



EAGLE EXPRESS

CHALLENGER ELEMENTARY

January 4, 2026

Integrity | Perseverance | Respect | Courage | Excellence

SCHOOL HOURS

Grades PK-4.....7:55 AM – 3:15 PM
 Front Doors Open.....7:15 AM
 Breakfast Served.....7:15 am – 7:50 AM
 Students Enter Class.....7:45 AM
 Class Begins.....7:55 AM

*Students must be inside the building by 7:55 AM. Students entering the building after this time will be tardy. If a student is tardy, parents are required to park and come into the lobby to sign them in.

IMPORTANT LINKS:

- [Absence Reporting Link](#)
- [PISD Volunteer Form](#)
- [School Cafe' \(Add money to student meal account\)](#)
- [Cafe Menu](#)
- [Challenger Student Handbook](#)
- [Staff Shout Outs](#)

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- 1/5 Professional Learning Day
(No School for Students)
- 1/6 Staff Development Day
(No School for Students)
- 1/9 Grade Level Spirit Day
- 1/12-16 Safety Drill Refresher



HELP WANTED!

Kindergarten will be creating their annual time capsules. In order to create these very special time capsules, we need a little help from all of you. We are accepting donations of full-size Pringles containers empty and clean. Send with your child or drop off in the front office.



We will be closed to lunch visitors January 7-16.

Teachers will use this time to review cafeteria expectations and daily procedures.

Thank you for your understanding!

Lunch visitors will resume on January 21st.

COLOR SPIRIT DAY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9TH

WEAR YOUR GRADE LEVEL SPIRIT SHIRT!

PRE-K: YELLOW

KINDERGARTEN: GREEN

1ST GRADE: PURPLE

2ND GRADE: RED

3RD GRADE: ORANGE

4TH GRADE: BLUE

STAFF SHOUT OUTS!

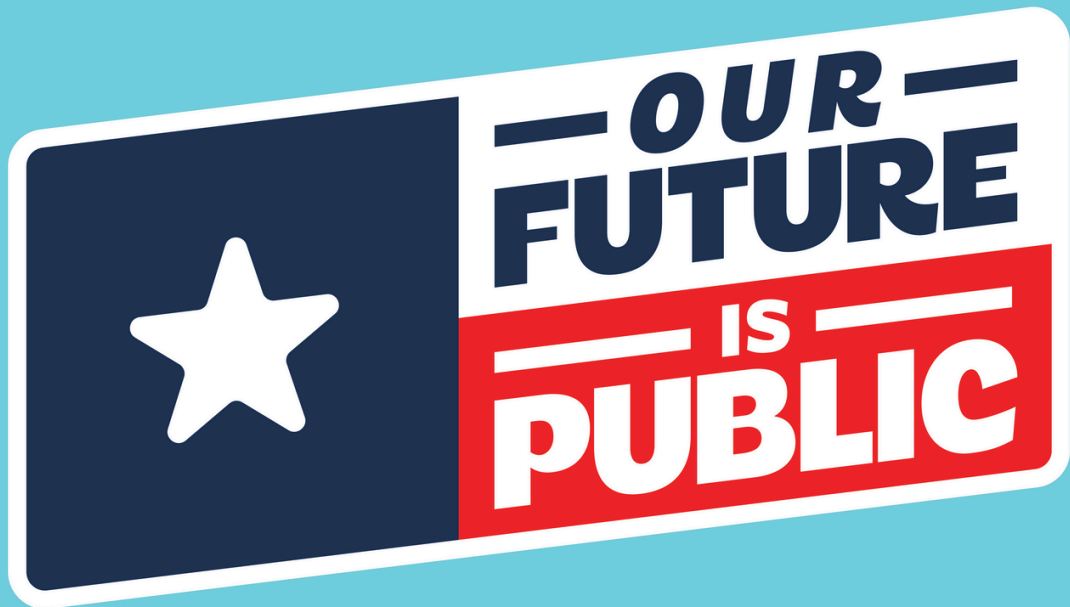


Has a Challenger staff member made an impact for you or your child?

[Click HERE to provide a positive affirmation for that staff member!](#)

Character Strong

This month is all about Perseverance. One way to think about Perseverance is “pushing yourself through challenges and obstacles.” We all experience challenges in our lives. We all have moments when we feel like we can’t do it or that we want to give up on a big task. It is important to develop tools that help us work through those challenges in order to grow in those moments instead of giving up. How might you practice Perseverance as a family this month?



**SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH
JANUARY 2026**

Crystal Carbone - President

Dr. Kristofer Schoeffler - Vice President

Sean Murphy

Nanette Weimer - Secretary

Daniel Stuckey

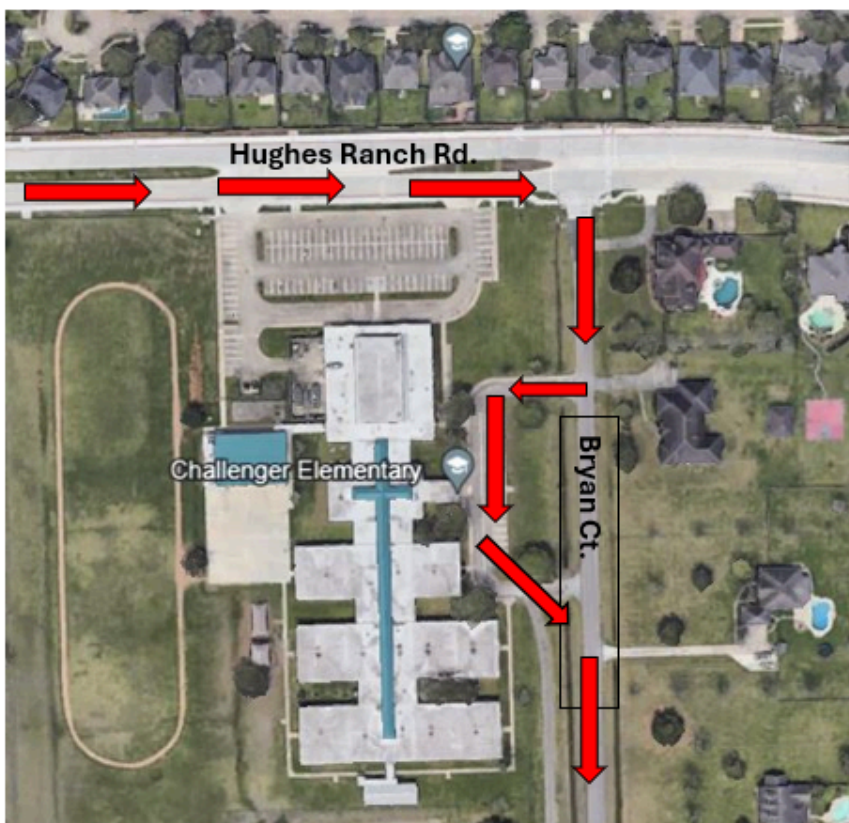
Toni Carter

Jim Johnson

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL REMINDERS

CAR RIDER PICK UP/DROP OFF:

- Please pull all the way to the next available unloading/loading spot. This will allow us to keep our car line from becoming too congested. The heaviest traffic time will be from 7:45-7:55 AM. To avoid the long line, plan to arrive before this time. Our front doors open at 7:15 AM.
- Please remain inside your vehicle during drop off/pick up so that we can keep our line moving. We have staff on duty to assist our younger students as they exit/enter their vehicles but please begin teaching your child how to get in/out of the car by themselves
- For safety reasons, we ask that students unload/load on the passenger side of the vehicle.
- Every car in our pick up line should have a Car Rider Tag displayed in your rearview mirror for our staff member calling numbers.
- Please do not use your cell phones and be aware of your surroundings to ensure the safety of everyone during arrival and dismissal times.
- **Dropping students off on Hughes Ranch Rd. is strictly prohibited.**
- **Dropping students off in the Teacher Parking lot is strictly prohibited.**



Arrival/Dismissal Traffic
Flow Map
2025-2026

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL REMINDERS

WALKERS & BIKE RIDERS:

We have 2 different walker/bike rider destinations. Make sure your child's teacher knows which way your child will be walking/biking at dismissal. (See map below)



Crosswalk Walkers/Bike Riders: Students needing to cross Hughes Ranch Rd.



West Walkers/Bike Riders: Students who remain on Hughes Ranch Rd. toward South Hampton/Autumn Lake.



TRANSPORTATION CHANGES:

- **It is extremely important to our staff that all students are dismissed safely every day.**
- **Frequently changing modes of transportation can cause confusion for children.**
- **We recognize that situations arise which may require a change in how students go home.**
- **If there is a change in how your child will go home, please NOTIFY THE OFFICE.**
- **Emails/Texts should not be sent the day of the change, as teachers might not see this because they are busy teaching their class during the school day or may be off campus.**
- **If advance notice is not possible, phone calls advising the front office of the change must be made no later than 2:30 PM.**

EARLY PICK UP/CHECKOUT:

To ensure a smooth and organized dismissal, parents who need to pick up their child early for an after-school appointment, etc. must do so by 2:30 p.m.

PICKING UP/CHECKING OUT STUDENTS:

If someone other than the parent/guardian will be picking up your child, the person's name must be listed in Skyward as a family member or emergency contact. The person designated to pick up your child must be prepared to show his/her driver's license to school officials.

SAFETY DRILL WEEK

JANUARY 12-16

This week we will be conducting our first round of required safety drills. Our goal in teaching and practicing the procedures for these drills early, is to ensure that our students and staff know what to do in the event of an emergency. Teachers will spend time discussing and practicing what to do for each drill with their students prior to our practice drill.

Visit our [Pearland ISD Safe & Secure Schools](#) website for more information.

Monday
January 12th



SHELTER: SHELTER! Hazard and safety strategy.

Why: Shelter is called when the need for personal protection is necessary. Training should also include spontaneous events such as tornado, earthquake or hazmat.

Tuesday
January 13th



EVACUATION/Fire Drill: EVACUATE! To the announced location.

Why: Evacuate is called to move students and staff from one location to another. (Ex. Fire alarm has sounded.)

Wednesday
January 14th



SECURE: Secure! Get inside. Lock outside doors

Why: Lockout is called when there is a threat or hazard outside of the school building. Whether it's due to violence or criminal activity in the immediate neighborhood, or a dangerous animal in the playground, Lockout uses the security of the physical facility to act as protection.

Thursday
January 15th



HOLD: HOLD! In your classroom. Clear the halls.

Why: There may be situations that require students to remain in their classrooms. For example, an altercation in the hallway may demand keeping students out of the halls until it is resolved.

Friday
January 16th



LOCKDOWN: LOCKDOWN! Locks, lights, out of sight.

Why: Lockdown is called when there is a threat or hazard inside the school building. From parental custody disputes to intruders to a weapon on campus, Lockdown uses classroom security to protect students and staff from threat.