



HIPPO MONTHLY



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PINK OUT 2022

HONORING JANET K. JONES' MEMORY

Pink Out 2022 is upon us, and we are so excited! Pink Out will be October 7 at Hutto Memorial Stadium.



Janet K. Jones was a Hutto High School math teacher and National Honor Society sponsor who lost her battle with breast cancer in 2013. Following this loss, HHS renamed its National Honor Society chapter in her honor. We can continue to honor Janet, as well as remembering her legacy by supporting a scholarship for a senior at HHS. There are several ways you can choose to PINK OUT in honor of Janet.

HUTTO ISD

OCTOBER 3RD - 7TH

Athletics

MON 3	TUE 4	WED 5	THU 6	FRI 7
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NOTES

Hippo Nation supports those who have bravely lost their battle and those who are still fighting to beat CANCER!!! We STAND with YOU!!!

Breakfast Menu: <https://hipponation.nutrislice.com/menu/hutto-high>

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PINK OUT 2022

DONATE

GET YOUR PINK OUT GEAR

SHIRTS

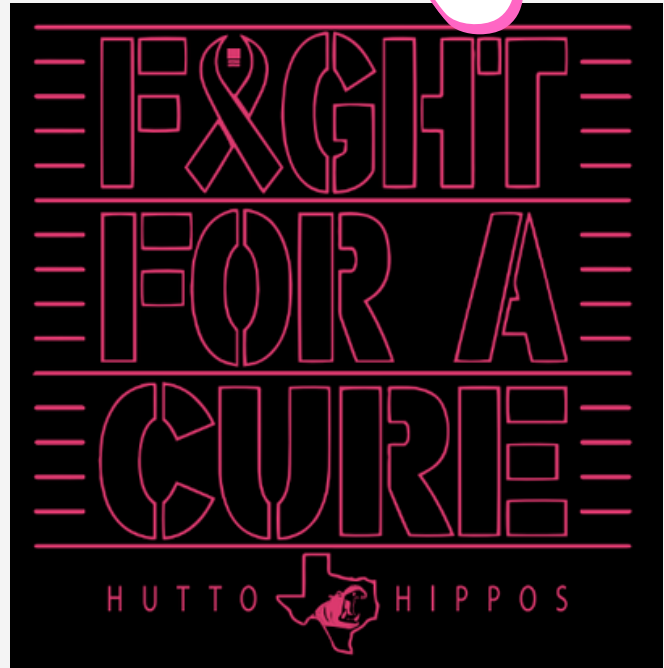
HHS cheer is ordering over 1,000 Pink Out shirts. As soon as they come in, we will announce a time on social media for staff and community members to come purchase a shirt for \$15! All proceeds from the shirt sale will benefit the scholarship fund. Stay tuned for dates and times to purchase shirts!

This year's T-shirt design is to the right.

LADY HIPPOS PINK OUT GAME

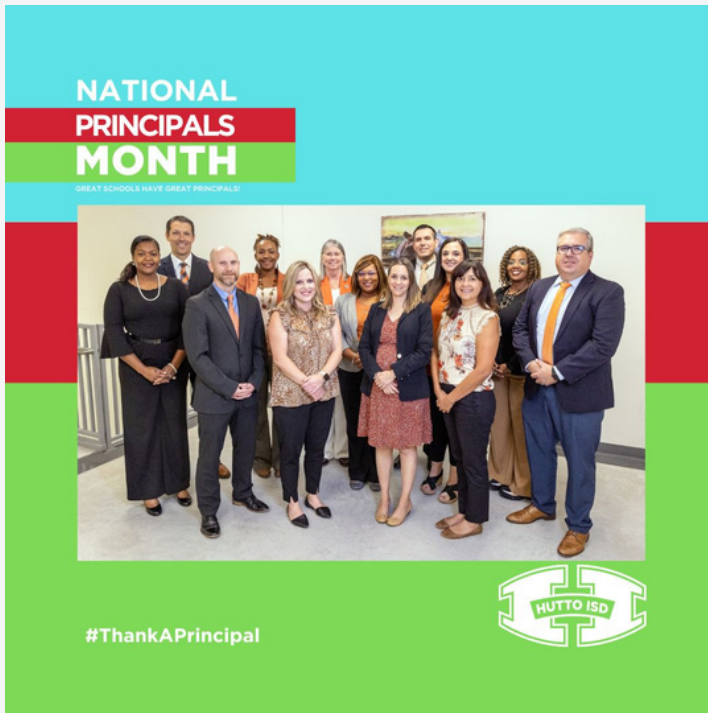
The Lady Hippo Volleyball program will be holding a silent auction along with other activities during the PINK OUT volleyball game on Friday, 10/7 in honor & support of breast cancer awareness & the Janet K. Jones scholarship fund.

We would love for our Lady Hippo families, local businesses and community, as well as other Hutto ISD extracurricular programs to be involved.



Please look over and fill out the [Google Form](#) to sign up for a role you would like to be a part of during the PINK OUT volleyball game. Contact [Kathryn Gifford](#) for details.

A promotional graphic for the Pink Out Game. On the left, a football player in a white jersey with the number 17 is shown in a kicking stance, framed by a glowing pink rectangle. To the right of the player, the date "7 OCT" is displayed in a pink-outlined box. Further right, the text "PINK OUT GAME" is written in large, bold, pink letters. Below this, "HUTTO HIPPOS VS HARKER HEIGHTS KNIGHTS" is written in pink. At the bottom right, the following information is listed: "GATES OPEN AT 6:00PM", "KICKOFF IS AT 7:30PM", and "TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT ETIX.COM". At the bottom center, the Hutto ISD logo is displayed, consisting of a stylized "H" inside a circle followed by the text "HUTTO ISD".



Chief Edwards and officers from Hutto ISD Police Department enjoyed National Night Out with current and future Hutto hippos.

SCHOOL SAFETY SYMPOSIUM

90 SCHOOL CAMPUSES AND 60 RESPONDER AGENCIES UNITE

On September 26, Kendra Estes, Director of Health Services and Risk Management, and Chris Contreras, District Safety and Emergency Operations Supervisor, attended the inaugural School Safety Symposium led by the Austin Regional Intelligence Center (ARIC) and Austin ISD Police Department.

After the tragedy in Uvalde, representatives from ARIC and AISD Police wanted to create a space where first responders and school officials could come together to collaborate and learn from each other to prevent further incidents. Representatives from 90 various school campuses and 60 first responder agencies attended. Presenters included the FBI, DPS, Eanes ISD legal counsel, APD Police Chief, and school safety officials and officers. Hutto ISD Executive Director of Communications and Community Relations, Noelle Newton, served as the emcee of the event.



NEW ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR HR

CARA MALONE NAMED

Cara Malone will join Hutto ISD as Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources. She comes to HISD after serving as Assistant Superintendent of Organizational Management at Pecos-Barstow-Toyah ISD; Deputy Superintendent of Alamogordo Public Schools, and Assistant Superintendent of Teaching, Learning and Human Resources at Lake Worth ISD.

Malone began her administrative career at Clovis Municipal Schools in Clovis, NM, where she served as instructional coach/assistant principal of Clovis High School and Principal of Ranchvale Elementary prior to moving back to Texas to serve as Curriculum Director at Clifton ISD.



She holds a bachelor's and master's degree and will complete her doctorate from Texas A&M Commerce in December. Mrs. Malone and her husband Buck have four grown children.

HANG WITH THE HIPPOS

WELCOMING THE COMMUNITY

Our taxpayers support us financially, but some have never seen the inside of a Hutto school. Beginning this month, we will open our doors for the community to come see the hippos in their natural habitat for a new event series called "Hang with the Hippos."

The first Hang with the Hippos is Thursday, Oct. 6 from 9:30-11 a.m. at Nadine Johnson Elementary School. We welcome you to invite your friends and neighbors to join us. Participants will go on a student-led tour, sample the lunch menu, and meet the faculty, school board members, and other special guests.

RSVP Now

Future Hangs this school year, will include:

November - Farley Middle School
December - Ray Elementary School
January - Howard Norman Elementary School
February - Hutto High School
March - Hutto Middle School
April - Veterans' Hill Elementary School



TOO MANY MESSAGES?

TIPS FOR MAKING THE MOST OF PARENTSQUARE

A recent survey indicated some of you feel like you're receiving too many messages in the district's new communication tool ParentSquare.

We want you to know that the power to reduce messages is in your hands!

Set your preferences. Go to MY ACCOUNT and change your NOTIFICATION SETTINGS for text and email to INSTANT if you want to receive messages right away, or OFF or DIGEST if you want to receive messages at 6 p.m. daily.

Likewise, if you are using the downloaded app rather than ParentSquare's online version, you can set the App notifications to suit your needs as well. Having all three options on Instant can certainly be overwhelming!

Even if a user's email preferences are set to OFF, they will still receive School Alerts, Urgent Alerts and critical notices like Lunch Balances from the system.

The graphic to the top, right points to various features available in ParentSquare that will greatly help with usability and finding what you need at your fingertips.

1. To Find a Past Post

2. Drop Down Arrow, MY ACCOUNTS, NOTIFICATION SETTINGS, LANGUAGE SETTINGS

3. See Campus & District Events

4. View Posts by Groups you belong to, like Classroom, Grade, Bus, etc.

5. Find Frequently Used Links like My School Bucks here.

6. Quickly find forms you've been asked to complete.

7. Quickly see photos that have been shared with you.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?
A ParentSquare Parent Guide is online here:
www.hipponation.org/psparentguide

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Download the
ParentSquare app today!

Stay involved with your child's
learning and activities at school.
From anywhere.



ParentSquare

STAR OF THE SHOW

KVUE ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Hutto's band class had a surprise visit by Sports Reporter/Anchor Cory Mose on Thursday, Sept. 15 to announce KVUE's Abacus Athlete of the Week to be Hutto Senior, Stone Gist. When Cory Mose is at a sporting event, he looks for someone doing something inspiring, that if you don't go to that particular school district, you wouldn't know about. Cory was at Hutto Memorial Stadium covering the game against Liberty Hill and saw Stone on the drumline at half-time. Cory said he saw the way the fans were cheering him on... "Stone, Stone." He thought, "Who is this kid? I have to meet him."



Stone, 18, is the son of Hutto High School Band Director Stacy Gist and Howard Norman Elementary School First Grade Teacher Stacey Gist. Stone competes in the Special Olympics, doing everything from basketball and bocce ball to bowling. Stone was Freshman and Sophomore Duke in the homecoming court. Stacy said it's a joy to watch Stone playing in the drumline. "It's an honor for him to be on the sideline with us, loving it. It's hard to be able to concentrate on the band because he's having such a good time!"

Everyone who knows Stone, knows that Cory made the perfect selection. Not only is Stone an excellent athletic competitor, he's a light in the community and a joy to everyone who knows him.

Watch the full [KVUE news story](#).

Hutto High School is excited to host

FIELDS OF FAITH

OCTOBER 19, 2022
HUTTO MEMORIAL STADIUM
573 CHRIS KELLEY BLVD, HUTTO, TEXAS
5:30 p.m. Gates Open - Entry is free!
6:00 p.m. Opening Prayer/Testimonies
6:30 p.m. Speaker

International Speaker and Former College Football Player Steve Paysen
Sponsored by FCA and Local Hutto Churches
This event is for Middle School and High School Students
but we welcome the entire family!

ONE DAY. ONE MESSAGE. ONE STAND.

Fields of Faith is a peer-to-peer movement where thousands of students from across the nation and world gather on their school's athletic field to share faith stories and challenge each other to apply the Bible as their "game plan for life."

 **HUTTO ISD**

COMMUNITY ED CALENDAR

FALL CALENDAR OF CLASSES

The fall lineup of Hutto ISD's Community Education is full of personal growth courses. For students there are Fine Arts, EnGenius Engineering, more STEM classes, and athletics classes. For adults, there are classes ranging from "Dad Bod to Rad Bod," health coaching for men, to Excel for Intermediates and FREE English as a second language (ESL) classes. We are also catering to our senior citizen community with a line up just for them, such as the "How to be Safe Online" course. Hutto ISD is even offering classes for the whole family including Zumba, emotional wellness, ukulele and advocacy courses – great bonding activities for you and your loved ones. See the [full lineup online](#) and look for our special insert in Community Impact Newspaper.

Also, we are taking requests for our spring line up! Write to our Director of Community Education if you are interested in attending a particular class or even teaching a particular class at dana.rawdahelbalah@huttoisd.net. All inquiries are also welcome!

GOOGLE WORKSPACE

-Training & Workshop -



Gordon Wick
Adult Enrichment Instructor

REGISTER NOW



Days: Mo, Tu
Time: 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Location: 9th Grade Center
Price: \$45.00

ZUMBA

A Family event!
Bring your adolescent (10+)

\$15.00 per class
<https://bit.ly/3hXd0IN>

Soccer ROCKS MY SOCKS

KERRIE COLE
I have been an English teacher for over 18 years and I have taught every level of English in the Czech Republic, Argentina, and Switzerland.
I am so excited to be able to offer classes that will help you reach your goals!

Hutto ISD COMMUNITY EDUCATION

512-661-8671 WWW.LETSROCKMUSICSCHOOL.COM

BEAT BUCKETS

RHYTHM IS THE FOUNDATION FOR ALL MUSIC
LEARN RHYTHMS WITH LIGHTS AND TECH
PREP FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

HUTTO MEMORIAL STADIUM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO



**Hutto Memorial Stadium
is a clear bag venue.**

To bring bags into any athletic event at Hutto Memorial Stadium, bags must be clear and not exceed 12 in (by 6 in. by 12 in). One per person. Bags must be clear plastic, vinyl or PVC and have a maximum of one logo imprint not exceeding 4.5 in tall x 3.4 in. wide.

Hutto ISD

Click this symbol to learn more about Hutto Memorial Stadium before you go.



NEW SPIRIT SHIRTS

COMING SOON AT POP-UP SHOPS AROUND TOWN

Ready to freshen up your Hippo Nation Friday gear? Four new t-shirt designs are coming soon. They'll be available throughout town at various pop-up shops for purchase.

They include two shirts available in youth sizes, and one design just for our Hippo Moms.

We will announce Pop-Up Shops on social media. Follow the Hutto ISD Facebook page for more details.

Payment by credit card only.



Hippo Nation Friday and Hippo Nation (logo on sleeve) will be available in adult and youth sizes.

Hippo Mom Life and On Friday's We Wear Orange are in Adult sizes only.

LET'S ALL GET OUT AND VOTE!

1. Make sure your voter registration is active and has your current address.
 - Check your voter registration status [here](#)
 - If you aren't registered, register to vote [here](#)
 - If you need to make changes to your name or address, do that [here](#)
2. Mark your calendar for these dates:
 - October 11: Last day to register to vote
 - October 24 - November 4: Early voting
 - October 27: Educator Voting Day
 - November 8: Election Day!

Register to vote!



Deadline: October 11, 2022



Let's make sure every eligible voter is registered and ready to vote. Texas kids and our democracy are depending on it.

ARCHITECTURE PROJECT EARNS STARS OF DISTINCTION

NJES RENOVATION RECOGNIZED FOR VALUE AND DESIGN

The Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) and Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) have announced Nadine Johnson Elementary School Renovations (Design and Value) among the 55 projects that will be included in the 2022-23 Exhibit of School Architecture. This exhibit of new and renovated Texas school facilities includes projects from 36 school districts and two colleges that were submitted by 16 architectural firms. Eligible projects are newly constructed or renovated public education facilities completed in the past five years and not previously submitted in this annual exhibit.

"We are proud to learn of the recognition bestowed on VLK Architects, Inc. for the design and value of the Nadine Johnson Elementary School renovation, and I hope other school

administrators and board members benefit from seeing the exhibit on Nadine Johnson at the TASA | TASB Convention in San Antonio today and tomorrow," said Dr. Celina Estrada Thomas, Superintendent of Hutto ISD.

The project was among other capital improvements undertaken in the past five years which reflects the Board Goal 7 of the district's strategic plan: Address facility needs to accommodate growth and maximize efficiency through innovation in support of student success. Hutto ISD enrollment has increased by 29% since 2015 and is approaching 10,000 students. By 2026, Hutto ISD is expected to reach an enrollment of 12,800 students and by 2031, Hutto ISD will surpass 17,200 in enrollment growth.

In addition to addressing growth, the Board of Trustees and community stakeholders developed a road map in developing SP (Strategic Plan) 2025 that included addressing equity as well as safety with respect to all capital improvement projects.

The modernizations and improvements to Nadine Johnson Elementary School reflect the desire of the district to address growth, and provide equity at all of our "legacy" campuses. As the educational delivery models change over time, the way students and staff utilize space also changes and necessitates the need to upgrade and modernize as a priority equity decision. Working with VLK, the district's administration and operations departments tackled not only NJES, but also Cottonwood Creek, Veterans' Hill, Ray, and Hutto elementary schools to update the existing facilities and learning spaces to current educational delivery models. This included a complete refresh of furnishings and technology.

"Fundamentally, while addressing growth and equity, whether renovating existing facilities or building anew, the Board and district administration work closely with the district's architects to also address energy efficiencies, building control systems, lighting and indoor air quality upgrades, and deferred maintenance projects," said Henry Gideon, Assistant Superintendent of Operations at Hutto ISD.

"In addition to the design process, much attention was given to include safety systems including access controls, protected vestibules, cameras, and other physical improvements to enable staff and students to learn in secure environments," added Gideon.



[READ MORE](#)



FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

2022 - 11th ANNUAL EVENT

After two years of absence due the pandemic and its imposed social distancing guidelines, the Hutto Culinary Program and Hutto High School FCCLA were back in full force this school year with the 11th Annual Community First Responders Appreciation Breakfast.

The event that started in 2010 has always been an opportunity for our community leaders to get together and celebrate our First Responders and their hard work and dedication to our community's safety and well-being.

This year we had in attendance the Hutto City Manager, the Chief of Hutto Fire Rescue, the Hutto Police Chief, Hutto ISD Police Chief, the Superintendent of Schools, the School Board President, and a number of School Board Members, in addition to a good number of police department and fire department members. The guests got to enjoy a relaxed atmosphere and a full breakfast prepared and served by Culinary/FCCLA students and the HHS FCS teachers team.

This event could not have been possible without the Culinary Arts and HHS FCCLA Student-Volunteers and the HHS FCCLA Advisors Team of Nicole Davis, Laurie Lyro, Lauren Smith, Mellissa Psencik, Tara Crider, and Said Farraje.

We would also like to thank Dr. Rhonda McWilliams, HHS Principal, and Mrs. Misty Davis, HHS Associate Principal, for facilitating and helping make this event possible.



HELP ADDRESS BULLYING

BULLYING PREVENTION

Bullying is a relationship problem that cannot be addressed with "simple" solutions. It requires strategies that encourage respect and empathy for others. Bullying is a community issue that we all play a part in addressing. Youth involvement and leadership is very important, including teaching potential bystanders (the "silent majority") to speak up and not accept bullying behavior as normal.

Everyone has the right to be respected and the responsibility to respect others, in person and online.



FOUR HUTTO ISD CAMPUSES EARN PURPLE STAR DESIGNATION

COMMITMENT TO MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS RECOGNIZED

Hutto ISD is proud to announce that four of our campuses have received the distinction of being named a Texas Education Agency (TEA) Purple Star Designation campus. The award is for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years in recognition of being schools that excel in meeting the needs of military-connected students and their families. Congratulations to Benjamin "Doc" Kerley Elementary School (KES), Howard Norman Elementary School (HNES), Veterans' Hill Elementary School (VHE), and Hutto Middle School (HMS) for your dedication to our military community.

"We are so thankful for the hard work and dedication of the school administrators, campus military liaisons and district military liaison who work diligently with the campus military-connected students and their families to ensure

our military-connected students and their families to ensure our military-connected students and their families are supported," said Dr. Celina Estrada Thomas, Superintendent of Hutto ISD.

"Hutto ISD's military liaisons help our military-connected students adjust to their new school and provide resources to them and their families to make those transitions as smooth as possible," said Elva Torres, Director of State and Federal Programs. "They do an outstanding job ensuring we have programs for our military connected students and families," added Torres. "We sincerely appreciate all their dedication and are honored that the TEA recognized their efforts."

The Hutto ISD campuses that were awarded the Purple Star Campus Designation have plans in place to welcome new Military families to their campuses, guide the students through their first week of school and make themselves available to the students and their families as needed. They also recognize military connected students throughout the year during military holidays and observances. A special focus is made in the month of April which is the Month of the Military Child.

The following staff have been leading this charge:

HNES Military Liaison: Charlotte Goertz - serving 57 military connected students

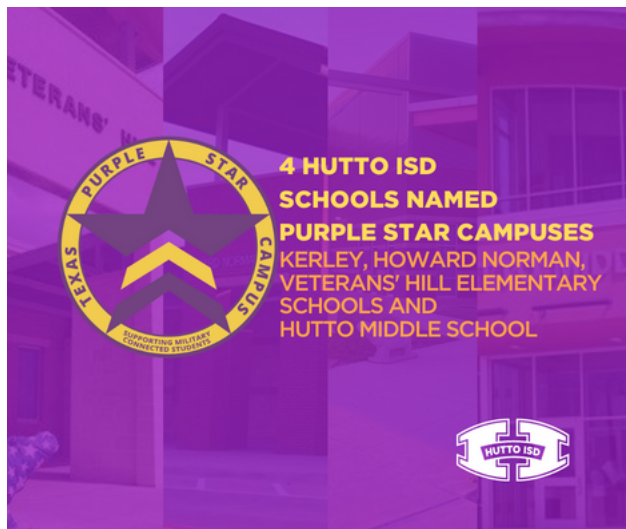
VHES Military Liaison: Chelsea Eason - serving 33 military connected students

KES Military Liaison: Brenna Ramos - serving 57 military connected students

HMS Military Liaison: Bre'Ana Stafford - serving 53 military connected students

District Military Liaison: Stephen Balderas helping to serve the 626 military connected students district wide.

"Military life is very unique. While it can be very rewarding, there are challenges specific to military-connected students. Those challenges help to create a student who is resilient, responsible, respectful, has a strong sense of community and a love for their country. We thank our service members for their service, and recognize that our military-connected students make sacrifices as well, and we want to thank them for their service too!" said Stephen Balderas, district military liaison.



READ MORE

CHOIR SUCCESS

DISTRICT CHOIR ADVANCING TO REGION

The following 21 students have made the District Choir and will be advancing to Region. This will be the largest group advancing to Region we have ever had. Please join us in congratulating them!

Soprano 1: Caris Chairez, Diana Vega, Kristin

Karbownik, Acacia Thompson, Abigail Carrington

Soprano 2: Eli Finney, Claire Sidwa, Hayden Beatty

Alto 1: Sydnei Shaw, Arianna Romero, Yuridia Martinez

Tenor 1: Zoe Lobban, Rowan Fardy, DeShawn Bowie

Tenor 2: Dinari Bowers, Joseph Dinopol, Jamison Chambers

Bass 1: Wesley Miles, Alexander Hernandez, James Shumway, Isaac Perez



THUNDER ON THE HILLS

HUTTO DRUMLINE PERFORMANCES OFF TO A GREAT START

The Hutto drumline performed at the Dripping Springs "Thunder in the Hills" drumline contest this past Saturday, September 17. It was a very hot and sunny day with warmup and performance happening on asphalt from 2-5:30 p.m. Despite a laptop that overheated and was non-functioning, they came home with:

3rd place Overall

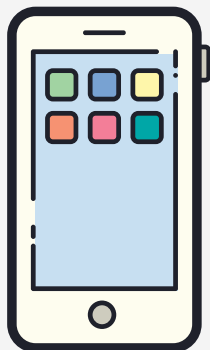
Best Tenor Line

Best Cymbal Line



THE LATEST WITH QR CODES

USABILITY ON PHONES



QR (Quick Response) codes began being used over a decade ago. We've seen QR codes on signs, flyers, and even as a more efficient boarding pass for air travel.

Most recently, we saw them more widely used as a contactless method to look at menus when we ventured out to eat during COVID-19.

Even so, technology has continued to evolve surrounding these two-dimensional bar codes that contain text and numbers and often feature URLs that direct users to sites where they can learn about a subject.

Most of us know how to use QR codes with a camera phone, but many people do not know how to read a QR code when it is delivered on their phones. The dilemma: How does one open a QR code on your phone without using a second phone camera or a special downloaded app?

There's actually multiple ways to read a QR code from your own phone, and you no longer need external apps to do so. Here's a couple of ways:

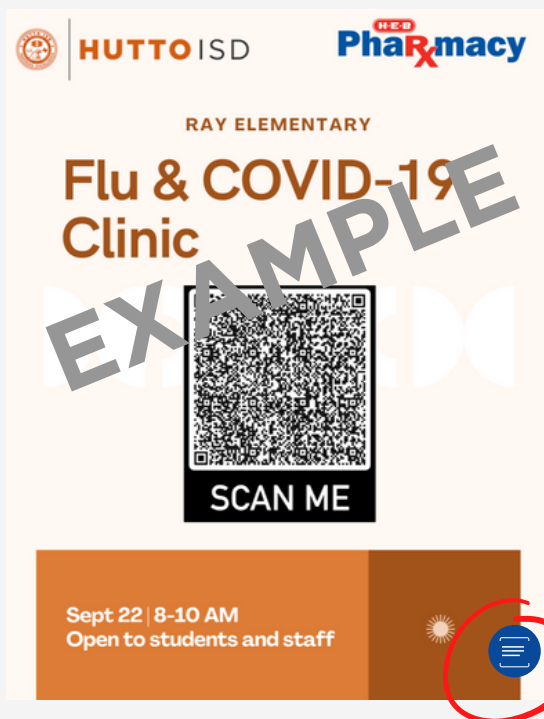
USING THE BUILT-IN IPHONE PHOTOS APP

1. Take a photo or screenshot and open the photo with the QR code in Photos.
2. Wait a brief moment for the app to recognize that a QR code is present in the image, and show a bracketed symbol in the lower right hand corner.
3. Tap the bracketed symbol in the lower right hand corner of the image.
4. You will be offered the option of opening the URL in the appropriate app, such as Safari, Google Chrome, YouTube, etc. Do so by clicking the option of your choice.

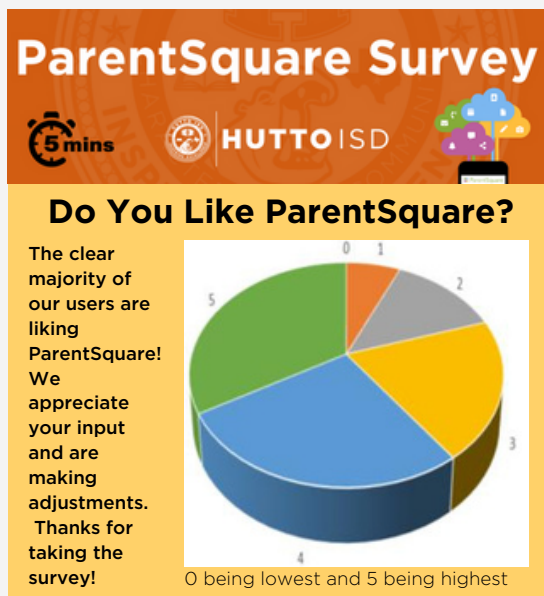
USING QR CODES IN PARENTSQUARE

1. If you are using the app and not the online version of **ParentSquare**, simply touch and hold down on the QR code on your phone within the ParentSquare app.
2. Then select the option to open the link.

Voila! You do not need a 2nd phone.



PRO TIP: Parents and community members have voiced frustration with our use of QR codes in ParentSquare because many do not know how to read QR codes from a phone. Share this educational information next time you share a QR code in a message.



SAFETY CORNER

DANGERS OF FENTANYL

Do you know a student who is anxious and is considering or has used counterfeit pills to help them relax or sleep? Counterfeit pills can contain fentanyl in deadly amounts and have resulted in student deaths. Share this safety message and talk with your students about how to stay safe with prescription medicine. Report concerns to Hutto ISD through our [Anonymous Alert system](#). For emergencies, please call 911.

Anonymous Alerts® report it!

Watch this [video message](#) on Fentanyl from Hays ISD.

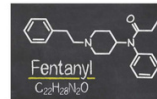
Open and print this [Pharmacy Request to your Pharmacist](#) to obtain NARCAN Nasal Spray without a prescription.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR HUTTO ISD PARENTS & STUDENTS ABOUT FENTANYL

Counterfeit pills containing fentanyl have been found in the Hays CISD area to our south. During the summer, several Hays CISD students experienced overdoses and tragically some lost their lives. This could happen in Hutto. We encourage parents to speak with their children about the risks involved with drug use.



A lethal dose of fentanyl!!

ANY PILL YOU GET FROM A FRIEND OR BUY OFF OF THE STREET COULD BE A COUNTERFEIT PILL CONTAINING FENTANYL.

Only take medication that was prescribed by a doctor, purchased at a pharmacy, and approved by parents or guardians.

Counterfeit pills are fake medications that have different ingredients than the actual medication. They may contain no active ingredient, the wrong active ingredient, or have the right ingredient but in an incorrect quantity. Counterfeit pills may contain lethal amounts of fentanyl or methamphetamine and are extremely dangerous because they often appear identical to legitimate prescription pills, and the user is likely unaware of how lethal they can be.



Left: Authentic oxycodone M30 tablets (top) (also known as Percocet) vs. counterfeit oxycodone M30 tablets containing fentanyl (bottom).

Center: Authentic Adderall tablets (top) vs. counterfeit Adderall tablets containing methamphetamine (bottom).

Right: Authentic Xanax tablets (white) vs. counterfeit Xanax tablets containing fentanyl (yellow).

For more information on the Hays CISD fentanyl emergency, visit: www.hayscisd.net/fentanyl



Students or parents in the school community can anonymously submit any suspicious activity, bullying or other student-related issues to a school administrator via **Anonymous Alerts**. We encourage you to report important issues. You may save a life.

The Hutto ISD Health Services Team invites you to view the first in a series of virtual community education courses, [Medication Safety](#).

GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS

REFERRALS OPEN FROM OCT. 3 - NOV. 3

The Hutto ISD referral window for screening students for gifted and talented educational programs will be open from October 3 through November 3. Parents, guardians, teachers, other certified staff members, and community members may refer students who they believe exhibit the characteristics of giftedness. Referral forms are available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) on all campuses and on the [Hutto ISD GT web page](#) during the referral window.

A gifted/talented student shows potential for performing at a remarkably high level of accomplishment when compared to others of the same age, experience, or environment. A gifted/talented student may exhibit high-performance capability in an intellectual, creative, or artistic area, possess an unusual capacity for leadership, or excel in a specific academic field.

Hutto ISD provides services to gifted/talented students in a variety of ways. Elementary GT students participate in the BLAST program. This interdisciplinary pull-out model promotes students' independence, creativity, and all core subject area skills. Middle school GT students are clustered together and served by GT trained teachers in regular core subject classes or in advanced classes where applicable. GT services at the high school level include Pre-AP, AP, and Dual Credit classes in the four core subject areas. During their junior and senior years, students may receive college credit by passing the appropriate AP exams and/or completion of Dual Enrollment courses offered by Temple College.

ERI PUBLIC FORUM

CASTING A VISION

A huge thank you to all those who attended our Equity, Racism, and Inclusiveness Public Forum on September 28. We continue to value these opportunities to showcase the work of the ERI Task Force while also communicating with our school communities and our larger Hutto community so there is transparency in this work that seeks to improve the educational experiences of every student.

Our time together kicked off with a reminder of the [DEI vision](#) for the district followed by an interactive chalkboard splash activity where attendees answered the question "Who are our students today?" Each attendee had silent time to record their thoughts and then collaborative time to talk to others and make connections between the ideas shared. As you can imagine, in addition to their diverse ways of thinking, being, and acting, there were many commonalities around who are the students we know, love, and educate today. This diversity is paralleled in our staff population as well and helps us to understand why DEI efforts are important for youth and adults alike. So how can we see and embrace the differences that make us each unique, and how can we feel the similarities that bind us by a shared humanity? Being a united "we" that counters an "us, them" mentality and rejects an "either, or" way of thinking is critical.

The ERI Task Force has been ready for this challenge and we are excited to share our mission and newly developed belief statements, which both integrate with the district mission and beliefs. Defining the "we," and knowing our "why," our students, launches us into the "how" of the work. Part and parcel of the "how" is going back to the data to see what it tells us. Data leads to knowledge which then inspires action. This simple yet profound formula is what led to the development of performance objectives and strategies that comprise our newly approved goal in the District Improvement Plan for 22-23. More information can be found on our [Community ERI Task Force pages](#), including the presentations for the summer and fall forums. We hope to see you at the winter forum in February!

ERI Task Force Beliefs

Our ERI beliefs are inspired by the Hutto ISD district beliefs. However, when we are intentional about diversity, equity, and inclusion, there are supporting conditions needed in order for us to be the premier choice in education.

DISTRICT BELIEFS

Hutto ISD strives to be the best school district in Central Texas.

The safety and security of all is a top priority.

Every decision should be made in the best interest of students.

The pursuit and acceptance of diversity is critical.

Character is as important as academic achievement.

We are able to accomplish more as a community.

ERI BELIEFS

If every student and adult in Hutto ISD is able to reach their full potential, then we will be the best school district.

If we leverage a restorative approach to discipline, then we will promote a culture of equity and safety in every district building and in every classroom, thus prioritizing the security of all. (DIP, Goal 8)

If we enable equitable mindsets and disable inequitable barriers, then decisions will be made in the best interest of each student in Hutto ISD.

If we value and honor the diverse ways in which students and adults think, feel, believe, and act, then we are actively pursuing and accepting diversity.

If we develop excellence in character to promote the social and emotional wellness and belonging of every student and adult, then learning environments will be more inclusive.

If we act and interact in strength-based ways, then we become more united in our diversity as a community and a collective family.



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SUPPORT HUTTO ISD NURSES

HELP MEET NEEDS

Support our school nurses, the Hutto ISD Health Services team, as the department store launches! There are three opportunities to help from \$5 to \$25. No matter what your pocket book can support, we appreciate you standing in the gap with us.

Purchase our Hutto ISD Embroidered Backpack and carry your necessities and show your pride at the same time for \$25.

We have a women's cut polo ready for you for \$20.

Don't need a thing, but want to help fund our Sunshine Fund? Your gift of \$5 helps us honor the nursing staff during Nurses Appreciation Week and re-energize our nursing staff throughout the year so they can continue to serve our students with a smile!



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BURGERS FOR A GOOD CAUSE

EAT OUT TONIGHT!

No need to worry about cooking dinner on October 5! Please come out and support Hutto Special Olympics at Hat Creek Burger Company in Round Rock on Wednesday, October 5 from 5-9 p.m.!

We have 30 athletes and continue to grow each year. We also started an Adult Hutto Special Olympics Team this year... Hutto Heat!

Proceeds will go towards uniforms, competition/practice expenses, and anything else the Hutto Special Olympic Athletes may need!



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HIPPO NATION SPIRIT



The Team Spirit Store will be open during all events at Hutto Memorial Stadium and when gates open for the event.

10/7 - vs Harker Heights (Pink Out), 7:30 PM

10/21 - vs Copperas Cove (Homecoming),
7:30 PM

11/4 - vs Weiss (Senior Night), 7:30 PM

See Athletic event schedules at [RankOne](#).
Stock up on your Hutto Orange for
[#HippoNationFriday](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

6 - HANG WITH THE HIPPOS, NADINE JOHNSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 9:30-11 AM

7 - HHS FOOTBALL-PINK OUT GAME, 6-10 PM

10 - STUDENT/STAFF HOLIDAY

13 - BOARD MEETING, 6-8 PM

21 - HHS FOOTBALL HOMECOMING 6- 10 PM

27- BOARD MEETING, 6-10 PM

31 - STUDENT HOLIDAY/STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

NOVEMBER

1 - STUDENT/STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

4 - HHS FOOTBALL - SENIOR NIGHT, 6-10 PM

8 - SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL, 5 PM, BOARD ROOM

9 - HANG WITH THE HIPPOS, FARLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL, 9:30-11 AM

10 - BOARD MEETING, 6-8 PM

11 - VETERANS' DAY - STUDENT/STAFF HOLIDAY

21 - 25 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - DISTRICT CLOSED

END