

January 2019

Pearsall ISD

318 Berry Ranch Road, Pearsall, TX 78061

www.pearsallisd.org | T: 830.334.8001



Aloha Pearsall ISD Family,

I hope all of you had a great Christmas and New Year – it is hard to believe it is now 2019. Hopefully you were able to get some well-deserved rest, spend time with loved ones and are now ready to return for the spring semester. This semester is always fast-paced due to a full schedule of extracurricular activities and STAAR testing. By the time we know it, we will be getting ready to close out the school year. Thank you for all you have done to make the first half of the school year a great success. All of the hard work each of you contributes on a daily basis for the students of Pearsall ISD is greatly appreciated!

January Appreciation Dates for Pearsall ISD

Join us in recognizing District staff accordingly for their continuous hard work and dedication! [Click here to view the entire appreciation calendar.](#)

- 1-31: School Board Recognition Month

This is a great opportunity to celebrate our hard-working school board members for the important role they play. They volunteer their time and services to ensure we provide the best opportunities for all of our students.

Congratulations to the PISD Employees of the Month for December

L-R: Kent Knebel - PJH, Crossing Guards: Kevin Vogel, Brenda Ortegon, John Toalson – District, Nancy Gonzalez – TFE, and Rebeca Hernandez – PI.

Not Pictured: Edna Martinez – PHS, Ester Fuentes – Maintenance, and Crossing Guards: Maria Banda & Evon Gallegos - District



Important Dates

January 7

Staff Work Day

January 8

Beginning of 4th Six Weeks

January 9

Report Card Night

January 14

DEIC Meeting

January 16

School Board Meeting

January 21

Martin Luther King Holiday

January 25

Stock Show Holiday

[PISD Calendar of Events](#)

Extracurricular Events

[Band Schedule](#)

[JH Girls Basketball Schedule](#)

[JH Boys Basketball Schedule](#)

[HS Girls Basketball Schedule](#)

[HS Boys Basketball Schedule](#)

TEA's Grow Your Own Grant Initiative

Pearsall ISD was awarded the TEA "Grow Your Own" grant totaling \$113,000 in April 2018, becoming the only school district in the surrounding ESC Region 20 area to receive the funding. The Grow Your Own grant program provides selected school districts with financial support to increase the entry of qualified, diverse candidates into the teaching profession, particularly in rural and small school settings.

PISD's strategic plan in utilizing these grant funds is to assist up to 10 district employees pursuing a bachelor's degree with teacher certification. This plan is directly aligned to both PISD's focus of growing our own teachers and increasing the retention rate among faculty, and the TEA's strategic priority of recruiting, supporting, and retaining teachers. Pearsall ISD currently has nine employees participating in the grant initiative. The grant participants were selected due to the commitment they have demonstrated to the district and students.

Five participants are pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies from Sul Ross State University and Rio Grande College. They are currently on track to finish their degree and educator certification by May 2020. They include Kortne Bell, Paraprofessional at Pearsall Intermediate; Makayla Cuevas, Paraprofessional at the Alternative Center; Melissa Cuevas, Secretary at the Alternative Center; Amy Vasquez, PEIMS Coordinator for the District; and Oscar Vasquez, Technical Support Specialist for the District.

PHS custodian Angelica Cuevas is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Multidisciplinary Studies with an emphasis in Education and Communication from Concordia University and is currently on track to finish in the summer of 2019. PHS paraprofessional Marie Gutierrez, PJHS paraprofessional Miranda Gutierrez and PJHS paraprofessional Iris Vinton all graduated in December 2018 from Concordia University with a Bachelor of Arts in Multidisciplinary Studies with an emphasis in Education and Communication.

We would like to acknowledge all grant participants for their dedication to Pearsall ISD and their persistence to continue their education!



In the Community

Frio County Jr. Livestock Show

When: Friday, January 25 and Thursday, January 26

Where: Frio County Jr. Livestock Barn, 2540 Interstate 35 Business Loop, Pearsall, TX

PISD staff is encouraged to go show support for our students participating in the livestock show and country store!

[Click here for more details!](#)

Get Connected

Like us on Facebook
[@pearsallmavericks](#)



Follow us on Twitter
[@pearsallisd](#)



Download our App
"Pearsall ISD"

