

September 2020

# Pearsall ISD

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Hello Pearsall ISD Family,

*Thank you all for your hard work to get the 2020-2021 school year off to a great start, despite the challenges and unprecedented times we are facing! Everyone is stepping up to the challenge and showing a great deal of adversity and flexibility.*

*As we continue to move forward, we ask that you continue to keep Maverick Pride as the focus for the school year. After all, remember that at Pearsall ISD we say, "Once a Maverick, Always a Maverick"!*

## Employee Assistance Program

Pearsall ISD is transitioning to a new Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provider. Beginning September 1, the District will utilize LifeWorks in lieu of Alliance Work Partners. For more information about the transition and how to access the new EAP please review memo e-mailed on 08/28/2020. You may also visit our District website for more information at [bit.ly/PISD\\_EAP](http://bit.ly/PISD_EAP). If you do not receive an email by September 3 about your login information for LifeWorks, please contact Sonya Martinez to assist you accordingly.

## Virtual Learning Classroom Shout-Out: Mr. Rulewicz & Ms. Moreno (TFE)



## Important Dates

### September 7

Labor Day Holiday

### September 16

School Board Meeting

### September 18

End of 1<sup>st</sup> Six Weeks  
Student Early Release  
Staff Planning/PD

### September 21

Beginning of 2<sup>nd</sup> Six Weeks

## [PISD Calendar of Events](#)

## Important News

For the 2020-2021 school year, any districts offering remote asynchronous instruction are required to submit a plan to TEA for approval.

Pearsall ISD's Remote Instruction Asynchronous Plan was approved by the PISD Board of Trustees on 08/19/20 and by TEA on 08/24/20.

The district's plan may be viewed here: [PISD Asynchronous Plan](#)

## Compliance Training Reminder

Please remember to complete the online compliance training modules by the expected deadlines. Instructions and deadlines to complete the online modules can be found at <http://bit.ly/PISDcompliance>.

The compliance training topics consist of COVID-19, Child Abuse/Sexual Abuse & Other Maltreatment, Suicide Prevention, Sexual Harassment, Bloodborne Pathogens, and Seizure Training. These training requirements are critical to ensure the safety and well-being of all students and staff. If you are experiencing issues completing the training modules, please visit with your supervisor so that a plan can be developed accordingly.

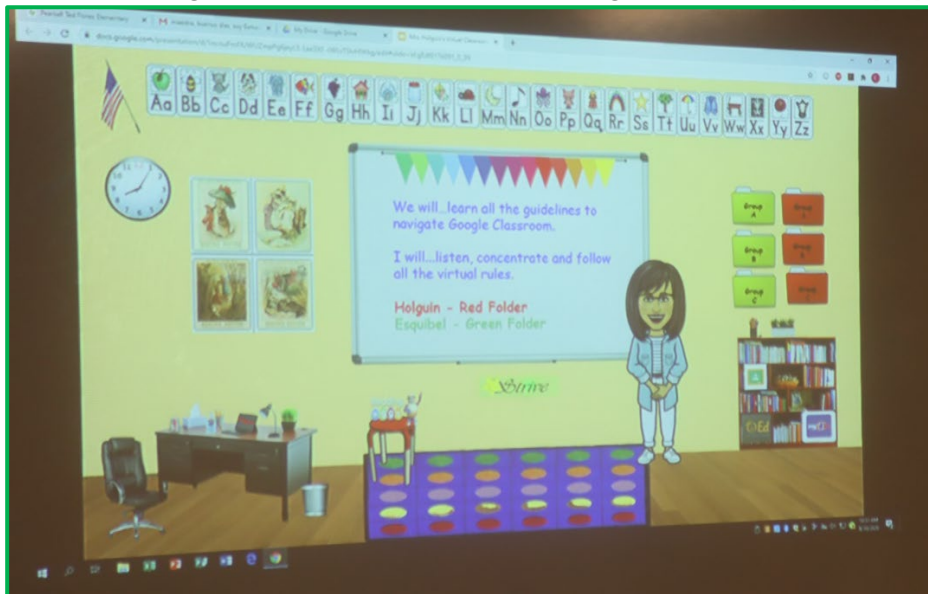
## Wellness & Benefits Information

September 1 marks the start of the new benefits year for TRS-ActiveCare. As a reminder, TRS-ActiveCare has transitioned from Aetna to Blue Cross Blue Shield. All new and continuing participants should have received a new ID card in the mail already.

Beginning September 1, enrolled TRS-ActiveCare participants can call a Personal Health Guide (PHG) at 1-866-355-5999, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for help with benefits questions, finding in-network providers, transition of care, ID cards, and more. Participants can also download the BCBSTX App from the Apple App Store or Google Play or by texting BCBSTX to 33633\* to access their coverage details on the go. Additionally, you can register for Blue Access for Members (BAM), BCBSTX's secure member portal, and start using your TRS-ActiveCare coverage beginning September 1.

For more information, you may visit [www.bcbstx.com/trsactivecare](http://www.bcbstx.com/trsactivecare).

## Virtual Learning Classroom Shout-Out: Mrs. Holguin & Mrs. Esquibel (TFE)



## Important Reminders

PISD employees currently working on-site are able to clock-in on their own device that is connected to the District network by using this link: [TimeClock](#).

Additionally, employees working on-site are required to complete a daily screener using this link: [PISD Employee COVID-19 Screener](#).

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