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## Superintendent's Message

*Have you caught the excitement? Take a look around our community because good news travels fast.*

*Although we are only halfway through the 2010-11 school year, already our students and staff have outdone themselves.*

*In December, the undefeated Pearland Oilers football team beat the nation's No. 1-ranked Euless Trinity to blaze to victory as the Class 5A Division 1 state champions. Thank you to these indomitable young men for showing the reward of grit and endurance.*

*Also in December, we learned that Massey Ranch Elementary received official authorization as an International Baccalaureate World School. Authorization is a long process that demands the commitment and energy of every teacher and student. Thank you to Massey Ranch for embracing and reaching this goal.*

*While I could list many more individual campus accomplishments, I want to recognize one huge district-wide achievement: our Exemplary rating. We are proud to rank among the top 19 percent of districts in Texas.*

*Like winning a football championship or earning IB status, "Exemplary" required everyone's commitment and focus. We could not have achieved the Texas Education Agency's highest rating without quality staff, hard-working students and a supportive community. Thank you to partners community-wide for laying the foundation for our success, whether you support our athletic and fine arts programs, volunteer as tutors or contribute resources to classrooms. You share in our achievements.*

*As we embark on another new year, we face many more opportunities to dream, engage and achieve. With a "Plus 1" effort -- a commitment to reach even higher, to extend ourselves even further -- we can continue to achieve what others see as impossible. In Pearland ISD, we don't believe in the impossible; we believe in endless possibilities for success.*

*Happy New Year to you and your family!*

# District ranks Exemplary

Pearland ISD is celebrating a Texas Education Agency Exemplary rating for 2009-10 thanks to the hard work and commitment of students and staff.

The highest accountability rating possible in Texas, "Exemplary" is based on 90 percent of all student groups passing the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills in all subjects, a 95 percent completion rate and an annual dropout rate of 1.8 percent or less.

Statewide, only 19 percent of districts and charter schools achieved an Exemplary rating for 2009-10.

TEA ratings -- from highest to lowest -- include Exemplary, Recognized, Academically Acceptable and Academically Unacceptable.

*One child at a time. . .*

The 2009-10 campus ratings are as follows:

### Exemplary Campuses

C.J. Harris Elementary  
Carleston Elementary  
Challenger Elementary  
Cockrell Elementary  
Lawhon Elementary  
Magnolia Elementary  
Rustic Oak Elementary  
Shadycrest Elementary  
Silvercrest Elementary  
Silverlake Elementary  
Alexander Middle School  
Jamison Middle School  
Rogers Middle School  
Berry Miller Junior High  
Pearland Junior High West

### Recognized Campuses

Massey Ranch Elementary  
Sablatura Middle School  
Pearland Junior High East  
Pearland Junior High South  
Dawson High School  
Pearland High School

### Academically Acceptable Campuses

Searcy Ninth Grade Center  
PACE Center

### Strong leadership contributes to district success

Check out "The Pulse" podcast featuring our dedicated trustees.

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**KEYWORD:** School Board Recognition Month



## GT Academy application deadline approaching

Identified Gifted and Talented students in grades 5-8 will find their academic niche at a new GT Academy slated to open in fall 2011. Applications must be submitted to Advanced Academics, 1928 N. Main, by 4 p.m. on Feb. 1.

Academy applications are currently available on the Advanced Academics webpage at [www.pearlandisd.org](http://www.pearlandisd.org).

Pearland ISD developed the academy based on the school board's initiative, community input and extensive research.

This school-within-a-school learning environment, to be housed at Pearland Junior High West and Sablatura Middle School, will offer rigorous academic mini-courses.

In addition, the academy will emphasize technology and real-world application while providing opportunities for early high school credit.

The district will provide transportation options for all academy students.

For more information, contact GT Academy coordinator Harleigh Jones at 281.485.3203.

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**KEYWORD:** GT Academy



*Pictured on the cover are (top, from left) Rustic Oak Elementary student Kialie Minton; Silverlake Elementary students Julia Rieger and Emily She; Searcy Ninth Grade Center students Connor Heath and Ty Duggan; (middle, from left) C.J. Harris Elementary students Chandler Rawls and Jayden McFarland; Dawson High School students Diamond Small, Taylor Pitts and Eryka Ellis; (bottom, from left) Shadycrest Elementary students Abby Lucht, Annie Hawkins, Alicia Norman, Andrew Raymond, Noah Gilbertson and Kyle Tupas; Pearland High School student Cathy Lopez.*



### Board of Trustees

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## District gives bullying the boot

Pearland ISD equips students and staff to recognize and appropriately handle bullies through strong campus prevention and intervention programs.

These anti-bullying initiatives teach students not only to respect differences and recognize each person's worth but also to recognize and stand up against prejudice and discrimination.

Every student deserves the right to an educational environment free from intimidation, threats or abuse, so the district takes immediate action to investigate and address any reports of bullying.

Students or parents wanting to report bullying should contact school administrators or counselors.



Above: Pearland Junior High South student Adriana Cabrera cheers for her team during the school's Right Choice Rally, a program that recognizes students not only for academic success but also for positive influence on their peers.



Above: During an ECHO Club meeting, Rogers Middle School teacher Mandy Benedix (middle) resolves a mock conflict between student actors Zeysha Hansen (left) and Andrew Caddell. The anti-bullying club equips students with self-confidence and assertiveness so they can stand up to bullies.

### Anti-bullying initiatives

- Rachel's Challenge
- No Place for Hate
- Cyber bullying awareness/prevention lessons
- Daily anti-bullying announcements
- Confidential programs to report bullying to school personnel
- Peer mediation
- Recognition/rewards for students with outstanding character throughout the year

## Employees gain workplace, language skills in ESL program

Former Pearland ISD teacher Dr. Olivia Moore doesn't know the meaning of "retire."

Since retiring in 1998, Moore, a foreign language specialist, has spent the last decade leading approximately 170 bilingual parents and employees through the district's English as a Second Language program.

Each ESL graduate attended 30 weeks of classes under Moore's direction to learn basic reading, writing and conversation skills.

While some students use the program to earn GEDs, complete citizenship or enroll at community colleges, all students learn to function better in their community and workplace.



Above: Senior Assistant Superintendent Sonia Serrano congratulates Pearlland High School cafeteria employee Maria Meda on her graduation from the district's ESL program.

## Exemplary staff achievements

Committed to excellence in their profession, Pearland ISD administrators and staff reap the reward of excellence: recognition locally and statewide.

Staff frequently win awards and receive invitations to participate in prestigious committees.

Alexander Middle School principal **Annette Chambliss** is lending her voice to the Texas Education Agency Commissioner's Educator Leadership Council, serving as an advisor and liaison between TEA and Texas teachers.



Chambliss



Henson

Also offering insight to TEA was **MacMichael Henson**, a Special Programs Department appraisal specialist. Henson served on the TEA's Modified Assessments Steering Committee to help develop modified versions of standardized tests for Texas' special education students.

The Touchdown Club of Houston named Pearland Oilers head football coach **Tony Heath** its John Kelley Coach of the Year.

Alexander teacher **Judy Sisk**



Sisk

was appointed to the State Textbook Review Panel for Proclamation 2011.

Pearland Junior High West librarian **Kimberly Herrington** is serving as chair-elect of the Texas Library Association's New Member Round Table Committee.

Herrington also published an article, "Now Is the Time! Teen Tech Week in a School Library,"

in the Young Adult Library Services Association's new volume on teen reading and information literacy.

Also celebrating her name in print was Pearland High School pre-calculus teacher **Marla Hartung**, who published a geometry article -- "Voices from the Classroom: It All Started with a Story" -- in the fall 2010 issue of "Texas Mathematics Teacher."



Heath



Herrington



Hartung

## Massey Ranch authorized as IB campus

Massey Ranch Elementary officially earned its International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme status in December.

The campus, which opened in 2006, is now authorized as an IB World School and numbers among only 33 PYP schools in Texas.

The IB teaching philosophy is recognized internationally for research-based best teaching practices and strenuous curriculum that encourage students to take responsibility for their own learning and achievement.

As an IB school, Massey Ranch develops the whole student as an inquirer in the classroom and the world through the arts, creativity, service and physical and social development.

Pearland ISD piloted the program at Massey Ranch after a community survey in 2005 showed that parents, students and teachers wanted the district to strengthen its academic program by adding a more challenging curriculum and enrichment. The district explored IB as one option.



*Massey Ranch Elementary students Madison Pennington (left) and Alyssa Fox collaborate on a computer project.*



## Programs build athletic, work skills

As they learn skills for life, Pearland ISD Special Programs students are also learning the payoff of persistence and dedication.

Thanks to hard work, 11 Pearland ISD swimmers won more than 20 gold, silver and bronze medals at the **Special Olympics Fall Classic** in October.

Students competed with athletes from across the state at the Pearland Natatorium, a building funded by the school district, city and Pearland Economic Development Corporation.

In addition, Special Programs students are learning employment skills through a new **Unique Deliveries** business.

Students design candy bouquets and other unique gifts to deliver throughout the community.

For more information or to place an order, visit [www.uniquedeliveries.org](http://www.uniquedeliveries.org).



*Pearland High School student Kyle Conger, a Unique Deliveries employee, delivers poinsettias to the Education Support Center.*



*Dawson High School culinary arts student Damaris January whips up a dessert during the Iron Chef competition.*

## CTE students make leap from classroom to workforce

Whipping up coconut shrimp or grooming heifers for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is all in a day's *coursework* for Pearland ISD Career and Technical Education students.

The district's many CTE programs prepare students to succeed in a competitive workforce through real-world experience and career skills.

One of the exciting new learning opportunities is Dawson High School's **culinary arts program**, where budding chefs get a taste of the fast-paced, intense world of gourmet cooking.

Culinary students recently put their ingenuity to the test during an Iron Chef competition judged by food and hospitality industry representatives as well as community leaders. Working under a tight timeframe, teams of students used secret ingredients to create a five-course meal.

The three-star-ranked **Pearland Future Farmers of America** agricultural program also breeds a culture of success by fostering students' leadership skills and personal responsibility.

Through FFA, students may pursue animal science, horticulture/plant production, floral design, aqua-culture production, agriculture mechanics and agribusiness.

During the Brazoria County Fair in the fall, FFA students claimed five grand champion titles and 49 places overall.

Through these and other CTE programs that provide rigorous training, students explore their career options while increasing their job eligibility.

By the time they graduate from high school, many CTE students are already equipped with certifications, licenses and college credit.

In fall 2010 alone, students earned 903 dual credit college hours by attending CTE classes through San Jacinto College South and Alvin Community College.

Pearland ISD was named an **Exemplary District** by the Texas Education Agency.



Pearland Oilers football team claimed the **5A Division 1 State Championship** for the first time by defeating the nation's No. 1-ranked Euless Trinity 28-24 at Cowboy Stadium in Arlington.



*Pearland Oiler Chad Cobb hoists the team's state championship trophy.*

## District of Champions

Pearland ISD students and staff frequently shine in local, state and national competitions and programs. We are proud to recognize their exemplary achievements. The following is just a sample of their many outstanding accomplishments through fall 2010.

Massey Ranch Elementary officially earned its **International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme** status in December.



Junior high students earned 51 places in **region band** and 42 places in **region choir**.



Pearland Lady Oilers softball won the **5A State Championship** in June.

*Members of the Lady Oilers state softball championship team show off their state rings.*

CTE students earned **903 dual credit college hours** from local community colleges in Fall 2010.

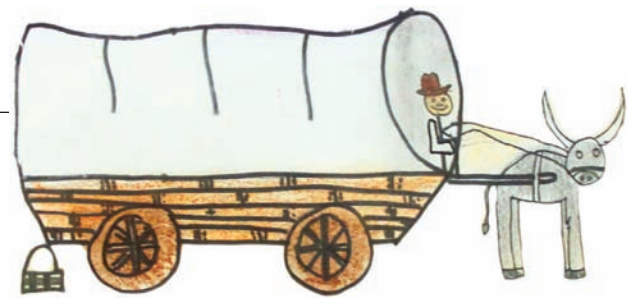
Pearland ISD students won three **Best of Show** and four **Gold Medals** in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo art contest.



Pearland ISD Special Olympians earned **5 gold, 13 silver and 5 bronze medals** at the Fall Classic Aquatics Meet.

*Pearland Junior High East swimmer Jason Wellen*





Lucas Garcia,  
Lawhon Elementary

# Blazing an Exemplary trail



Cassie Pham,  
Silvercrest Elementary



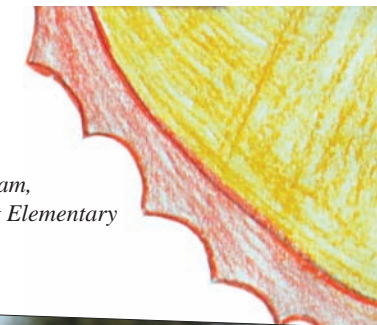
Above: Rustic Oak Elementary student Asia Merriett casts her ballot for Texas governor.



Above: During Red Ribbon Week, Rogers Middle School students (from left) Grant Guthrie, Caroline Gerding, Kevin McIntyre, Tyler Gonzalez, Dalton Langford and Alberto Castillo participate in "Don't Look Back on Drugs Day" by wearing their shirts backward.



Above: Pearland High School students Allison Anderson and Matthew Flowers perform a scene from "The Ladies' Man."



Cassie Pham,  
Silvercrest Elementary



Katelyn Thumann,  
Massey Ranch Elementary

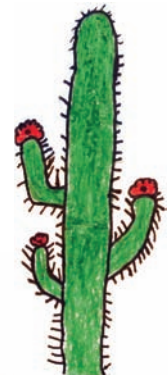


Left: Dawson High School student Mercedes McGinnis prepares to launch an egg during a physics catapult experiment.



Left: Lawhon Elementary student Maximus Seo proudly waves a U.S. flag during a Constitution Day parade.

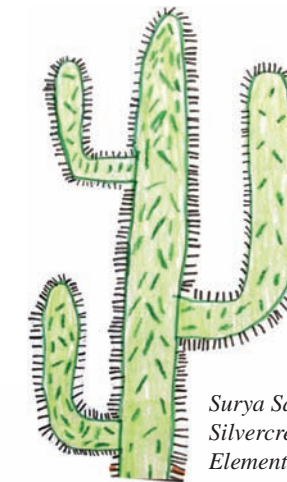
Liliana Molis,  
Shadycrest Elementary



Aaron Macias,  
Berry Miller Junior High



Isabella Partida,  
Massey Ranch Elementary



Surya Sahai,  
Silvercrest Elementary



Above: Silverlake Elementary student Eleni Bakatsas warms up before the school's Jingle Bell Fun Run.



Janelle Hector,  
Pearland Junior High East

## Rodeo Art Winners



Left: Berry Miller Junior High student Jessica Huang won Best of Show for her untitled piece.



Right: Dawson High School student Tuan Tang won Best of Show for "Watchdog."



Below: Cockrell Elementary student Zoe Nixon's art, "The Invisible Farmer," won Best of Show.



Above: Dawson High School student Shaina Gong won a gold medal for "Jefferson."



Below: Berry Miller Junior High student Matthew Wu won a gold medal for "Seaside Ride."



Above: Lawhon Elementary student Victoria Seo's piece, "Sunny Day Gallop," won a gold medal.



Right: Pearland High School's Casey Jackson received a gold medal for "I've Got Your Back."

# High school students win academic honors

Dawson and Pearland high school students have won top honors in academic competitions. Thanks to high scores on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, these students may qualify for scholarships and have their names and academic information sent to U.S. colleges and universities.



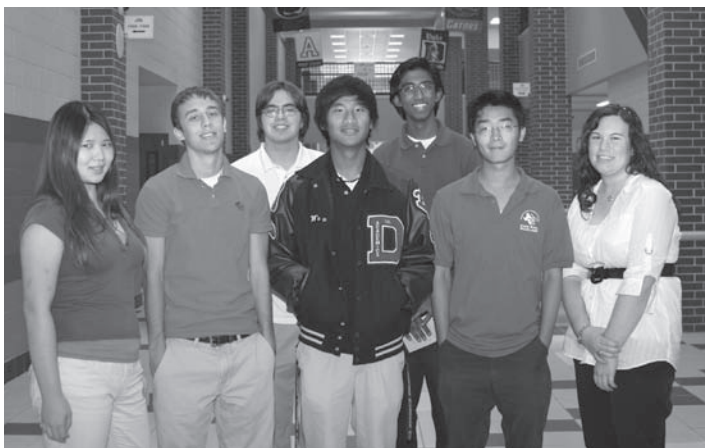
## National Merit Commended

*Left:* Timothy Brown, Anastasia Bolshakova, Cindy Gu, Clara Roberts, Derrick Liu, Michelle Geng and James Song (DHS)  
*Below:* Matthew Hernandez, Dylan Paddison, Benjamin Freeman and Anthony Egler (PHS)



## National Merit Semifinalists

*Below:* Melissa Bai, Turner Smith, John Lesmeister, Wade Tao, Anjay Ajodha, Andy Yan and Kristina Stephens (DHS)



## National Hispanic Recognition Program

*Above:* Howard Solis-Garcia, Thomas Macias, Vanessa Alejandro and Alexander Diaz (DHS)  
*Left:* Cathy Lopez, Carlos Torres and Andrea Bejarno (PHS)



## National Achievement Program

*Left:* Yewande Akanbi (DHS)  
*Above:* (front) Taylor Toups, Alyssa Dugar and Chris Echols; (back) Megan Collins, Jennifer Ugochukwu, Chelsea Crosby and Ebony Ford

# Bilingual families share joy of reading through literacy project

Literacy is becoming a family project for several Pearland ISD campuses.

This past fall 25 families at Carleston and Lawhon elementary schools participated in the Latino Family Literacy Project, a program designed to help bilingual parents and students engage in reading together.

Additional programs are scheduled to begin this spring at Cockrell Elementary and Jamison and Sablatura middle schools.

The 10-week program helps families build a regular reading routine and develop strong English language skills.

During class sessions, parents work with bilingual teachers to practice reading aloud from books with side-by-side English and Spanish translations.

At home, parents chronicle their families' literacy journeys through photos and scrapbooks.

A Pearland Rotary Club grant, 21st Century Community Learning Center grant, Title I and the district's bilingual office are funding the program.

Parents at these schools who are interested in participating in the program should contact their children's teachers or principals for information.



Carleston Elementary parent Edaly Bahena

## Students Today . . . Leaders Tomorrow

Although they sit in classrooms today, Pearland ISD students are preparing to stand behind podiums tomorrow.

Students district-wide are showing their leadership potential and service attitude by initiating projects that impact their community and world.

Many campuses showed their holiday spirit by organizing drives for local children and families in need. **Berry Miller Junior High** and **Pearland Junior High East** hosted Toys for Tots drives, while **Sablatura Middle School** collected pajamas and books for Scholastic's Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive.

**Massey Ranch Elementary** students brainstormed a way to support children's hospitals and patients through the Children's Miracle Network by creating and selling duct-tape bows and bowties.

At **Rogers Middle School**, 30 students took learning outside the classroom to help people and organizations in the Greater Houston area.

For seven weeks, students found a family or organization with a need, then met that need using their time and creativity. Projects ranged from a neighborhood litter pick-up to tree planting at a county park and a piano concert for Alzheimer's patients.

**Dawson High School** students **Jimmy Lesmeister**, **Latham Speasmaker** and **Tyler Sprague** left their mark at Silvercrest Elementary.

To earn their Eagle Scout badges, the three scouts joined forces with the Silvercrest Parent-Teacher Association to build an outdoor learning center where students can dig into nature.



*Above: During a service learning fair, Rogers Middle School student Rylee Gallagher (far right) tells Megan Pirnik about her project to benefit Pearland Animal Control.*



*Right: Dawson High School students Tyler Sprague (left) and Latham Speasmaker helped to build an outdoor learning center at Silvercrest Elementary.*

## Students take hike for pedestrian safety

Community volunteers "walked the walk" to teach pedestrian safety to elementary students during International Walk to School Day in October.

Demonstrating how and where to walk safely, volunteers walked Silverlake Elementary students to school in the morning and Shadycrest Elementary students to their homes in the afternoon.

Before the event, Constable Buck Stevens taught students about cyclist, sidewalk, crosswalk, neighborhood and traffic safety.

Coordinators included the Brazoria County Precinct 3 Constable's Office and Safe Kids Greater Houston, with volunteers from Texas Children's Hospital and FedEx.



*Brazoria County Deputy Cathy Williams gives Shadycrest Elementary student Cain Landry a high-five for answering a pedestrian safety question correctly.*

## High schools claim 149 Advanced Placement scholars

Dawson and Pearland high schools celebrated over-the-top success on Advanced Placement exam results, with 87 DHS students and 62 PHS students earning AP Scholar Awards.

Of more than 1.8 million students worldwide who took the exams, only 18 percent earned this honor.

The AP program offers rigorous college-level courses and exams that give academically-prepared high school students the opportunity to earn college credit and advanced placement for successful performance on the AP exams.

The College Board scores achievement on a five-point scale.

Three DHS students and one PHS student won the highest honor possible -- the National AP Scholar Award -- for averaging four or higher on all exams and scores of four or higher on eight or more exams.



## Community Partners

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

BP North America - Fabric of America Fund  
Brazoria County Fair Association  
Casa Olé Restaurant  
Chocolate Bayou Federal Credit Union  
CiCi's Pizza - Dixie Farm Road  
City of Pearland  
Cory's Bike Shop  
Betsy Demarco  
Frost Bank  
Mr. and Mrs. Vijay Goradia  
Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union  
H-E-B Plus!  
HOPE Church  
Houston Astros  
Keep Pearland Beautiful  
Lenny's Sub Shop  
Bob Lewis  
M.D. Anderson Children's Art Project  
Mimi's Café  
New Hope Church  
Northern Brazoria County Education Alliance  
Panera Bread  
Pearland Chamber of Commerce  
Pearland Lumber/ACE Hardware  
Dr. and Mrs. Bharat Raval  
Rotary Club of Pearland  
South Park Funeral Home  
Spring Creek BBQ  
Steele Foundation  
Tammy Dexter  
Target  
Texas Roadhouse Restaurant  
UH Alumni Association  
Vic Coppinger Family YMCA  
Vineyard Church  
Wal-Mart - Dixie Farm  
Wal-Mart - Main Street  
Wal-Mart - Silverlake



Above: Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union vice-president of operations Janell Olivares presents Junior High South teacher Amanda Davila with a gift of teacher supplies at the new teacher breakfast.

## NBCEA equips students for career success

Thanks to the Northern Brazoria County Education Alliance, Pearland ISD students are charting and following pathways to personal, academic and career success.

Founded by community leaders in 2007, NBCEA helps create an educated, employable workforce in Pearland by increasing technical training programs in high school and beyond.

The alliance provides Pearland ISD students with scholarships, state-of-the-art classroom equipment and career mentoring programs with business community partners.

NBCEA services have opened doors for countless students to achieve their educational goals and enter the workforce prepared to succeed.

To contribute to NBCEA, contact executive director Terrie Morgan at 281.997.0280.

*During an NBCEA appreciation breakfast, Pearland ISD graduate Abdiel Salmeron discusses how he benefitted from the HVAC program at San Jacinto College.*



## Company grants enrich classroom learning



Matching company grants are one of many ways that parents may partner to support public education in Pearland ISD.

Massey Ranch Elementary parent and BP engineer Rajesh Bose recently presented a \$300 check to the school for science lab supplies.

This is the second year BP has donated funds from its Fabric of America Fund to support Massey Ranch's science and math programs.

*Rajesh Bose (left) presents a check from BP to Massey Ranch principal Heather Block.*

## Partnerships link district, community for students' benefit

The Partners in Education program provides an avenue for the community to become an integral part of the education process.

This collaborative effort connects students and classroom teachers with corporate sponsors, civic and government leaders, volunteers and mentors for a mutually-beneficial and rewarding relationship.

From contributions that promote educational excellence to classroom lectures given by business professionals, partnerships enrich the educational experience and promote students' success district-wide.

For more information on becoming a community partner, contact Lisa Cushing at 281.997.4987.



## Wal-Mart stores adopt 40 district families for holidays

Two local Wal-Mart stores recently made the holidays merrier for 40 Pearland ISD families who needed extra help during the Christmas season.

Wal-Mart, 1710 Broadway, donated holiday meals and \$200 gift cards to 30 families, while the 1919 N. Main Wal-Mart donated meals and gift cards to 10 families.

Both stores -- frequent Pearland ISD community partners -- raised the funds for the holiday project through employee donations and contributions from the Wal-Mart Foundation.

Pearland ISD distributed the care packages filled with nonperishable food and Wal-Mart gift cards to families before Christmas.



Above: South Park Funeral Home park superintendent John Reyna (left) and assistant park superintendent Victor Escuardra deliver a Christmas tree to Pearland Junior High East. The funeral home has donated trees to each Pearland ISD campus for the past 13 years.



Dixie Farm Road Wal-Mart employees (above) and Main Street Wal-Mart employees (left) adopted 40 Pearland ISD families for the holidays.

## Community partners welcome new teachers

New teachers received a warm welcome Aug. 11 as community partners sponsored a breakfast and luncheon for new teacher orientation.

Panera Bread catered the breakfast sponsored by Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union, and Frost Bank sponsored the luncheon.

In addition, the Pearland Chamber of Commerce helped coordinate new teacher goody bags. GCEFCU donated the bags, which contained items supplied by chamber members.



From left, new Pearland High School teachers Rebecca Vaughn, Valary Patterson and Russell Bucy and PACE Center teacher Adrienne Gutierrez visit during the new teacher breakfast.



Above: During the sixth annual Operation Backpack drive, Vic Coppinger Family YMCA after-school staff (from left) Ben McCluney, Jessica Plemons, program director Roxie Patton and Mark Bordelon helped fill backpacks with school supplies for Pearland ISD students who needed assistance. The Pearland YMCA collected nearly 200 backpacks and more than 3,000 supplies.



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## District launches Facebook page



Want instant access to Pearland ISD news? Join the growing number of social networking users who subscribe to the district's new Facebook fan page.

Facebook users may click the "Like" button on the fan page ([www.facebook.com/pearlandisd](http://www.facebook.com/pearlandisd)) to receive timely district updates, announcements and emergency information in their personal "News Feed."

Because the page was created as a news-sharing tool rather than a dialogue forum, only page administrators from the district's communications department will post original content and photos on the site.

Administrators will not respond to any fan questions or comments posted on the page.

Patrons may continue to submit questions on the district website or call 281.485.3203 with comments.



[www.facebook.com/PearlandISD](http://www.facebook.com/PearlandISD)

## Feedback sought from patrons

The Pearland ISD Communications Office promotes two-way communications between the district and parents, students, employees, local businesses and community members. We constantly strive to tailor our communication efforts to meet patrons' needs.

Because your feedback is important to us, we invite you to take a brief online survey about district publications.

Visit [www.pearlandisd.org/information.cfm](http://www.pearlandisd.org/information.cfm) to take the survey.

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## Community offers online



Community Closet/Swap Shop  
PedFACT's  
Babysitter Training Classes  
MindWorks Testing  
Ike Counseling  
Pearland Youth Lacrosse  
Pearland Parks & Recreation

FFPS Soccer  
Conversational Spanish for Kids  
HLSR Half-Price Carnival Tickets  
Texas Storm Track Club  
Pooh's Panda Academy

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## dates to remember

### January is School Board Recognition Month

Feb. 10	Progress Reports
Feb. 21	Staff Development (No School for Students)
March 10	Report Cards
March 14 - 18	Spring Break
March 21	Trustee Candidate Workshop
March 31	Progress Reports
April 21	Report Cards
April 22	Good Friday (No School)
May 2 - May 10	Early Voting (Board of Trustees Election)
May 12	Progress Reports
May 14	Board of Trustees Election
May 30	Memorial Day (No School)
June 2	Last Day of School/Early Release
June 2	Report Cards (Grades PK-4)
June 3	Pearland High School Graduation, 5 p.m.
June 3	Dawson High School Graduation, 8 p.m.
June 9	Report Cards Mailed (Grades 5-12)