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Superintendent's Message



Let our light shine!

We are so privileged to work and live in Pearland. As Texans, we love our state and are rightfully proud of all it stands for. Furthermore, various publications have listed Pearland as among the top cities in all of Texas as measured by low crime, affordable housing, location and good schools. (See <http://nerd.me/1dKvjJL> or <http://bit.ly/1IHxllj>.)

So in 2015, we start from a high place. People move here because of our community and our schools. Teachers flock to us from surrounding communities, giving us the opportunity to hire and retain the best.

Houston was recently declared the most diverse major city in the U.S. Pearland is even more diverse. We are the changing face of America -- and growing by leaps and bounds. More than 100,000 people call Pearland home, and more are on the way.

We cannot take for granted the blessings bestowed on us here, nor should we cease from striving to better educate and firmly establish the youth of our community. We can be a "shining city on a hill."

Yes, it's true our students achieved unprecedented success as measured by various academic, fine arts and athletic metrics in 2014-15. Here and far away, people are paying attention. Let's build on that foundation. As educators, we know achievements are directly proportional to the efforts of diligent parents and community members who encourage and expect sustained effort, rigor and self-discipline from our children. That "grit" is increasingly rare in modern America, where personal responsibility is neglected and instant gratification demanded.

I pray for God's continued blessings here in Pearland. United in faith and action, we can create a better life for more than 20,000 children. What an honor!

John P. Kelly, Ph.D.

Pictured on the cover are (clockwise, from top left) Alexander Middle School Texas Bluebonnet Banquet winners; Carlestone Elementary's Alistair Heald; and Pearland Junior High West's Abigail Furr, Vivian Luo and Caleb Kimble.

In the Spotlight

District recognizes top educators, principals

Teachers and principals recently took the spotlight for their outstanding contributions to the classroom and campus.

Teacher of the Year winners were Tammy Norman (Rogers Middle School) and Melissa Ward (Dawson High School).

Jennifer Nguyen (Silverlake Elementary) and Rebecca Rolater (Berry Miller Junior High) won the Glenda Dawson First-Year Teacher Award.

This year's Principal of the Year winners were Sharon Bradley (Jamison Middle School) and Dr. Jennifer Morrow (Turner College and Career High School).



Top (from left): Jennifer Nguyen and Rebecca Rolater
Bottom (from left): Sharon Bradley and Dr. Jennifer Morrow

Melissa Ward

Service in Pearland ISD: 7 years

Teaches: 10th-grade English at Dawson High School

Interesting fact: Coaches girls' cross country and organizes an annual "Biggest Loser" competition for DHS faculty and staff

Known for:

Attending her students' games, performances and fundraisers

Quote: "My goal is to inspire kids to be the best they can be no matter how slight -- or great -- their given ability."



Tammy Norman

Service in Pearland ISD: 3 years

Teaches: Sixth-grade advanced science at Rogers Middle School



What students say about her: "She could make the history of yarn seem worth reading and learning about."

Known for: Creating lessons with suspenseful titles

Quote: "Embracing all children despite their history and encouraging them to be better than they were the day before is my ultimate goal."

Gant, Murphy take oath of office



Sean Murphy (far right) takes the oath of office for the board of trustees May 19. Murphy has served on the Pearland ISD Education Foundation Board of Directors since 2013. Veteran trustee Virgil Gant (middle) was re-elected for his sixth non-consecutive term.



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"In Pearland, we play to win" **Berger wins statewide H-E-B principal award**

When H-E-B announced its Excellence in Education secondary principal award winner, Pearlland High School's Larry Berger was the last man standing.

Berger's state award marks the first-ever H-E-B Excellence in Education Award for Pearland ISD.

As the winner, he receives a personal award of \$10,000 plus an additional \$25,000 for his campus.

Although not a fan of the spotlight, Berger has also won Pearland ISD's Secondary Principal of the Year Award twice for his outstanding leadership, character and commitment.

Berger has served as PHS's principal since 2009, leading with the motto "do what's right and do it all the time."

He sets the example for students and staff, considering no task beneath him -- including mopping floors or moving desks before the first day of the new school year.

After accepting the statewide H-E-B award, Berger -- in typical Berger fashion -- directed the attention back to his students and staff.

"I'm not deserving, but my school is. I feel like I'm representing Oiler Nation and Oiler pride, and I couldn't be more excited," he said.

Then he smiled and added, "In Pearland, we play to win."

District focuses on social media safety

When it comes to social media safety, Pearland ISD plans for the momentum to continue.

Thanks to the success of the "Social Media . . . THINK" initiative launched this spring, the district is planning more social media parent nights for 2015-16 -- addressing issues such as getting ready for college using social media.

Through direction from the board of trustees, Pearland ISD launched the social media safety initiative this spring to encourage students to examine their social media use and parents to have candid conversations about social media with their kids.

The initiative includes an Internet safety page on the district website, classroom lessons, educational booklets sent home with students, a campaign on the district's Facebook and Twitter pages and the first of many Social Media Parent Night events.



Social Media Parent Nights

Mark your calendar for these upcoming parents nights for 2015-16:*

- Tuesday, Oct. 6
- Tuesday, Nov. 17
- Thursday, Jan. 14
- Thursday, April 21

**Check the district website and Facebook/Twitter for updates about topics to be covered.*

Since social media misuse impacts students worldwide, the district wants to be proactive in helping students make wise choices with technology now to support their future dreams.

Tweets to Students:



What digital footprint are you leaving with your profile image/language? Your online reputation stays with you forever.



With cyberbullies, remember 3 things: 1. Ignore mean/threatening messages. 2. Block the sender. 3. Tell a trusted adult for help reporting.

Familiar Faces

Pearland ISD administrators are moving up to new positions this fall. The district is pleased to announce these new appointments:

Pam Wilson, executive director of Special Programs

What you should know: Wilson originally pursued careers in human resources and finances but fell in love with the classroom as a substitute teacher. She has served as a teacher, instructional technology specialist, assistant principal, principal and interim Special Programs executive director. She holds a master's degree in education.



Kelly Holt, Dawson High School principal

What you should know: Holt began her educational career as a high school chemistry teacher. She has served as associate principal of DHS since it opened in 2007 and interim principal since this January. She holds a master's degree in instructional technology.



Dana Miles, Pearland Junior High West principal

What you should know: Miles is a Desert Storm Army veteran with a passion for educational leadership and commitment to a growth mindset for herself, students and staff. She has five years' experience as a principal and is currently pursuing her doctorate.



La'Kesha Vaughn, Rogers Middle School principal

What you should know: Vaughn caught the education bug from her mother and grandmother. She has served as an assistant principal and principal in Pearland ISD for the last 10 years and is currently pursuing a doctorate in educational leadership.



Shayla McGrew, Silverlake Elementary principal

What you should know: Holding a master's degree in educational leadership, McGrew has served as an assistant principal in Pearland ISD for the last nine years. She pursued a career in education because of her passion to serve and impact the future.



Kathy Behrendsen, Cockrell Elementary principal (not pictured)

What you should know: Since first grade, Behrendsen knew she wanted to pursue a career in education. She has served as a teacher, librarian, instructional technology specialist and assistant principal. She holds a master's degree in educational management.

After-school achievement

Sablatura wins CASE Site of the Year



During the CASE for Kids end-of-year celebration in May, Sablatura Middle School was named the Outstanding Site of the Year for its 21st-Century Community Learning Center. Since 2011, Sablatura has offered this after-school program thanks to a grant through the Harris County Department of Education/Cooperative for After-School Enrichment.

STAAR

Campuses continue trend of above-average STAAR scores

Based on preliminary test scores once again above state average, Pearland ISD looks forward to the release of official Texas Education Agency district and campus accountability ratings on Aug. 7.

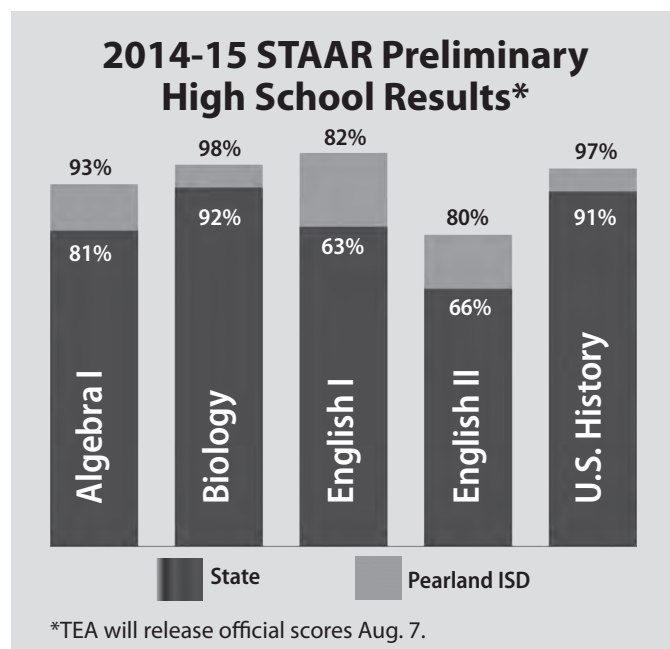
Unofficial State of Texas Assessments of

Academic Readiness (STAAR) scores show Pearland ISD students scoring 6-19 percent higher than their peers statewide -- from elementary grades through high school.

While state passing rates dipped as low as 63 percent, Pearland ISD held strong with passing rates between 80-98 percent.

STAAR math results for grades 3-8 are not available yet. Because of new state math curriculum, passing standards are still being set for revised math tests in these grades.

Although parents received information about how many questions their child answered correctly on the math test, they will receive an updated report this fall telling whether their child passed the test as well as how he or she did on each group of math skills.



Campus News

Serving with a smile

It's not just about learning facts and figures. It's also about learning to be good citizens. Students showed their heart to help others during numerous service opportunities this spring.



the school to raise more than \$18,200 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Tennis shoe tenacity

During their annual spring fundraiser walk, Silvercrest Elementary students walked approximately 70 laps outside

Service fair

As part of the district's Grit Initiative, Rogers Middle School students created service projects to benefit people, pets or the environment.

Michael Hesse (pictured) helped raise money to supply bed nets to prevent malaria in African countries.



Disaster relief

Pearland Junior High West's Eric Li was named one of only 10 national honorees

for the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. Li has spearheaded efforts to help victims of earthquakes and other natural disasters. With his sisters, he founded the nonprofit organization We Care Act, which has collected nearly \$200,000 to help children worldwide.

Career, technical education students don't horse around with success

CTE students stood out this spring with a head start on their future and career-ready skills in everything from finance to veterinary science to technology.

Dual Degrees

In an Alvin Community College honors ceremony this spring, 33 Turner College and Career High School students received their dual degrees -- earning their associate's degree before accepting their high school diplomas.

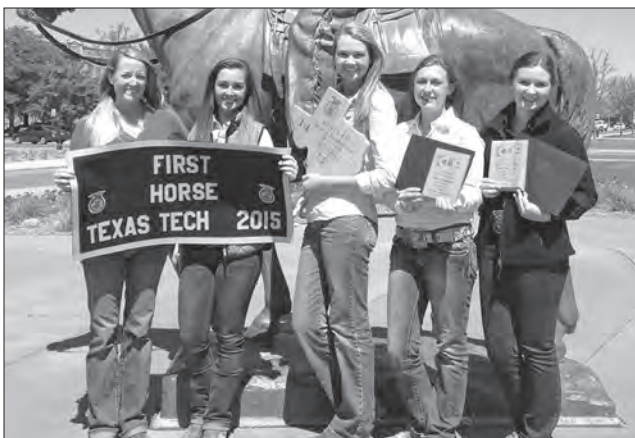
TCCHS has merged the concept of early college credit at a 90 percent savings and career and technical programs where students earn certification and industry exposure through internships and practicums.

Horse Judging Champions

A TCCHS team claimed the Pearland FFA's first-ever state title this April.

Competing against 72 other teams, Rachel Golla, Jessica Harper, Andrea Skweres and Evann Wehman claimed the State Horse Judging Career Development Event championship.

The teammates had to evaluate four horses in eight classes, ranking them on criteria such as overall appearance, breed characteristics and athletic ability,



Turner College and Career High School boasted the FFA state championship horse judging team.



Left: Turner College and Career High School celebrated 33 dual degree graduates in May.

in addition to answering questions from the judges.

The faculty sponsor was TCCHS vet science teacher Jessica Koetting.

DECA Dynamos

At the DECA International Career Development Conference, Dawson High School's Ashish Dave placed among the top 10 students worldwide in Principles of Finance and won a gold medal for top role play in Financial Analysis.

DHS's Karun Salvady and Pearland High School's Travis Wiggins and Haley Williams also competed at the international conference, which drew more than 17,000 students this year.

In addition, PHS student Kassidy Simmons attended AT&T's Aspire Leadership Training Academy.

DECA coaches included Jill Hoff, Ron Meekes and Andrea Gobert.

Auto Achievement

PHS's Deion Harrison showed off his auto expertise to place first in power equipment technology at the state SkillsUSA competition and advance to the national meet this summer.

His teachers were John Larson and Steve Hall.



Dawson and Pearland high school students competed at the DECA international conference.

TSA Competition

Two TCCHS students won top spots at the Technology Student Association state conference this April.

Competing in 13 events, TCCHS students ranked among the highest competitors in eight contests.

State winners included Andrea Garza Elizondo and Dexter Spenik. Their first-place entries ranged from a computer-manipulated scanned image and safety poster to a model of a mechanical device/system and original student 3D design.

Their sponsor was Daniel Ruley.

Duke TIP

Six students earn Duke TIP grand recognition

Six Pearland ISD students achieved the top honor -- grand recognition -- in the 2014-15 Duke University Talent Identification Program.

These honorees include Berry Miller Junior High's Richard Hong, Daniel Ling and Ethan Martin and Pearland Junior High West's Charlotte Harrington, Siddharth Krishnakumar and Jessica Williams.

Duke TIP-identified seventh-graders often enroll in advanced or honors courses, pursue independent

study, advance to the next grade level in strong subject areas or participate in accelerated or summer enrichment programs.

The program provides students with a comparative results summary to help interpret their scores, as well as college admission resources and publications about advanced academic opportunities.

BACK to school August 24

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returning student registration

Annual online registration opens July 20

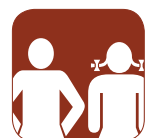
Beginning July 20, parents may log onto Skyward to register returning students for 2015-16. After completing online registration, you may pick up your child's teacher assignment/

class schedule at his or her zoned campus during registration dates and times indicated at bottom.

Students will register for their zoned campus only, unless they received an approved transfer application. Returning transfer students must have an approved transfer application each year they wish to attend the non-zoned school.

Returning student but no Skyward login info?

1. Visit www.pearlandisd.org.
2. Click on the Skyward Family and Student Access link in the left-hand sidebar.
3. Click the "New/Returning and Need Family Access" link to complete form. You will receive your login by e-mail.
4. For additional help, call the Technology Department at 832.736.6966.



new student enrollment

Students new to Pearland ISD have two choices:

1. **New Student Online Enrollment (NSOE):** Beginning now, register using the NSOE option. Instructions can be found on the Back to School webpage (www.pearlandisd.org » Information » Back To School Information). Parent completes online forms and submits application. Then parent provides necessary documentation to zoned campus.
2. **Paper Enrollment:** Parent goes to zoned campus at designated new student enrollment times (see columns below) to complete all forms and supply necessary documentation. At the high school level, contact the campus registrar to set up a new student enrollment time.



transportation

Pearland ISD provides free bus service to students who live two or more miles from their zoned campus. Students living less than two miles from their campus may receive transportation through the Transportation Fee Program.

Sign up for bus service via annual online registration beginning July 20.

For questions, contact Transportation at 281.485.3562.

Bus fees for 2015-16 school year:

- \$640/year for 1 child in home
- \$740/year for 2 children in home
- \$840/year for 3+ children in home

The district reduces fees for students qualifying for free and reduced-price lunches. Fees may be mailed to or dropped off at the Transportation Department (fees may be divided into 10 equal payments). For proper credit, write your child's name on the check.

registration/ enrollment dates

Elementary

Aug. 3-6, 8-11 am & 1-3 pm: New student enrollment

Aug. 4, 5-7 pm: Late night enrollment (new students)

Aug. 18, 6-7 pm: Kindergarten orientation

Aug. 19-20*, 3-7 pm: Pick up teacher assignment

Middle School/Junior High

Aug. 10-14, 8 am - 2 pm: New student enrollment

Aug. 13*, 8 am - 6 pm: Middle school schedule pick-up

Aug. 14*, 8 am - 6 pm: Junior high schedule pick-up

Dawson High School

Aug. 4*, 1-6 pm: Registration at campus

Aug. 5*, 9 am - 1 pm: Registration at campus

Aug. 6*, 6:30-8:30 pm: Flight School (9th-graders)

Contact Registrar: New student enrollment

Pearland High School

Aug. 11, 12-3 pm: Fish Camp and New Student (last name starting with A-L)

Aug. 11, 3-6 pm: Fish Camp and New Student (last name starting with M-Z)

Aug. 12*, 9 am - 1 pm: Registration at campus (seniors only)

Aug. 12*, 1-6 pm: Registration at campus (sophomores and juniors)

Contact Registrar: New student enrollment



campus hours

Pre-Kindergarten

8-11 a.m. & 12-3 p.m.

Elementary Schools (K-4)

8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Middle Schools (Grades 5-6)

8:40 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Junior High (Grades 7-8)

8:40 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

High Schools

7:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

PACE Center

8:15 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.



school closings

If classes are cancelled or delayed because of severe weather or other conditions, parents will be notified through these communication avenues:

- Automated phone notification system
- District website
- Text messages (parents must have their cell number listed in the cellular field in Skyward)
- Facebook
- Twitter
- TV/radio stations

Announcements will not be made when schools are open with regularly-scheduled hours.

The decision to close schools or change start or dismissal times is made by the superintendent.



food service

Breakfast and lunch are provided at all schools, with free and reduced-price meals available for families who qualify.

Beginning Aug. 1, apply online by clicking on the "Free & Reduced Lunch" button on www.pearlandisd.org.

Log onto www.parentonline.net to monitor and/or make payments to student meal accounts. You may register your child using his or her six-digit ID number.

If you do not have computer access, you may obtain a paper copy of the free and reduced application from the Food Service office (1928 N. Main) or by phone at 281.412.1244. Computers are also available at this location.

2015-16 Cafeteria Fees:

	Breakfast	Lunch
Elementary school	\$1.35	\$2.50
Middle school	\$1.35	\$2.75
Junior high/high school	\$1.35	\$3.00
Adult	\$1.75	\$3.50
Reduced-price program	\$0.30	\$0.40

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Education Support Center - 281.485.3203
Dr. John Kelly, Superintendent

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

Carleston Elementary - 281.412.1412
Dr. Faviola Cantu, Principal

Challenger Elementary - 281.485.7912
Lisa Nelson, Principal

Cockrell Elementary - 832.736.6600
Kathy Behrendsen, Principal

C.J. Harris Elementary - 281.485.4024
Brenda Keimig, Principal

Lawhon Elementary - 281.412.1445
Michelle Pourchot, Principal

Magnolia Elementary - 281.727.1750
Sharon Gifford, Principal

Massey Ranch Elementary - 281.727.1700
Heather Block, Principal

Rustic Oak Elementary - 281.482.5400
Beth West, Principal

Shadycrest Elementary - 281.412.1404
Michelle Kiefer, Principal

Silvercrest Elementary - 832.736.6000
Lori Campbell, Principal

Silverlake Elementary - 713.436.8000
Shayla McGrew, Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOLS:

Alexander Middle School - 832.736.6700
Dr. Jimmy Nowell, Principal

Jamison Middle School - 281.412.1440
Sharon Bradley, Principal

Rogers Middle School - 832.736.6400
La'Kesha Vaughn, Principal

Sablatura Middle School - 281.412.1500
Verna Tipton, Principal

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS:

Berry Miller Junior High - 281.997.3900
Kim Brooks, Principal

Pearland Junior High East - 281.485.2481
Dr. Annette Chambliss, Principal

Pearland Junior High South - 281.727.1500
Jason Frerking, Principal

Pearland Junior High West - 281.412.1222
Dana Miles, Principal

HIGH SCHOOLS:

Dawson High School - 281.412.8800
Kelly Holt, Principal

Pearland High School - 281.997.7445
Larry Berger, Principal

Turner College & Career High School - 281.727.1600
Dr. Jennifer Morrow, Principal

PACE Center - 281.412.1599
John Palombo, Principal

Turner CCHS

Aug. 10*, 7 am - 1 pm & 3-6 pm: Registration at campus

Aug. 12*, 9 am - 1 pm: Cat Camp (9th-graders and new students)

Contact Registrar: New student enrollment

PACE Center

Aug. 4*, 1-5 pm: Registration and new student enrollment at campus

Aug. 5*, 9 am - 1 pm: Registration and new student enrollment at campus

**Please check www.pearlandisd.org
or call the campus for updates.**

***Note:** Computers for registration will be available on these dates for parents without Internet access.

Krishnakumar creates buzz at Scripps Bee



Photo courtesy of Mark Bowen/Scripps National Spelling Bee

For the first time ever, Pearland ISD boasted a finalist in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, which drew 285 contestants this year and was televised live on ESPN.

After blazing through preliminary and semifinal rounds, Pearland Junior High West's Siddharth Krishnakumar boasted one of the highest scores going

into the finalist round, thanks to his vocabulary test scores and perfect spelling record.

As one of 10 spellers in the finalist round, Krishnakumar correctly spelled "Albumblatt" and "réclame" to tie for fourth place nationally.

Since he still qualifies to compete next year, he plans to make another beeline for Scripps in 2016.



PHS Academic Decathlon teammates examine their national scores.

PHS Academic Decathlon ranks No. 2 in nation

This spring, the Pearland High School Academic Decathlon team claimed its biggest victory yet: No. 2 in the nation.

Although a charter public school claimed the championship, the frequent PHS national contender ranked No. 1 nationwide among all open-enrollment public schools.

In addition, decathlete Zachary Watson set a state record with 8,755 points -- the highest score for any varsity-level student in Texas Academic Decathlon history.

Other teammates included Ethan Arnold, Jimmy Thai and SaraBeth Matthews in the honors division; Micah Gautney, Garret Mattila and Samuel Holmes in the scholastic division; and Dakota Dock and Savannah Segura in the varsity division.

Coaching the team were Robert Layne, Corey Cogswell and Scott Crossno.

"We are extremely proud of the effort these students exhibited over the past nine months to achieve such a high level of success. Nine students came together as a team and accomplished the goals they had established last May -- it's very rewarding for all of us when we see that happen."

-- Robert Layne, head coach

Students put artistic talent on display

Competitions and exhibits in music, drama, art gave Pearland ISD students a chance to showcase their talents this spring.



Lawhon Elementary students featured their work in the Bugs and Butterflies art exhibit at the Houston Museum of Natural Science Cockrell Butterfly Center February through April.

Encore, Encore

After winning the state championship in 2014, Dawson High School's one-act play team got its encore this May.

With its performance of "The White Snake," the troupe advanced to state once again, placing second in the University Interscholastic League 6A One-Act Play State Meet.

In addition, the team received several individual awards, including "Best Actress" for Anh-Mai Kearney and "Honorable Mention All-Star Cast" for Alyah Scott and the DHS ensemble.

The one-act play team was directed by Tim Unroe and Aaron Brown.

Emerging Artists

With only three top awards available in the Bayou City Art Festival Emerging Artist Program, Pearland High School students managed to nab all three.

Audra Anderson, Karen Ambriz and Allison White won first, second and third places, respectively, in this annual outdoor exhibit that allows students to experience the professional art world.

Under the direction of PHS art teacher Ben Stiles, students created large three-dimensional public art for exhibit at the festival's Student Art Park.

Color Guard

Also this spring, the PHS Color Guard set a new standard of excellence for itself while making school and program history.

Directed by Christopher Smith and Leslie Pool, all three of the school's competing color guards medaled in the Texas Color Guard Circuit's state championship.

Awards included novice state champion, Scholastic A silver medalist and Region A bronze medalist.

Madrigal and Chamber Choir Festival

In March, the PHS Kantorei Choir won first place in the Madrigal and Chamber Choir Festival in San Antonio.

This year, 42 of the best Texas choirs of no more than 24 singers competed.

The PHS choir is directed by Derrick Bready.

Scholastic Art

DHS artist Yixin He won a national gold medal in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards 2015.

Judged by a panel of creative professionals, her painting "Swallow Your Bitterness" numbered among the top 1 percent of 300,000 art and writing pieces submitted for this year's nationwide competition.

Her art teacher is DHS's Teri Zuteck.

New beginnings

Class of 2015 ends one journey, begins another



Right: A Pearland High School student waits to receive her diploma.



Left: Superintendent Dr. John Kelly congratulates Turner College and Career High School's valedictorian and salutatorian.



Right: A Dawson High School student looks for his family in the stands at NRG Stadium.

1,451 graduates
3 ceremonies at NRG Stadium
6 National Merit Scholarship winners

34 dual degree graduates

TOP TEN graduates

Pearland High School:
Brendan Ngo (valedictorian)
Elnora Nguyen (salutatorian)
Ethan Arnold
Leandra DeBono
Madison Eaker
Husna Huque
Claire Sandman
Naimah Sarwar
Alexis Uribe
Emma Williams

Dawson High School:
Angela Feng (valedictorian)
Nathalie Podder (salutatorian)
Rachel Daniel
Imran Khan
Adhvaith Ram
Michelle Rhodes
Meredith Spradlin
Catherine Wu
Matthew Wu
Kelly Zhu

Turner College & Career High School:
Jerrin Philip (valedictorian)
Shahzad Kalloo (salutatorian)
Aimee Bartlett
Andrea Garza Elizondo
Kiet Le
Chelsi McFarland
Nneoma Oradiegwu
Souchoung Teng
Jane Tran
Emma Vorholt

Want to see more graduation photos? Visit the district's Flickr page: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/pearlandisd/albums>.



Above: DHS four-year all-A students



Right: PHS four-year all-A students

A is for amazing
Trustees recognize students with all A's

Pearland ISD celebrated 22 students earning straight A's throughout their high school career. The board of trustees honored these scholars and other high school all-A students during the All-A Banquet in May. Dawson High School four-year honorees included Elizabeth Asonye, Rachel Daniel, Angela Feng, April Garcia, Alexander Inawat, Imran Khan, Robert Laroche, Amanda Maxwell, Rachel Nguyen, Jinglei Peng, Nathalie Podder, Michelle Rhodes, Laura Salvador, Sijia Song, Meredith Spradlin, Lyndsay Tran and Catherine Wu. Four-year all-A students at Pearland High School included Sophia Daily, Madison Eaker, Sarah Jones, Brendan Ngo and Claire Sandman.

Summer Cruising



For the past seven years, community partner Strickland Chevrolet has generously allowed Pearland ISD's Teacher of the Year winners to drive two program vehicles of their choice for one month. Pictured are (from left) general sales manager Todd Harvey, Rogers Middle School's Tammy Norman, Dawson High School's Melissa Ward and general manager Lee Mehta.

Partners In Education

Pearland ISD's Partners in Education program allows our community to become involved in the education process for a mutually beneficial and rewarding relationship.

This collaborative effort connects students and classroom teachers with. . .

- Corporate sponsors
- Civic and government leaders
- Volunteers and mentors

Partnerships enrich and support student learning and achievement. From contributions that promote educational excellence to classroom lectures given by business professionals, partnerships enhance the educational experience and promote student success district-wide.

For more information, contact Tyson McMullen at 832.736.6179 or mcmullen@pearlandisd.org.

Community Partners

Pearland ISD thanks these community partners whose generous support helps create the best learning environment possible for our students. These groups and individuals have given in-kind donations, financial support and/or student and staff incentives during the 2014-15 school year.

Become a Community Partner

The district's Partners in Education program provides an avenue for corporate sponsors, civic leaders and community members to become an integral part of the classroom.

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| ACU of Texas | M.D. Anderson Children's Art Project |
| Adult Reading Center | Memorial Hermann |
| American Federation of Teachers | Mike Graves |
| Awards of Distinction | Ministry in Motion Bible Study/Pastor Keith Suchsland |
| AXA Advisors | New Life Lutheran Church |
| Beazer Homes | Papa Murphy's |
| Berkeley Eye Center | Pearland Medical Center |
| Brazoria County Fair Association | Pearland Pediatric Dentistry |
| Buffalo Wild Wings | Putt-Putt Fun House |
| Carl's Jr. | Queen Bling |
| Carter Freeman | Radius at Shadow Creek Ranch |
| Casa Ole | South Park Funeral Home |
| Chic Esthetiq Med Spa & Laser Center | Splashway Waterpark |
| Chick-fil-A | Sport Clips |
| Chocolate Bayou Federal Credit Union | Spring Creek Barbeque |
| Classic Auto Group Galveston | Strickland Chevrolet |
| David L. Smith Realty/Susan Lenamon | St. Andrew's Episcopal Church |
| Frost Bank | Texas Classroom Teachers Association |
| Fun City Skate | Texas First Bank |
| Golden Corral | Texas Roadhouse |
| Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union | Texas Teachers |
| Hatch Mott MacDonald | Total Body Work Chiropractic |
| H-E-B | Tutoring Club of Pearland |
| HOPE Church Pearland | University of Houston-Clear Lake/Pearland Campus |
| Huntington Learning Center | Vic Coppinger Family YMCA |
| iT'Z Family Food & Fun | Vineyard Church |
| KB Homes | Walmart (288) |
| Koza's | Walmart (Dixie Farm) |
| La Madeleine | Whataburger |
| Luna's Mexican Restaurant | Zio's Italian Kitchen |
| Marco's Pizza | |
| Maurice's | |

'Surprise' patrol awards \$39K in grants

In late May, the Pearland ISD Education Foundation "surprised" teachers with checks for their innovative classroom ideas. Congratulations to the winners for 2015-16! For the complete list of winners, visit <http://bit.ly/1Rixg2F>.

Below: Sablatura Middle School grant winners are treated to a golf cart ride.



Above: Carlestone Elementary's Raina Joiner is a proud grant winner.

\$39,022.85
total checks
47 grants
awarded

Right: Bands from Dawson and Pearland high schools helped present the grant checks.



Volleyball invitational T-shirt sales to benefit foundation



This August, the 2015 Adidas Texas Volleyball Invitational Tournament is partnering with the Pearland ISD Education Foundation to support its mission of enriching teaching and inspiring learning. All proceeds from sales of the Texas Volleyball Invitational T-shirt will go directly to the foundation. The cost of the tournament T-shirt is \$15. To order a shirt, visit txvbinv.com.

Founders' Campaign surpasses goal

Thanks to a generous community wanting to invest in students, the Pearland ISD Education Foundation far exceeded its Founders' Campaign goal of \$150,000. By the Feb. 28 deadline, the foundation had raised \$206,000 in founding contributions. The foundation thanks the many individuals, organizations and businesses that contributed to the campaign and have supported the foundation from the beginning. Because of the generous support, the foundation awarded triple the number of innovative teaching grants this spring as it did last year. The Innovative Teaching Grants Program benefits hundreds of Pearland ISD students and teachers by funding creative learning opportunities outside campus/district budgets.



Support Us!
Want to support the foundation? There are many ways to donate -- through PayPal, AmazonSmile and more. Scan this QR code to learn more about the foundation and donation opportunities.



www.pearlandisd.org/foundation

Save the Date 2nd Annual Grown-Up Spelling Bee

Thursday, October 22
at Turner CCHS
(4717 Bailey Road)



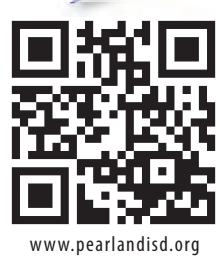
Sponsorship opportunities for the 2015 event are now available! For more information, contact Natalie Clogston at clogstonn@pearlandisd.org.

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Pearland

2015 - 2016

School Year

School begins August 24

Holidays

September 7 (Labor Day)
November 23 – 27 (Thanksgiving)
December 21 – 31 (Christmas)
January 1 (New Year's)
January 18* (Martin Luther King, Jr.)
March 14 – 18 (Spring Break)
March 25 (Good Friday)
May 30 (Memorial Day)
July 4 (Independence Day)

* Staff In-service day

Staff In-service

(No school for students)
August 17–20 (Staff Development)
August 21 (Workday)
October 12 (Staff Development)
January 4 (Workday)
January 18 (Staff Development)
February 15 (Staff Development)
June 3 (Workday)

Grading Periods

First Semester (78 days)
1st August 24 – October 23
2nd October 26 – December 18
Second Semester (99 days)
3rd January 5 – March 11
4th March 21 – June 2

Early Release

October 30
December 18
February 26
June 2

Report Cards

October 28
January 6
March 23
June 2 (grades PK - 4)
June 13 (grades 5 - 12 Mailed)

Progress Reports

September 16 October 7
November 18 February 3
February 24 April 13
May 4

* STAAR Testing (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)
n New Teacher Orientation
+ Bad Weather Day

g Graduation
H Pearland History Month

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dates to remember

Aug. 24 First Day of School

Aug. 31 Meet the Teacher - Junior High Schools

Sept. 3 Meet the Teacher - Elementary Schools

Sept. 7 Labor Day (Holiday)

Sept. 10 Meet the Teacher - Middle Schools

Sept. 14 Meet the Teacher - DHS, PHS and PACE Center

Sept. 15 Meet the Teacher - Turner CCHS

Oct. 6 Social Media Parent Night

Oct. 12 Staff Development (no school for students)

Oct. 28 Report Cards

Oct. 30 Early Release

Nov. 17 Social Media Parent Night

Nov. 23-27 Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 18 Early Release

Dec. 21 - Jan. 1 Christmas/New Year's Break

Jan. 4 Staff Workday (no school for students)

Jan. 6 Report Cards

Jan. 14 Social Media Parent Night

Jan. 18 Staff Development (no school for students)