher

11th year at Creekside Forest Elementary

Annie Pemberton has taught her entire career in Tomball ISD, beginning at Lakewood Elementary before opening Creekside Forest Elementary in 2009.

She is a **2002 graduate of Tomball High School** and attended Tomball Junior High and Tomball High School.

She graduated from St. Edwards University with an Education degree in 2006.

“I teach in Tomball because it’s home. My own children go to school in Tomball just as my family and I did over many generations. Tomball is tradition, excellence, and a place to feel known, valued and loved. We are Tomball.”



## MEAGAN [LILES] MANN

Spanish Teacher

1st year at Tomball Memorial High School

Meagan Mann is in her 14th year of teaching and first year back in Tomball ISD after having taught at Tomball High School from 2004-14.

She is a **2000 graduate of Tomball High School** and attended Decker Prairie Elementary, Beckendorf Intermediate, Tomball Junior High and Tomball High School.

She graduated from Texas A&M University in 2004 with a double major in International Studies and Spanish and went on to pursue her master’s degree in Spanish Language and Culture from the University of Houston in 2007.

“Tomball is special because of all of the support available for teachers, from their teammates, department, campus admin, all the way to central office. I really feel like our school district is one big team working towards a common goal, which is guiding students to achieve beyond their their potential.”

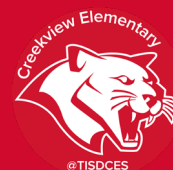
# DESTINATION EXCELLENCE

## Why I love my elementary school ...



### **Ryan Sanchez, 3rd Grade, CES**

“ I love Creekview because I get to start every day with Rise and Shine! My favorite part of Rise and Shine is when the entire school recites the Creekview Creed. „



### **Valeria Masabe, 3rd Grade, LES**

“ I love Lakewood Elementary because of the nice teachers, cool activities, neat rooms, and lots of work to do! I actually like this school. I wish I could be a teacher when I grow up. „



### **Jay Sralla, 5th Grade, CFES**

“ The thing I love most about Creekside Forest Elementary is that everyone's so nice, even the teachers! „



### **Kori Bennett, Kindergarten, CPES**

“ I love Canyon Pointe Elementary because of the library. It has all the cool books. „



### **Sawyer Hoffer, 1st Grade, TCES**

“ “I love Timber Creek because it has Cougar College! „



### **Kohen Gonzalez, 3rd Grade, DPES**

“ I love my new principal. Whenever people leave, I want to stay. The building is beautiful and the teachers are amazing. I love lunch, PE, music and art. The books and the robotics make me very smart. The teachers have after school programs and are amazing. „





# DESTINATION EXCELLENCE



**TOMBALL ISD**  
DESTINATION EXCELLENCE

## DistrictZone Committee

As the Tomball Independent School District builds new schools, it becomes necessary to realign the attendance zones to achieve balance. Beginning in August 2020, the district will be opening a new elementary at the Cypress-Rosehill Complex. During this process, the Committee will work with a demographic consultant and jointly develop options for the new attendance boundaries. The committee will make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees, who will review and set the new attendance zones.



### **Open Public Forum**

**November 14, 2019**

**5:30 p.m.**



### **Where**

Tomball ISD Staff Development Center  
1302 Keefer Rd.  
Tomball, TX 77375

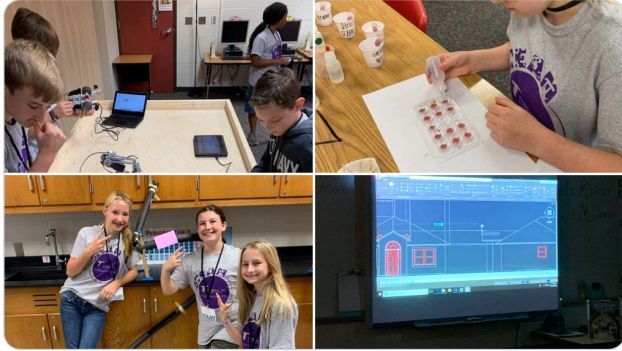


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# SOCIAL #SHOUTOUT



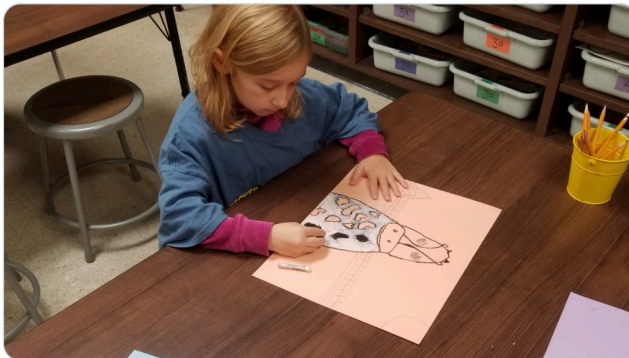
**Dr. Lee Wright** @MrWrightGigEm · Oct 19  
High level thinking, creative, and investigative FUN at the @TomballISD STEAM Conference today! @TISD\_CTE



**Tomball ISD Early Excellence Academy** @TISDEarly · Oct 9  
Not every hero wears a cape! A huge THANK YOU to Tomball Fire Department for their visit today during Fire Prevention Week! @TomballISD



**Tomball ISD Fine Arts** @FineArtsTomball · Oct 17  
Decker Prairie Elem 2nd Grader Blair Cantarella working hard to get her cow "just right" for the upcoming Rodeo Art contest. Beautiful Work! Thanks to DPES Art Teacher Lora Glenn for showing the way. @TomballISD @TISDDPES @m\_salazarzamora @jdjanda #RodeoArt #ArtMakesYouSmart



**Oakcrest Intermediate** @TISDOIS · 20h  
Happy Custodian Appreciation Day to all OIS Custodians!!! Y'all are the absolute Best! Dr. Flores and Mrs. Eddlemon presenting a banner from the staff along with lunch from the OIS Sunshine Club. @ash\_tamu



**Nancy Newton** @Nannewt · Oct 25  
Bowling Challenge Day was a HUGE Success! @LWaldrop76 @Gibby1112 @Michael\_A\_Webb @TomballISD @TStudentsupport @TISDDPES



**City of Tomball** @CityofTomball · 2m  
Last night was a wonderful example of what makes Tomball Great! THS Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally, is all thanks to the amazing partnership with TISD, the City of Tomball, and our Community at-large.





# SOCIAL #SHOUTOUT



**Tomball ISD** @TomballISD · Oct 17

We are very excited to host the webinar with myON News, powered by @News\_O\_Matic! Fifth and sixth graders from @TISDTIS take the opportunity to ask the Editor-in-Chief questions regarding "fake news" and its impact in the media. #DestinationExcellence



**Tomball XC** @Tomball\_XC · Oct 17

Tomball is your District 20-5A Varsity Boys District Champions!! Booyah! @TexasXCcoaches @TXMileSplit @TTFCA @TISDTHS @thsabcinfo @THS\_athletics @tisd #wintheday



**THS Varsity Tennis** @tennis\_ths

Can you guess who just became district champions? Ill give you a hint...it starts with TOM- and ends with -BALL 🤔



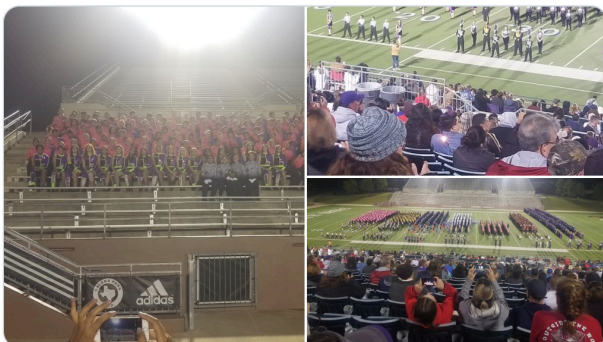
**Martha SalazarZamora** @m\_salazarzamora · Oct 16

Now this is what every Fast Growth District Superintendent needs!! Thanks @stevegutierrez for a timely Boss's Day gift. Love the color ❤️!! I plan to wear it often as our new elementary, junior high, and district stadium are built @TomballISD #TeamTomball #destinationExcellence



**Tomball ISD Fine Arts** @FineArtsTomball · Oct 26

TOMBALL COUGAR PRIDE BAND IS STATE BOUND! CONGRATULATIONS! @TomballISD @TISDTHS @m\_salazarzamora @TISD\_DrF @jdjanda #DestinationExcellence #TCPrulz #SoProudofYou



**CPJH Choirs** @CPJHChoirs · Oct 25

CPJHS 6th Grade Girl's Choir is PINKed OUT!! @TISDCPJHS @CPJH\_PTO @TomballISD @FineArtsTomball





# CONNECTED PODCAST



## ConnectED Podcast with Dr. Z

features special guests in a monthly episode that provides valuable insight into Tomball ISD and how it's defining excellence in education and connecting with the community.

[CLICK TO LISTEN TO  
EPISODE 2](#)



Tomball ISD is leading the way in Social Emotional Learning and Assistant Superintendent of Student Support Dr. Michael Webb talks with Dr. Z about the many programs the district has implemented to support students and staff.



[LISTEN TO EPISODE 1  
HUMAN TALENT](#)



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# ATHLETICS



**Congratulations**  
*Cougars*

[Tomball High School Results + More](#)



**Congratulations**  
*Wildcats*

[Tomball Memorial High School Results + More](#)



**STATE BOUND!**  
Congratulations, THS Cross Country!



**DISTRICT CHAMPIONS!**  
Congratulations, THS Tennis!



**PLAYOFF BOUND!**  
Congratulations, THS Volleyball!

Tomball ISD fall athletics is well underway with many success stories thus far in 2019.

Football, Volleyball, Tennis, Swimming, Cross Country, Golf

For a complete schedule of events for high school & junior high, [CLICK HERE.](#)




# THANK YOU, PRINCIPALS

**Get to Know TISD Principals**

Has two children and four grandchildren

Loves deep sea fishing, sewing and sitting in the sand

Married for 39 years



**Barbara Coleman**  
Canyon Pointe Elementary

**#NationalPrincipalsMonth**

**Get to Know TISD Principals**

Loves spending weekends watching her kids' sporting events with her husband


Loves to read epic novels

Can often be found having dance parties in the hallways & reading to students

Enjoys good food combined with good friends

Would love to travel more with her family, possibly to Greece or Italy

Hopes to one day catch up on laundry



**Brenda Blackmon**  
Decker Prairie Elementary

**#NationalPrincipalsMonth**


**Get to Know TISD Principals**

Grew up in Texas Panhandle & dreamed of one day having green grass

Is a pig farmer & started a 501c3 to help students with livestock projects

Scared of heights but loves hiking & climbing in Colorado

Is afraid of cotton balls because of their texture



**Chad Schmidt**  
Tomball Elementary

**#NationalPrincipalsMonth**

**Get to Know TISD Principals**

Graduated from high school at an American school in Great Britain

Her idea of cooking is boiling & microwaving

Daughter of an Air Force LT Col. & 34-year veteran art teacher



**Lauren Thompson**  
Timber Creek Elementary

**#NationalPrincipalsMonth**


**Get to Know TISD Principals**

Loves to travel & has been to Italy, Alaska & Germany

Enjoys spending time with family & attending her children's activities

She & her daughter volunteer with National Charity League

Serves on her church's council & on the board for the church's preschool



**Deanna Porter**  
Lakewood Elementary

**#NationalPrincipalsMonth**

**Get to Know TISD Principals**

Loves potato chips on her sandwich

Makes shirts in free time

Best vacation was horseback riding in Yellowstone

Geeks-out over meeting education gurus



**Sammy Hinson**  
Wildwood Elementary

**#NationalPrincipalsMonth**


**Get to Know TISD Principals**

Loves to snow ski

Favorite hobby is vacationing

First job was a dancing smurf at an amusement park

Favorite pastime is going to concerts



**Sherri Trammell**  
Creekside Forest Elementary

**#NationalPrincipalsMonth**


**Get to Know TISD Principals**

Was born in the Rio Grande Valley

First-generation college graduate - Go Coogs!

Loves school supplies, especially pens & crayons

Is a certified school counselor



**Gloria Vasquez**  
Rosehill Elementary

**#NationalPrincipalsMonth**

**Get to Know TISD Principals**

Loves the beach

Loves to travel

Has a foreign exchange student living with her from Tomball's sister city Telgte, Germany

Teaches English online to students in China

Has two adopted children

Traveled to France with WCES front office staff in 2017



**Teresa Sullivan**  
Willow Creek Elementary

**#NationalPrincipalsMonth**

**Get to Know TISD Principals**

Loves to play tennis

Has one Aggie daughter & one Longhorn daughter

Some former students now work in Tomball ISD



**Niesa Glenewinkel**  
Creekview Elementary

**#NationalPrincipalsMonth**

# #PRINCIPALSMONTH

**Get to Know TISD Principals**

Is an avid runner, wakeboarder, snowboarder and longboarder

Enjoys dance parties with his daughter

Enjoys reading non-fiction

His birth name is Mike, not Michael

Food is his weakness, including all Hostess products (sweet tooth)

Bucket list items include: climbing Mount Denali (Alaska), learning Spanish and learning to play the banjo



**Dr. Mike Metz**  
Tomball Memorial High School

**#NationalPrincipalsMonth**

**Get to Know TISD Principals**

Lineage runs through Scotland; ancestor was once the King of Scotland

Go Coogs! Attended both THS and University of Houston

He & his wife share the same names as his mom & dad (James & Patricia Scott)

Rides motorcycles & owns a Honda CBR



**Chris Scott**  
Tomball High School

**#NationalPrincipalsMonth**

**Get to Know TISD Principals**

Loves to travel, engage & learn about new cultures

Earned a full-ride scholarship to play college volleyball

Won a National Championship with The University of Texas Club Volleyball Team



**Kim McKinney**  
Tomball Star Academy

**#NationalPrincipalsMonth**


**Get to Know TISD Principals**

Worked Cowboys Training Camps as entry coach

Born in same city as former Cowboys' Head Coach Jimmy Johnson

Son Jacob was born on same day Troy Aikman entered Hall of Fame

Daughter Kayla was born on same day Sean Lee was drafted



**Bob Thompson**  
Connections Academy

**#NationalPrincipalsMonth**

**Get to Know TISD Principals**

Loves to travel; enjoyed a recent trip to London & Paris

Reads History for fun

Enjoys ham sandwiches and bbq chips for lunch

Loves college football

Has three daughters



**Chad Allman**  
Tomball Junior High

**#NationalPrincipalsMonth**

**Get to Know TISD Principals**

Loves all things Fall: the smells, the coffee, the colors

Blessed with twins & surprisingly twins don't run in her family

Had an amazing opportunity to study in China for part of her doctoral work

Loves to smile & looks at the world through positive eyes



**Dr. Mindy Munoz**  
Creekside Park Junior High


**#NationalPrincipalsMonth**

**Get to Know TISD Principals**

Favorite color has always been orange

Loves to freshwater fish

Enjoys driving tractors



**Bob Frost**  
Willow Wood Junior High


**#NationalPrincipalsMonth**

**Get to Know TISD Principals**

Enjoys the outdoors including baseball, hunting, fishing and grilling

Huge Houston Astros fan

Loves 80's music and Rocky movies



**Dr. George Flores**  
Oakcrest Intermediate


**#NationalPrincipalsMonth**

**Get to Know TISD Principals**

Played trombone in high school

Loves superhero movies

Favorite city is Dubai



**Samora Davis**  
Tomball Intermediate

**#NationalPrincipalsMonth**


**Get to Know TISD Principals**

Huge fan of game shows & likes to have people over to play party games

Enjoys writing creative stories

He dreams of being a talk show host

Has pulled many spontaneous practical jokes on co-workers, friends, & family



**Darrell McReynolds**  
Northpointe Intermediate

**#NationalPrincipalsMonth**





**TOMBALL ISD**  
DESTINATION EXCELLENCE

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## NOVEMBER



**1-22**

**Educational Anti-Vaping Campaign**  
[Resources + Information](#)

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**THS Cougar Pride Band State Prelims**

**5**

**THS Volleyball Bi-District Match | 6 pm**  
**vs. A&M Consolidated (at Lake Creek HS)**

**9**

**THS Cross Country State Meet**

**11**

**October Board Workshop Meeting | 5:30 pm**

**12**

**October Board Meeting | 5:30 pm**

**14**

**District Zone Open Public Forum | 5:30 pm**

**25-29**

**Thanksgiving Break**

**For the full events calendar, including fine arts and athletics,**  
[CLICK HERE.](#)

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## 2019-2020 Calendar

**First Day of School**  
August 20, 2019

**Last Day of School**  
May 28, 2020

### Staff & Student Holidays

Independence Day - July 4  
Labor Day - September 2  
Thanksgiving - November 25-29  
Winter Break - Dec. 23-Jan. 3  
Spring Break - March 9-13  
Good Friday - April 10  
Memorial Day - May 25

### Staff Development/Workdays Student Holidays

August 6-8 (New Teacher)  
August 12-16  
August 19  
October 14  
January 6-7  
January 20  
February 14, 17  
March 16  
May 29

### Early Release Days

*All Schools: Oct. 11, Dec. 20, May 28*

*High Schools Only: Dec. 19, May 27*

### Make Up Days (if needed)

February 17  
March 16  
May 29

### Reporting Periods End:

October 11  
December 20  
March 6  
May 28

JANUARY 2020						
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