

Tomball ISD

March 2021 eNewsletter



Tomball ISD: Not Just a District, a Destination

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.

Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora



Tomball ISD Cabinet



Pictured: (L-R) Dr. Steven Gutierrez, Chief Operating Officer, Dr. Amy Schindewolf, Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora, Superintendent, Jim Ross, Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Jeff McCanna, Chief of Human Talent

Tomball ISD 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.



Pictured: (Back L-R) Michael J. Pratt, Assistant Secretary John E. McStravick, President Matt Schiel, Mark Lewandowski; (Front L-R) Justin Unser, Vice President Kathy Handler, Secretary Lee McLeod

Tomball ISD Earns Top Regional Ranking (Click to Read)

Tomball ISD was named the best district in the Houston region and fifth best in Texas by Children at Risk's annual school rankings.

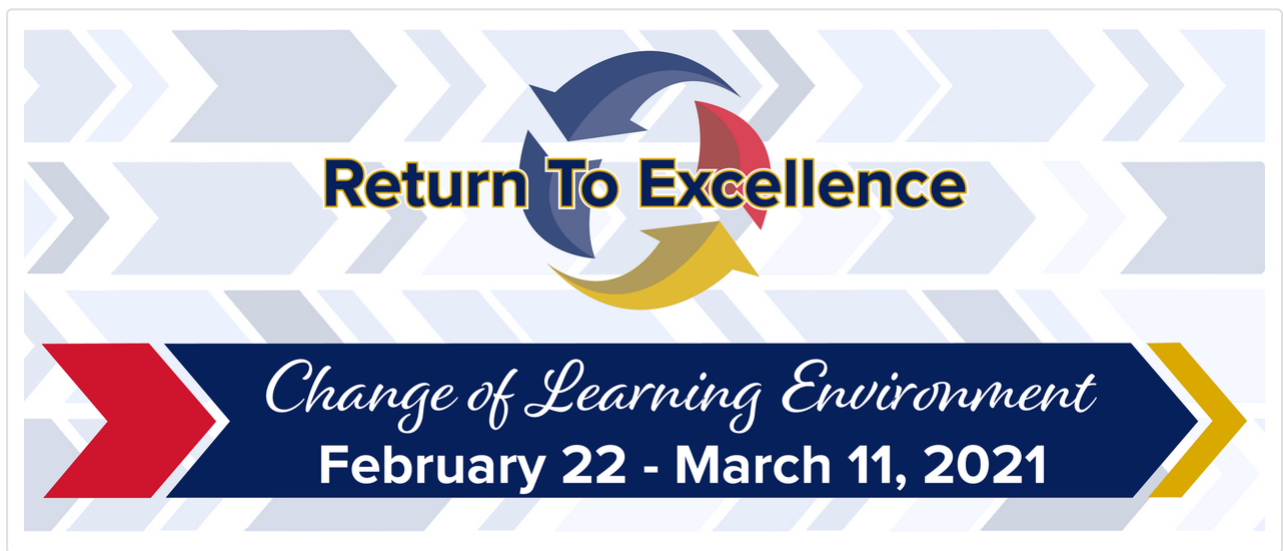


Tomball ISD was named the best district in the Houston region and fifth best in Texas by Children at Risk's annual school rankings. It knocked Katy ISD from the top local spot after four years. Creekside Forest Elementary was ranked as the second best elementary school in the region, just behind Houston ISD's T.H. Rogers School.

Tomball has been considered among the top local districts for years, said Bob Sanborn, president and CEO of the Children at Risk nonprofit. What put them over the edge this year, Sanborn said, was the ranking's new component focusing on the outcomes of lower income students of color. While Tomball serves a smaller percentage of students of color than the region as a whole — with 31 percent of its students identifying as Latino and about 5 percent as Black — Sanborn said the data shows the district has put in extra effort to make sure those students achieve.

Courtesy: Houston Chronicle

[Learn More: Change of Learning Environment Process](#)



Tomball ISD has *extended the deadline for the Change of Learning Environment window to March 11.*

All families have the opportunity to make a change to their child(ren)'s current learning environment (F2F/TVS) for the fourth and final grading period. Due to the extended window for the Change of Learning Environment, the **effective date of change** moves from Monday, March 22 to **Monday, March 29**. Any changes made will be effective from March 29 through May 27.

This process is open and will remain open through March 11. During this window, families will log in to [Home Access Center \(HAC\)](#) to make any necessary changes.

Elementary Principal of the Year

Deanna Porter - Lakewood Elementary

"I truly feel blessed to work with an amazing group of educators at Lakewood Elementary," Porter said. "Without the hard work and dedication of every staff member, this recognition would not be possible. At Lakewood, we strive to create a collaborative atmosphere, where we are not just colleagues; we are family members. We all work together to support each student and cheer them on to success."

Read more [here](#).



Secondary Principal of the Year

Dr. Mike Metz - Tomball Memorial High School

"I am so very humbled to be named the Secondary Principal of the Year," Metz said. "But to me, this is a celebration of the entire campus of TMHS. Our teaching staff is passionate about inspiring students to achieve *beyond* their potential, our front office staff believes their positions are critical in supporting the campus vision, and the admin team has gone above and beyond to champion teachers and students. It is their hard work that makes Tomball Memorial the premier high school in the state of Texas, and I am lucky to serve as the principal."

Read more [here](#).



CONNECTED

Podcast with Dr. Z



[ConnectED: Tomball Star Acade...](#)

podcasts.apple.com

Tomball Star Academy, Tomball ISD's early college high school, is in year four and will look to graduate its first-ever class in May 2021. Former Principal Kim McKinney and current Principal Dr. Kelly Marchiando joined Dr. Z to discuss how TSA has evolved, its success, and why students are benefitin...



[ConnectED: Two-Way Dual Lang...](#)

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Tomball ISD serves as a premier district of choice expanding student opportunities to develop a bilingual and biliterate foundation in elementary school through its Two-Way Dual Language program. Rosehill Elementary Assistant Principal Paloma Moreno and Director of Multilingual Programs Jessica Pere...



[ConnectED: TVS Teachers Discu...](#)

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Tomball ISD teachers Sarah Broughton (OIS) and Gabby Avellaneda (TCES) joined Dr. Z on ConnectED to discuss what it's been like as educators teaching in a virtual environment, all while remaining actively engaged and upbeat during these challenging times in education.



Tomball ISD Teachers Named PAEMST Finalists

Tomball ISD teachers Desirae Harcrow and Kelli Abueita have been named 2020 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) Texas State finalists.

Read more [here](#).



SMART Tag System

Tomball ISD is excited to have begun the district-wide implementation of the use of the SMART Tag system, which will help increase safety and security for students riding on a school bus, leveraging technology to improve student management and communications on school buses.

Read more + Register [here](#).

Spelling Bee Winner - Ishika Varipilli

Congratulations to Ishika Varipilli from Creekside Forest Elementary on winning the TISD Spelling Bee. After 10 rounds, she correctly spelled 'disparate'.



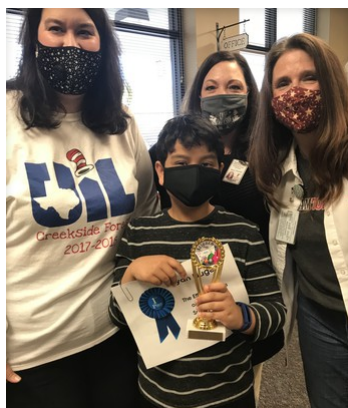
Bilingual Spelling Bee Winner - Linda Farias

Congratulations to Linda Farias from Tomball Intermediate School on winning the TISD Bilingual Spelling Bee. An impressive 74 rounds later, she correctly spelled 'maleable'.



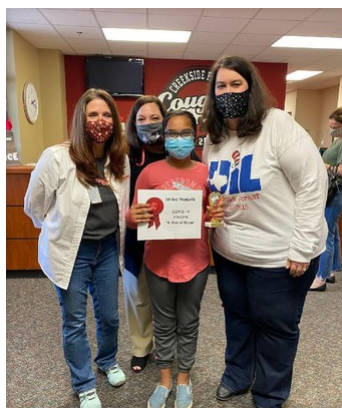
Science Fair Results (Click Here)

Top students from each campus across Tomball ISD participated in the District's annual Science Fair in January.



Ryan Nugent -
1st Place
(Elementary)

Creekside Forest Elementary
Effect of Mass on Beyblade
Spinning Time



Ishika Varipilli -
2nd Place
(Elementary)

Creekside Forest Elementary
COVID-19 Vaccine "A Shot of
Hope"



Audrey Wallace
- 3rd Place
(Elementary)

Wildwood Elementary
Which Brand of Yeast Shows
the Most Growth in Ten
Minutes



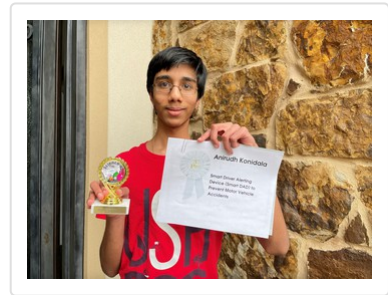
Eshan Jolly - 1st Place (Secondary)

Creekside Park Junior High
MediLinked: A Smartphone Application to Improve Medication Adherence by Creating an Emotional Connection



Alana Lee - 2nd Place (Secondary)

Tomball High School
Will There Be a Loss of Moisture in Cattle Feed Samples of a Period of Time?



Anirudh Konidala - 3rd Place (Secondary)

Tomball Memorial High School
Smart Driver Alerting Device (Smart DAD) to Prevent Motor Vehicle Accidents

45th Annual FFA Project Show Results ([Click Here](#))

Tomball ISD FFA students from Tomball High School and Tomball Memorial High School showcased their hard work and commitment to the FFA program by participating in the 45th Annual FFA Project Show in January.



Lamb Winners

Grand Champion: Shelby Cones (THS)

Reserve Champion: Shannah Johnson (THS)



Swine Winners

Grand Champion: Simon Nicklas (THS)

Reserve Champion: Reese Lee (THS)



Rabbit Winners

Grand Champion: Lauren Buchanan (TMHS)

Reserve Champion: Grace Williams (TMHS)



Grand Champion Broiler

Alana Lee (THS)



Reserve Champion Broiler

Braden Tobola (THS)



Grand Champion Turkey

Lauren Schindewolf (THS)



Reserve Champion Turkey

Reese Jones (TMHS)



Grand Champion Steer

Lauren Schindewolf (THS)



Reserve Champion Steer

McKenzie Barrington (THS)



Goat Winners

Grand Champion Goat: Anna
Reed (THS)

Reserve Grand Champion Goat:
Ellena Bruhn (THS)

[Bond 2017 Updates \(Click Here\)](#)



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DESTINATION EXCELLENCE

MAKE **\$17.70** AN
HOUR DOING
WHAT MOST
PARENTS DO FOR
FREE.

TRAINING PROVIDED + BENEFITS



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**APPLY NOW & JOIN
THE CUSTODIAL TEAM**

#TISDCustodian

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Nominate a Tomball ISD Alumnus or Alumna Today!

Tomball ISD is very excited to be able to recognize our accomplished Alumni throughout the years. We encourage you to nominate yourself or a graduate of a TISD high school.


TOMBALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

ALUMNI

Spotlight

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JULY 2020 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	 2020-2021 Calendar First Day of School September 8, 2020 Last Day of School May 27, 2021 Staff & Student Holidays Independence Day - July 3 Labor Day - September 7 Thanksgiving - November 23-27 Winter Break - Dec. 21-Jan. 1 Spring Break - March 15-19 Good Friday - April 2 Memorial Day - May 31 Staff Development/Workdays Student Holidays August 4-6 (New Teacher) August 11-31 September 1-4 November 3 (Election Day) January 4-5 January 18 February 15 May 28 Instructional Days Fall Semester: 68 Spring Semester: 94 Make Up Days (if needed) June 1-4 Reporting Periods End October 23 December 18 March 12 May 27	JANUARY 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
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**Return To
Excellence**



BACK-TO-BACK



**2018-19
2017-18**

*new A-F rating system

**HIGHEST RATED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

REPUTATION OF EXCELLENCE

INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATIONS

OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

HIGHLY RATED

SMALLER SCHOOL COMMUNITY

A DESTINATION

ENGAGED FAMILIES

DISTRICT OF INNOVATION

STATE-OF-THE-ART STADIUM COMING SOON

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