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Superintendent's Message

In a recent survey done by Pearland Economic Development Corporation, citizens responded that the "greatest asset" within Pearland is our schools. I speak on behalf of teachers, administrators and staff who serve our more than 19,600 students when I say that we are honored you entrust these precious lives into our care.

Building your trust begins with creating a secure environment for students. While no school district can guarantee safety from all evil, Pearland ISD is vigilant and intentional about protecting our students. We have significant safety and security measures -- mostly confidential -- in place and practiced at every campus. Through a close working relationship with Pearland Police Department, we have officers stationed at our schools or patrolling nearby who respond to any situation at lightning speed. We are again examining and revising our crisis procedures. In cooperation with the police, we have added patrols and new procedures this month. In addition, we are adding some new technical/facilities capabilities and checking those that are in place with drills and spot inspections. With the national spotlight on school safety, we recognize the need to continuously improve in accordance with what has been learned.

We also seek to build your trust by developing world-class schools. This means focusing on each child's gifts and providing different options to meet different needs. One relevant example is Turner College and Career High School, which opens this fall. Thanks to great staff and programs, TCCHS will be an ideal setting for students to build their resumes through career certifications, internships, dual credit and more. I'm proud to say that one of my own children will be among the first students to study in that environment. He will work to earn an associate's degree and a career certification by the time he graduates from high school. At this time, we have more than 500 students declaring their intent to enroll -- a figure already 100 students above our initial goal.

We want to build your trust through continued high academic expectations and stellar results. This has been most recently demonstrated by the individual and collective grit of our Academic Decathlon teams. Both teams from Pearland and Dawson high schools are advancing to the state competition in late February. These young scholars have worked incredibly hard to rank among the top in Texas -- and perhaps in the nation.

It is truly a privilege for our schools to be esteemed as our community's greatest asset, but this could not happen without community support. Thank you -- and we look forward to many more achievements in the months and years ahead.



JP Kelly

Pictured on the cover are (clockwise, from top left) Tanush Thirunagari, Silvercrest Elementary; Trey Hoot, Pearland Junior High East; Jordan Lake, Pearland Junior High West; Hayle Ma and Anusha Sen, Massey Ranch Elementary; Caleb Gladwill, Alexander Middle School; and Chizitara Okwuchi, Berry Miller Junior High.

Finances get A+ for third year

Wise spending and strong academic achievement earned Pearland ISD the Financial Allocation Study for Texas' highest rating -- five stars -- for the third consecutive year.

The district recently numbered among only 15 of 1,228 school districts statewide to achieve this honor, managing finances responsibly while preparing students for college and career success.

In the FAST report, Pearland ISD achieved a composite academic progress percentile of 94 percent (making as much or more progress than 94 percent of Texas districts) and ranked "very low" in spending.

FAST assigns districts and campuses a rating of one to five stars, indicating their success in combining cost-effective spending with measurable student academic progress. Only 45 charter and public school districts received a five-star rating in 2012.



Texas Honors Circle

Thanks to its five-star rating, Pearland ISD is also an Honors Circle district.

Trustees tally 30 years of service on board

Pearland ISD recognized school board members for their service and dedication during School Board Recognition Month in January.

Together, the seven trustees represent almost 30 years of cumulative service.

Serving three-year terms, these elected officials face numerous challenges and difficult decisions as they shoulder responsibility for 19,600 students, 23 campuses, more than 2,200 employees and an annual budget of \$125 million.

The community is invited to attend board meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at the Education Support Center, 1928 N. Main. Open session begins around 6 p.m.



School board president Rusty DeBorde shakes the hand of PACE Center's Melissa Droher during a winter graduation.

Three board positions on May ballot

Voters will cast their ballots for three seats on the Pearland ISD Board of Trustees this May.

The May 11, 2013 election will fill positions 5, 6 and 7.

Applications for these positions may be filed from Jan. 30 through March 1 at 5 p.m.

Candidate packets may be obtained at the Education Support Center, Office of the Superintendent, 1928 N. Main, Pearland, TX 77581.



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Student, staff safety come first



SROs Tommy Landis (left) and Don Jones

Reaching You during Emergencies

Pearland ISD uses some or all of these avenues to communicate during emergencies:

- Messages posted on district and campus homepages
- Automated phone calls
- E-mails
- Facebook / Twitter
- SMS text messages (coming soon)

Note: Please contact your child's campus registrar if you need to change or update your contact information.

Pearland ISD is committed to the safety of students and staff.

In light of recent national events, school officials continue to work closely with local law enforcement to review and revise the district's crisis management plan and procedures for new scenarios.

Through the district's partnership with Pearland Police Department, 10 School Resource Officers provide quality law enforcement services throughout the district.

For further security, Pearland ISD has increased the presence of these SROs at elementary campuses.

In addition, students and staff regularly perform safety drills to prepare for emergencies.

Please help us foster a safe school environment by encouraging your child to talk to a trusted adult anytime he or she hears or sees something unusual or suspicious.

District focuses on academics amid STAAR transition

Pearland ISD is committed to sharing information about the new **State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness** testing system as soon as it becomes available.

While the state continues to transition to STAAR, Pearland ISD teachers focus on best practices daily to ensure each child's academic success.

In spring 2012, students in grades 3-8 took STAAR tests for the first time. Because the state recently set performance standards for STAAR in these grades, parents are now receiving the confidential student reports from last spring.

A strong partnership between home and school is essential for each student's success. For upcoming testing dates, visit the Testing Office page at www.pearlandisd.org.

STAAR Scoring

Student performance on STAAR will be communicated through these categories in the confidential student reports:

- **Level III - Advanced Academic Performance** (students are well-prepared for the next grade or course)
- **Level II - Satisfactory Academic Performance** (students are sufficiently prepared for the next grade or course)
- **Level I - Unsatisfactory Academic Performance** (students are inadequately prepared for the next grade or course)



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Departments » Testing Office » STAAR Testing



Three campuses welcome new leaders



Dr. Jennifer Morrow

Fresh and familiar faces filled top positions at three campuses this fall.

Turner College and Career High School, which will open in August 2013, welcomed **Dr. Jennifer Morrow** as its principal.

Morrow hails from Clear Creek ISD, where she headed Clear Horizons Early College High School.

TCCHS will provide new opportunities for high school students to pursue career pathways, professional certifications and associate degrees to save time and money on the road to college and career success.

Morrow holds a doctorate in educational administration and child development from the University of South Carolina.

After serving as **Silvercrest Elementary's** assistant principal for five years, **Lori Campbell** took the reins of the campus this fall.

Formerly, Campbell was an instructional specialist, reading specialist and bilingual teacher for Cypress-Fairbanks ISD and taught in Alief, Copperas Cove and Temple independent school districts.



Lori Campbell

She holds 19 years of experience in education and has a master's degree from the University of Houston.

Pearland Junior High South welcomed former Dawson High School assistant principal **Jason Frerking** as its principal.

Frerking began his educational career in Pearland ISD as an assistant and head band director at several campuses from 1997 to 2006. After a short stint in Alvin ISD, he returned to serve at DHS for four years. He earned his master's degree from the University of Houston-Clear Lake.



Jason Frerking

Special Programs earns statewide kudos

Pearland ISD's Special Programs Director Retta Cook won the **Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education Director of the Year Award** in January.

Cook has served as an advocate for students and a mentor for other special education leaders statewide.

Under Cook's leadership for the past 16 years, the Special Programs Department has modeled excellence, offering intervention for students with disabilities -- from preschool to young adults.

Here are a few department programs that promote success:

The **Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities** allows children ages 3-5 to participate in school through the least restrictive environment.

Several campuses offer pre-k or kindergarten PPCD-collaborative classrooms. In these settings, certified pre-k/kindergarten and special education teachers co-teach.

Housed at Massey Ranch Elementary, the **Communication for Academic Readiness and Success** program provides a language-rich environment for children ages 3-4 with speech impairment. These students receive speech therapy for two hours twice a week. Thanks to CARS, many students have made significant gains in articulation



Retta Cook

and language.

PPCD and CARS both provide collaborative environments to develop communication, cognition, self-help, social and motor skills while emphasizing traditional development milestones.

The **Adapted Physical Education Program** helps students cultivate their motor and related skills.

This program includes developmental activities, games, fitness and rhythmic movements that meet students' interests and abilities.

Each spring, students showcase their skills during a district-wide Motor Activities Training Program Day, designed by Special Olympics. Students participate in various stations, including basketball, soccer, bowling, baseball and obstacle courses.



Life Skills aide Linda Crumbaugh helps Challenger Elementary student Jonathan Garcia during the PPCD Motor Activities Training Program Day.

Pearland ISD's **Surrogate Parent Volunteer Program** gives a voice to special education students who do not have a parent or designated adult to advocate on their behalf.

Since 2009, the district has expanded its pool of surrogate parent volunteers.

These individuals -- not employed by the district or a state agency -- advocate for appropriate support and services for students with disabilities.

Call for Volunteers: Special Programs provides training and ongoing assistance for volunteers. If you want to volunteer and do not currently work for Pearland ISD, call 281.485.3203 for details.

Livestock Show, Career Expo corrals \$75,000

After tremendous success the first go-around, Pearland ISD is saddling up for the second annual **Livestock Show & Career Expo** in September 2013.

Interested volunteers and sponsors are invited to contact the Career and Technical Education Department at 281.485.3203.

The district corralled tremendous community support during the inaugural show last fall. More than 100 volunteers lent time and resources to organize the show at the Richard L. Wagoner Agricultural Facility.

During the event, Pearland ISD students exhibited livestock, showcased their career talents and won livestock, art and culinary awards.

Student entries earned \$61,000 total at auction, and the event raised \$14,000 for scholarships.



Above: Alexander Middle School's Jayce Morgan with her grand champion steer (photo courtesy of Ashley Wilson)

Web Advertising

Online ads add up to funds for Pearland ISD!

To obtain funds from sources other than taxpayer dollars, Pearland ISD now offers ad space on the website and in the monthly e-newsletter. Funds generated will help the district maintain an electronic media presence.

Contact: News for My School
1.855.790.0001 or
214.620.2091
info@newsformyschool.com

Ads on district
website



Scholars recognized in national programs



Dawson High School National Merit Semifinalists
(pictured from left):

Janie Vo	Augustus Ellis
Grace Li	Thomas Laroche
Shannon Wu	Steven Xu
Bofeng Chen	Christopher Nguyen
Jason Liu	Kevin Shao (not pictured)
Annie Zhang	

A+

Thanks to high PSAT scores, Dawson and Pearland high school students ranked among the top in their class in nationwide academic competitions.

These students may qualify for scholarships and have their academic information sent to colleges.

National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Students

Dawson High School:

Amanda Gee
Brian Hoang
John Pickering
Sephra Thomas
Benjamin Tran
Haiyin Wang
Steffanee Wang

Pearland High School:

Shelby Laws
Ambriel Silva
Chethan Valleru

National Achievement Program - Outstanding Participant

Kayla Evans (DHS)

National Hispanic Recognition Program - Scholar

Megan Mendieta (DHS)

National Hispanic Recognition Program - Honorable Mention

Ambriel Silva (PHS)
Giuseppe Vargas (DHS)

Track, field, court . . . athletes score big

Pearland ISD athletes held their own in fall sports.

In November, Berry Miller Junior High girls' volleyball teams achieved a noteworthy feat: the 7A, 7B, 8A and 8B teams all won the **Bay Area district championships**.

Both high school volleyball squads also dominated the courts, advancing to playoffs.

The Dawson High School Lady Eagles volleyball team finished as the **Region 3 4A Semifinalist**, and the Pearland High School Lady Oilers volleyball team as the **Region 3 5A Quarterfinalist**.

DHS's Mary Luster became the school's first cross country runner to qualify for state.

Luster won the **District 24-4A Cross Country Championship** for the third time since her freshman year and also finished 7th at region.

With 12 straight victories, the DHS Eagles varsity football team finished the 2012 season as the **Division 1 4A Area Champion**.

Thanks to his support and promotion of volleyball throughout the region and state, Pearland ISD Athletic Director Ben Pardo was also named the Greater Houston Volleyball Coaches Association **Athletic Director of the Year**.

Pieces of Artistic Talent



PHS Band student Benjamin Mercer during a state send-off

Whether singing, performing or drawing, Pearland ISD students showcased top talent in local and state arenas.

The **Pearland High School Chamber Choir** was the only 5A mixed choir invited to perform at the Texas Music Educators Association convention this February.

After a blind evaluation of recordings submitted by 130 choirs, a panel of judges selected only the PHS choir and 11 other groups to perform.

The **PHS Band** advanced to the UIL State Marching Band Contest in November, finishing No. 23 in the state after grueling competition.

Artwork by seven students lassoed "best of show" and "gold medal" awards during **rodeo art** judging.

These artists will have their pieces displayed in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Hayloft Gallery.

Best of Show:

Darryl Smith, Challenger Elementary
Zara Ukani, Berry Miller Junior High
Rebecca Perkins, Dawson High School

Gold Medal:

Hailey White, C.J. Harris Elementary
Helen Wang, Sablatura Middle School
Sarah Norton, PHS
Emilia Cavallaro, DHS

Some pieces will be auctioned during the rodeo.



"Through His Eyes" rodeo art by Sablatura Middle School student Helen Wang

Piecing Our Future Together

Cockrell Elementary student Nathan Bui casts his ballot in a mock presidential election.



Silverlake Elementary student Raiyyan Sarwar uses a parachute for P.E. fun.

Lawhon Elementary students Melissa Ibarra (left) and Jazmin Elizarraras test the buoyancy of homemade boats.



Dawson High School student Neal Whetstone perform in the play.

Rogers (from left, Grover, Z Quimio)



ts (from left) Caitlyn Jardon, Christian Madison and
he musical "Barnum."



C.J. Harris Elementary student Tia
Collins salutes patriots during a
Veterans Day program.



Middle School teammates
Meghan McClure, Alyssa
achary Hall and Kimberly
celebrate the district Quiz
Bowl grand championship.



Pearland High School health science students (from left) Brandon Bayer, Daniella
Abundo, Kayla Sturgill and Madison Mondich participate in a point of distribution
exercise with the Brazoria County Health Department.



Turner CCHS picks up steam

Apply now for a fast track to college and career success!

Opening in August 2013, **Turner College and Career High School** welcomes students who are interested in earning professional certifications, up to 60 college credits or an associate of arts degree -- all in four years.

TCCHS enrollment projections have already exceeded the initial goal of 400 -- with more than 400 students zoned to Pearland High School and 150 to Dawson High School signing declarations of intent to enroll.



TCCHS students choosing to pursue an associate of arts degree will graduate as college juniors and save up to \$43,000 on the first two years of college.

High school elective coursework will be specialized to lead to professional certifications and/or associate of arts degrees.

- Enroll Now**
1. Complete the **Declaration of Intent to Enroll Form** (www.pearlandisd.org/TurnerHS.cfm) before spring break to ensure placement in the program of your choice.
 2. Call 281.727.1602 to schedule a personal planning session.

"We walked out of the session with a degree plan in hand."
-- Cassandra Bright, parent



www.pearlandisd.org/TurnerHS.cfm

Turner CCHS
4717 Bailey Road
Pearland, TX 77584
281.727.1602

Career Pathways:

Medical Science

Certified Nursing Assistant
Dental Assistant
Emergency Medical Technician
Pharmacy Technician

Business/Finance

Finance
Hospital Administration
Office Administration

Agriculture Science

Environmental Studies
Plants & Design
Veterinary Technician

Art & Technology

Animation
Audio & Video Production
Game Art & Design
Information Technology

Science, Technology, Engineering & Math

Engineering
HVAC
Metal Technologies/Welding

Are you a business partner interested in helping to prepare students for the workforce?

Call 281.727.1602 to learn about TCCHS partnership opportunities.

Business Partners



District offers choices tailored to students

Striving to build world-class schools, Pearland ISD provides parents with choices in the best educational path for their children.

To meet the needs and interests of different populations, the district has launched several new opportunities in the last few years.

Established in 2011, the **Gifted and Talented Academy** engages GT-identified students in grades 5-8 in rigorous academic courses tailored to their unique learning styles and advanced thinking skills.

GT Academy students reach their full potential through challenging coursework, critical thinking, flexible course selection and course acceleration opportunities.

GT Academy students (from left) Rosy Murphy, Chynna Jones and Zoser Henley create a salt map of Texas.

In addition, students stay engaged through bring-your-own-device technology in the classroom and stay invested in the community by designing service projects to make a difference.

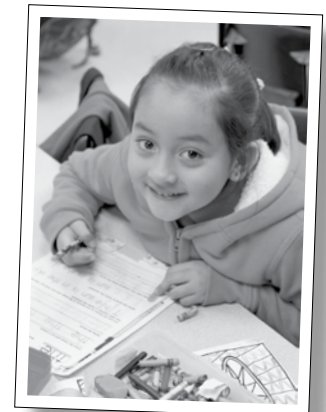
Offering side-by-side English and Spanish instruction, the **Dual Language Pilot Program** -- launched in August 2012 -- helps students develop language proficiency through complete immersion in both languages.

Carlestone and Magnolia elementary schools started the program in two kindergarten classrooms each, with plans to expand one grade level per year.

Dual language students get a solid foundation in bi-literacy and cultural appreciation while engaging more of their brains in the learning process.

In fall 2013, **Turner College and Career High School** will open to students wanting to pursue career pathways along with professional certifications, internships and associate degrees.

TCCHS will give students a focused, express route to their future while potentially saving them up to \$43,000 in college tuition.



Magnolia Elementary Dual Language Pilot Program student Emily Moreno

Early kinder registration set for April 8-11



C.J. Harris Elementary student
Ciara Andrade

Are you planning to enroll your child in kindergarten for the 2013-14 school year?

To qualify, your child must be five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2013. Students must be enrolled by a parent or legal guardian who lives in Pearland ISD.

These documents are required for enrollment (must be in parent/guardian name):

- Deed or current home lease (tax statement may be used for deed; apartment lease must list parent and student)

- Current utility bill
- Parent/guardian Texas driver's license/ID with correct address
- Student immunization records validated by health professional or school official

- Student's official birth certificate
- Student's Social Security card

For enrollment questions, contact Janet Christman in the Support Services Office at 281.485.3203.

Early Kinder Registration at Zoned Campus

- **Mon. - Thurs., April 8-11:** 8-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. (daily)
- **Tues., April 9:** 5-7 p.m. (late night)

Campus Tours

- **Tues., April 9:** All elementary schools (call campus for time)
- **Tues., May 28:** 4-5 p.m. (all elementary schools)



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Kindergarten/PreK Enrollment

Pieces of Generosity

Pearland ISD students and staff gave a piece of their hearts to help others in need during the holidays and beyond.

While not every donation or service project can be listed, here are a few examples of campus generosity:



Bus driver DeAnn Clark drops off canned goods for Pearland Neighborhood Center's annual "Share Your Holidays" food drive. Pearland ISD students and staff collected more than 33,210 pounds of nonperishable food to help families in need during the holidays.



Pearland Junior High East athletes donated 27 bikes for the Pearland Police Department's Toys for Tots drive.



Sam Jamison Middle School students raised money for the Adult Reading Center's "Elissa Rivas Scholarship Fund," which helps ARC students continue their education at community college and beyond. Pictured are (from left) Elissa Rivas, Kiley Hall, ARC president Dale Pillow, Veronica Kebede, Mackenzie Boehning and Julia Freedkin.

Share Your Story

Do you have a success story to tell about a student, school or district employee?

Pearland ISD wants to hear your stories.



Click on the "Share Your Story" icon (at left) on the district website or campus webpages.

Then follow the directions to submit your story and/or photos online.

The Communications Department will determine the appropriate avenue to communicate your news.

Although we cannot use every submission in the district's electronic or print publications, we will consider all submissions fairly and may share some stories with our local media partners.

What to Share

- Awards or scholarships won
- Acts of kindness
- Special school projects/activities
- Appreciation notes for teachers
- And much more...

Let it show, let it show, let it show

Local businesses show their generosity during the holidays



Above: Wal-Mart - Dixie Farm Road managers Sharon Morrison and Tim McNerney with holiday groceries for students' families



Left: South Park Funeral Home's Victor Escudra (left) and John Reyna deliver a Christmas tree.



Local businesses kept generosity front and center, helping approximately 26 students' families during the holiday season.

Wal-Mart - Dixie Farm Road employees donated a holiday dinner and \$200 gift cards for 20 students' families, with Wal-Mart Foundation providing a \$3,000 grant to combine with employees' donation.

Macy's Pearland employees donated more than 60 gifts ranging from toys and clothes to gift cards for a Pearland ISD family.

Pet Hub Animal Rescue donated two laptops for students and adopted a family.

Favors 4 Friends Charity Thrift Shop adopted four families, providing each with gifts, clothing and \$200 gift cards to Food Town.

In addition, **South Park Funeral Home** donated a Christmas tree to every campus for the 15th consecutive year.

PTA Swap Shop seeks clothing donations, volunteers

Organized by the Pearland Council of PTAs, the Community Closet/Swap Shop provides parents a place to donate/exchange dress code clothes or volunteer.

Donations/Swaps

The Swap Shop accepts clean, gently-used standardized dress code:

- Jumpers
- Polo shirts
- Pants and skirts
- Shorts (elementary only)
- Belts (no big chains or logos)
- Jackets and sweaters
- Shoes

All clothing must be free of ink/marker/pencil marks, missing buttons, tears or other flaws.

Vouchers

To pick out clothes without exchanging, contact a school nurse, counselor, Communities in Schools representative, principal or Swap Shop coordinator for a clothing voucher.

Location

The shop is in the brown building across from PACE Center. Enter from Old Alvin Road, and turn in the driveway leading to PACE. The building is straight ahead, marked with a "Swap Shop" banner.

Volunteers

To volunteer, contact Swap Shop coordinators:

- **Tanya Green:** 832.434.2018 or ttaz2006@gmail.com
- **Frances Caballero:** 832.385.2685 or frances@movewithfrances.com



PTA Swap Shop coordinators Tanya Green (left) and Frances Caballero

Swap Shop Hours

Parents may set up an appointment or visit the shop from 5-7 p.m. on these dates:

- Feb. 26
- April 30
- March 26
- May 28

Note: Call the Swap Shop coordinators at 832.434.2018 or 832.385.2685 to set up an appointment.

Students supplied for success

Pearland ISD students began the 2012-13 school year *supplied* for success, thanks to generous back-to-school donations from community partners.

During the eighth annual **YMCA Operation Backpack** campaign, Vic Coppinger Family YMCA gave 534 backpacks and 13,700 school supplies in addition to a monetary donation.

Organized by Pet Hub Animal Rescue, the **Project PASS** (Pearlanders Assisting with School Supplies) campaign contributed hundreds of school supplies to the district.

Wal-Mart - Main Street generously donated several pallets of school supplies for students, while **HOPE Church Pearland** assembled and donated 100 filled backpacks for students.

Through a bake sale and other fundraising events, **Chocolate Bayou Community Federal Credit Union** employees raised \$300 for school supplies.



Debra Russell with HOPE Church Pearland drops off backpacks for students.



Linking You to our Future

The **Partners in Education** program provides an avenue for corporate sponsors, civic leaders and community members to play an integral part in the classroom, enriching student learning and achievement.

For more information, contact Business/

Community Liaison

Moniki Specks at 281.997.4987 or specksm@pearlandisd.org.

NBCEA online auction benefits students



NBCEA presents \$199,773 to Pearland ISD representing donations given under Jeff Barry's leadership as 2012 chairman.

Spring cleaning? Auction these items:

- Electronics
- Tools/equipment
- Sports items
- Collectibles/memorabilia
- Tickets
- Art/home décor
- Jewelry
- Fashion accessories
- Multimedia

In its quest to support classroom equipment and scholarships, the Northern Brazoria County Education Alliance recently launched an online auction website to benefit Pearland ISD students.

The community is invited to buy or sell items at NBCEA Auctions, www.nbceaauction.org, with proceeds supporting career training opportunities for students.

Currently, items may be listed for 30 days. Buyers must pick up the auction items directly from sellers. After the item is sold, the seller will receive a tax deduction form.

For more information about the online auctions, call 281.489.1127, e-mail terrie@nbcea.org or visit www.nbceaauction.org.



Support your child's classroom

Helping students succeed is as easy as partnering with your company or using store credit cards that donate money back to your child's campus.

Corporate Donations

Does your company have education grants or mentoring programs that introduce students to different career paths?

If so, consider applying for a corporate grant or a volunteer program that will benefit Pearland ISD.

Check your company's website for more details.

Store Contributions

Many nationwide stores offer special credit cards that help raise money for schools.

Target's Take Charge of Education program is one option. By using a Target REDcard, shoppers can donate up to 1 percent of their purchases to the school of their choice.

Funds are available for anything the school needs -- from reading programs to band uniforms.

STORE CHARGE CARD

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YOUR NAME

Community Partners



Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union employees greet new teachers during a welcome luncheon.

Pearland ISD thanks the following community partners for their generous support. These partners help create the best learning environment possible through in-kind donations, financial support and student/staff incentives.

- Barnes & Noble Bookstore
- Brazoria County Fair Association
- Casa Olé
- Chocolate Bayou Community Federal Credit Union
- Coppinger Family YMCA
- Edible Arrangements
- Favors 4 Friends Charity Thrift Shop
- Golden Corral
- Great American Financial
- Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union
- H-E-B Plus!
- HOPE Church Pearland
- Houston Astros
- Houston Dynamo
- Houston Museum of Natural Science
- Houston Rockets
- Houston Texans
- iT'Z Family, Food & Fun
- Luby's/Fuddruckers
- Macy's Pearland
- M.D. Anderson Children's Art Project
- Northern Brazoria County Education Alliance
- Pearland Area Republican Women

- Pet Hub Animal Rescue
- Project PASS
- Raising Cane's
- Rice University
- Rotary Club of Pearland
- Schlotzsky's
- South Park Funeral Home
- St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
- Tammy Dexter
- The Vineyard Church Pearland
- Wal-Mart - Dixie Farm
- Wal-Mart - Main Street
- Wells Fargo
- Woodforest National Bank



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The board of trustees approved the 2013-14 district calendar in January. Visit www.pearlandisd.org for calendar updates:



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☐ **Holidays**
 July 4 (Independence Day)
 September 2 (Labor Day)
 November 25 – 29 (Thanksgiving)
 December 23 – 31 (Christmas)
 January 1 – 3 (New Year's)
 January 20^{*} (Martin Luther King, Jr.)
 March 10 – 14 (Spring Break)
 April 18 (Good Friday)
 May 26 (Memorial Day)
 * Staff in-service day

☐ **Staff In-service**
 (No school for students)
 August 19–22 (Staff Development)
 August 23 (Workday)
 October 14 (Staff Development)
 January 6 (Workday)
 January 20 (Staff Development)
 February 17 (Staff Development)
 June 6 (Workday)

☐ **Grading Periods**
First Semester (78 days)
 1st TBA
 2nd TBA
Second Semester (99 days)
 3rd TBA
 4th TBA

☐ **Early Release**
 September 25
 November 6
 December 20
 February 5
 February 21 (Grades 9 - 12 Only)
 June 5

☐ **Report Cards**
 TBA

☐ **Progress Reports**
 TBA

☐ **Report Cards**
 TBA

Bad weather days are Nov. 25 and June 5. If district uses June 5, then June 6 becomes early dismissal for students, and June 7 (Saturday) is teacher workday.

[^] TAKS Testing (subject to change)
^{*} STAAR Testing (subject to change)
⁺ Bad Weather Day
^g Graduation
^H Pearland History Month

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dates to remember

- Feb. 18 Staff Development (No School for Students)
- Feb. 21 Progress Reports
- Feb. 27 Early Release
- March 11-15..... Spring Break
- March 28..... Report Cards
- March 29..... Good Friday (No School)
- April 8-11 Early Kindergarten Enrollment
- April 10..... Early Release
- April 18..... Progress Reports
- April 29 - May 7 Early Voting (Board of Trustees Election)
- May 9..... Progress Reports
- May 11 Board of Trustees Election
- May 27 Memorial Day (No School)
- June 6 Last Day of School/Early Release
- June 6 Report Cards (Grades PK-4)
- June 7 Pearland High School Graduation, 2 p.m.
- June 7 Dawson High School Graduation, 5 p.m.
- June 17 Report Cards Mailed (Grades 5-12)