

Tomball ISD

September 2020 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) President Michael J. Pratt, John E. McStravick, Vice President Matt Schiel, Mark Lewandowski; (Front L-R) Justin Unser, Assistant Secretary Kathy Handler, Secretary Lee McLeod

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Reopening 2020



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Tomball ISD is looking forward to the start of the 2020-2021 school year and welcoming back our students safely to schools. Dr. Z is joined by Chief Operating Officer Dr. Steven Gutierrez and Director of Health Services Cathy Pool as they discuss Tomball ISD's Return to Excellence plan and remind fa...

Return To Excellence

First Day of School
September 8, 2020

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DESTINATION EXCELLENCE



schoolology®

Schoolology (pronounced: *Skool'uh-jee*) is our first ever learning management system in Tomball ISD which offers a platform for organization, collaboration, communication,

discussion boards, multimedia lessons, as well as a place to submit assignments and allows for easy teacher feedback/grading.

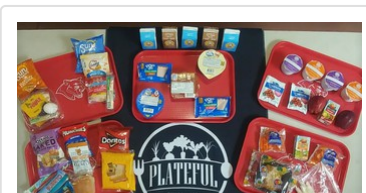
Prior to the first day of school, students will be provided instructions on how to gain access to their Courses, and will spend the first week of school learning how to navigate Schoology with teacher assistance.

To begin learning about how Schoology works, visit our [Schoology webpage](#).

Behind the Scenes Feature: Child Nutrition



Child Nutrition Goes Above & Beyond to Support Families in a Time of Need



In an unprecedented time where unknowns circulated the daily life of our Tomball community, one shared experience brought hope to those who needed it the most.

For Tomball ISD's Child Nutrition Department, the experience grew into much more than just providing meals for families but rather sharing in the efforts to fully support their needs throughout the hard times this community has faced since March.

"It's our job to adapt to any learning landscape and continue to support the nutritional needs of our students to fulfill our mission," Director of Child Nutrition Whitney Johnson said.

"It is the mission of the Tomball ISD Child Nutrition Department to nutritionally nurture the process of producing lifelong learners who successfully compete in a changing global society. We strive to achieve this mission by providing nutritionally sound meal choices, attractively served in a pleasant environment by professionally trained staff members."

Since March, Child Nutrition made it their mission to support Tomball ISD families by offering a free weekly curbside meal service. The free service allowed families the opportunity to visit THS, pick up meals for the week, all of which were free of charge.

As this service was being implemented, the expectations and longevity were unknown. However, as each week continued to show the need to support the families of TISD, the heroic efforts of these staff members created a sense of belonging and teamwork within the community.

Dedicated to their mission, this inspiring group set out the week after Spring Break and served meals to families for 14 consecutive weeks. Despite battling the hot Texas temperatures and their own COVID-related challenges, this shared experience truly brought out the best in the Tomball staff and community.

"As we all know, this time in history is like no other," Johnson said. "Many families of our community suffered hardships never seen before. Providing free meals was a way to ease the worry of stretching family finances."

Over the 14 weeks, 323,934 free student meals were served to families across Tomball ISD and contributions from staff members across several different departments truly made it a one-of-a-kind experience that resonated with many across the community.

"I enjoyed being able to give all the families the meals for the students in need, and also everyone enjoyed the work environment," TMHS Child Nutrition staff member Beatriz Abeja said. "I really enjoyed being a part of a staff who helps all the families in need."

It was a Team Tomball effort that will never be forgotten. It was an example of how a group of motivated individuals can set out on a mission and truly impact the lives of so many.

"There were many positives while serving our community," Johnson said. "The best part was seeing our families during these uncertain times. Sharing a smile (through the mask) or an

encouraging word made any anxious moments subside. We were all a bit apprehensive at first with the unknowns of COVID-19. This new found mission of serving our community allowed for a place to channel all our nervous energy during the early days. This opportunity was not only beneficial to our families, but also had many rewarding moments for our staff and brought Team Tomball even closer together.”



Curbside Communities

Tuesday's & Thursday's

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Meals Charged by Eligibility (Free, Reduced, Paid)
Tuesday: (2) Breakfasts & (2) Lunches • Thursday: (3) Breakfasts & (3) Lunches



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TSA may visit their closest Curbside Community

Curbside Meal Communities begin Sept. 8 for TVS Students

Tomball ISD will offer meals for Tomball Virtual School students on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at four different locations, beginning Sept. 8.

Each campus is assigned to a Curbside Community and families are asked to visit the Community that relates to their child's home campus. Meals are offered/charged based on your student's meal eligibility, Free, Reduced, or Paid.

Tuesday's meal pick up will include 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches. Thursday's meal pick-up will include 3 breakfasts and 3 lunches.

More more information, visit the [Child Nutrition Curbside Communities page](#).

Tomball ISD Celebrates Opening of GOES, Ag Science Project Center with Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies



As the 2020-2021 school year approaches, Tomball ISD celebrated the opening of two new facilities within the district with a ceremonial Ribbon Cutting event, highlighting the

completion of Grand Oaks Elementary and the Tomball High School Ag Science Project Center.

Tomball ISD voters approved a \$275 million bond referendum, known as Bond 2017, and both of these facilities were among the projects included in this bond package.

“We are extremely blessed to have a community that shares such passion for education and understands the importance of investing in our future growth as a District,” Superintendent of Schools Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora said.

Emphasized at each Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was the overwhelming support by the Tomball community with representatives from LAN, Gilbane Construction, VLK, PBK and Sterling Structures as well as the Tomball ISD Board of Trustees, Executive Team, City of Tomball, Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce and staff from GOES and THS.

“Opening a new facility is always a rewarding experience for everyone involved and I would be remiss if I didn’t applaud everyone in attendance for your efforts in making today a historic and memorable day for our District,” School Board President Michael J. Pratt said.

Major Bond 2017 projects still under construction include the District Stadium/Community Center, Grand Lakes Junior High School, renovations to Tomball Memorial High School and Tomball Intermediate as well as the new aquatic center at TMHS.

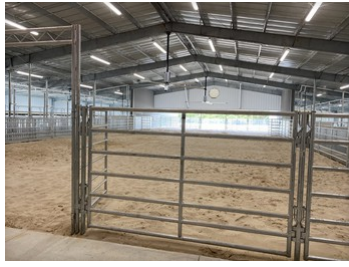
[Click here for more information on Bond 2017 projects.](#)



Grand Oaks Elementary is the 11th elementary school in Tomball ISD and 21st overall campus. Located within the Elmer and Dorothy Beckendorf Educational Complex, GOES sits on the corner of Grand Parkways/Hwy. 99 and Cypress-Rosehill Road.

GOES will serve students from Pre-K through 4th grade and is led by 2019-2020 Elementary Principal of the Year, Niesa Glenewinkel, formally at Creekview Elementary.

“We aim at providing the highest quality teaching and learning environment for our students and staff and this facility is a bold reflection of that commitment,” Salazar-Zamora said.



Tomball High School Ag Science Project Center is a new staple in the community that will provide a home for the Career & Technical Education students who are pursuing agricultural education as part of their overall educational experience in Tomball ISD.

“This is a state-of-the-art facility that was made possible by the overwhelming support of Bond 2017 by our community. It is always our goal to provide the best experiences we can offer for our students in a high-quality learning environment and this facility is just another example of that here in Tomball ISD,” Salazar-Zamora said.

The Ag Science Project Center is designed with classrooms for high-quality learning as well as provides accommodations for students’ livestock animals in preparation for the TISD FFA Project Show.

“Our FFA Project Show is one of the largest attended events in Tomball ISD each year, drawing support from local businesses, community stakeholders and alumni. It ultimately brings our community together to celebrate the hard work of our agricultural students each year and we are thankful we are able to provide another valuable resource for our students to pursue a passion in agriculture,” Pratt said.



Dr. Mindy Munoz Named Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools

Tomball ISD has named Dr. Mindy Munoz, Creekside Park Junior High Principal, its new Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools.

Read more [here](#).



LAN Donates \$3,000 to Tomball Education Foundation

Thank you to Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc. (LAN) Consulting Firm for your continued support of Tomball ISD through our Bond 2017 projects and providing a \$3,000 donation to the Tomball Education Foundation.



New School Hours for 2020-2021

Tomball ISD announced changes to its 2020-2021 school calendar and with that, school hours were adjusted to accommodate those changes.

[Click here](#) for new start and end times for each school.



TISD Partners with Axiom Medical to Provide Support for District Staff

Many safety protocols and guidelines have already been put in place to help ensure the health and safety of Tomball ISD employees at all of its facilities for the 2020-2021 school year but partnering with Axiom Medical will add an extra layer of support during these uncertain times.

Read More [here](#).



Dr. George Flores Named School Support Officer for Secondary Schools

Tomball ISD has named Dr. George Flores, Principal of Oakcrest Intermediate, its new School Support Office for Secondary Schools.

Read More [here](#).



John Vaglienty Named New Creekside Park Junior High Principal

John Vaglienty, Associate Principal of Tomball High School, has been named the new Principal at Creekside Park Junior High.

Read More [here](#).



OIS Named a Model PLC School

Oakcrest Intermediate School becomes the fourth Tomball ISD campus to be recognized by Solution Tree as a Model PLC School for their sustained success in raising student achievement.

Read More [here](#).



Zack Boles Promoted to Assistant Superintendent of Finance

Zack Boles, Director of Finance, has been promoted to Assistant Superintendent of Finance. He has served Tomball ISD for 10 years in several different roles within the Finance department.

Read More [here](#).



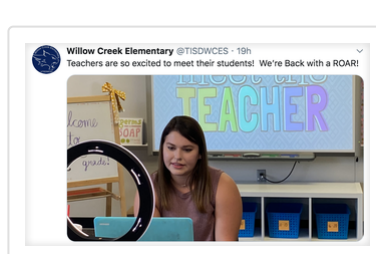
TISD Recognizes District Staff with Service Pins

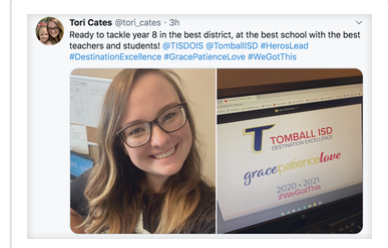
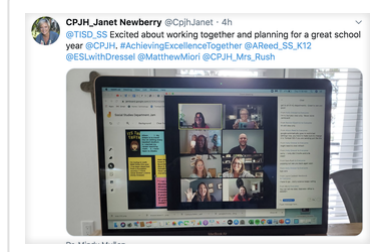
Tomball ISD recently welcomed back its staff and recognized Central Office employees who earned their 5-year, 10-year, 15-year and 35-year service pin awards.

Read More [here](#).

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BACK-TO-BACK



2018-19
2017-18

*new A-F rating system

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SCHOOL DISTRICT**

REPUTATION OF EXCELLENCE

INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATIONS

OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

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