

April 2021

# Pearsall ISD

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Hello Pearsall ISD Family,

*I hope everyone had a great Spring Break and that you were able to make some time to focus on yourself and your family. We have officially surpassed a year since our lives took a dramatic change with the COVID-19 pandemic. Every single one of you has faced every challenge thrown at you head on and have never once hesitated to go above and beyond for our students and community. You each truly exemplify the meaning of MAVERICK PRIDE!*

*We will soon be wrapping up the 5<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks grading period and will be entering the final stretch of the 2020-2021 school year. Please continue to work with students and parents on a daily basis as you have done all year long. You are doing a great job of understanding and meeting their needs. Please continue to take care of yourselves and stay safe. As always, please remember that at Pearsall ISD we like to say, "Once a Maverick, Always a Maverick"!*

## April Appreciation Dates for Pearsall ISD

Join us in recognizing District staff accordingly for their continuous hard work and dedication!

- 2: National Paraprofessional Appreciation Day
- 5-9: National Assistant Principal's Week
- 6: National School Librarian Day
- 18-24: National Volunteer Week
- 21: Administrative Assistant's Day

## Articles of Interest

Below are a few links featured by our Employee Assistance Program – Lifeworks. The articles contain useful information and we hope you find them beneficial. You will need to login to your Lifeworks account to access the articles. For assistance with logging in, please email Sonya Martinez.

- [Tips for Maintaining Physical Health at Work](#)
- [Seeking the Facts about the COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [The Power of Volunteering](#)
- [Making the Most of Your Work Day Infographic](#)

Please also make sure to visit their [Perks Section](#) for great deals & discounts!

## Important Dates

### April 2

Good Friday Holiday

### April 9

End of 5<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks

### April 12

Staff Planning Day  
Employee Appreciation Meal

### April 13

Beginning of 6<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks

[PISD Calendar of Events](#)

## Important News

### COVID-19 Vaccine Information

*Pearsall ISD now has over 200 employees who are either fully vaccinated or will be fully vaccinated within the next two weeks! Thank you to all who have stepped up to the challenge. If there are more employees still interested in being vaccinated and need assistance seeking out a vaccine provider or signing-up, please do not hesitate to ask.*

## TASB News: DOL Launches [Unemployment Fraud Website](#)

States have experienced a surge in fraudulent unemployment claims filed by organized crime rings using stolen identities that were accessed or purchased from past data breaches, the majority of which occurred in previous years and involved larger criminal efforts unrelated to unemployment. Criminals are using these stolen identities to fraudulently collect benefits across multiple states.

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) has launched a website dedicated to helping people understand unemployment insurance identity theft and how and where to report fraud.

The new DOL website, also available in Spanish, provides steps to help victims address issues related to previous identity theft and to report theft of unemployment benefits. The site consolidates information from multiple federal and state agencies to pool resources and ensure clarity.

In addition to reporting unemployment identity theft and unemployment insurance fraud, the website also covers:

- Signs that you may be a victim of unemployment identify theft
- Penalties for unemployment insurance fraud
- Unemployment insurance accuracy data

PISD continues to monitor unemployment claims and will inform you directly if there is reason to believe you have been a victim of unemployment fraud. For more information on the topic, check out the recent [DOL News Release](#).

## Congratulations to our Employees of the Month for March!

*\*Not Pictured: Joshua Cross (PJH)*



**Lucero Sutton**  
TFE

**Mary Frances Ramon**  
PI

**Melissa Rhodes**  
PHS

**Isabel Escobar**  
Cafeteria

**Freddy Esquivel**  
District

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Transportation



## Extracurricular Events

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