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WELCOME  
TO THE  
PFAMILY!



### **KINDER KICKOFF | PG. 12**

Pre-K and Kindergarten Kickoff Helps Families Prepare for the 2026–27 School Year



Timmerman ES

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## FEBRUARY

*Career and Technical Education Month*  
*Black History Month*

- 2-6** Nat'l School Counseling Week
- 5** PfISD Elementary Fine Arts Showcase
- 15** School Resource/Police Officer Day
- 21-28** Nat'l FFA Week
- 26** PfISD African American Heritage Celebration
- 17** Random Acts of Kindness Day
- 26-Mar.1** Public Schools Week

## SAVE THE DATE

### PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CONFERENCE

April 11, 2026 | 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.



## 26-27 ACADEMIC CALENDER



For a printable calendar in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese, and a text-only version, visit [www.PfISD.net/calendar](http://www.PfISD.net/calendar)

## CALENDAR SYNC

You can subscribe to your campus or distinct calendar from our website to stay up-to-date on all our events. Navigate to the calendar page and click the RSS Feed button (📡) to get an iCal feed link.

For instructions on how to connect the iCal link to your calendar, visit [PfISD.net/calendar](http://PfISD.net/calendar) and click the Subscribe to Calendars tab.



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# FROM THE SUPT

DR. QUINTIN SHEPHERD

## A Shared Conversation About Our Schools

One of the greatest strengths of Pflugerville ISD is our community. Our families, students, staff, and neighbors care deeply about our schools, and that collective care is essential as we plan for the future. I have always believed that the people closest to our schools and students should have the strongest voice in shaping our decisions.

As part of the [District Optimization](#) process that began earlier this school year, Pflugerville ISD has now released [Campus Profiles](#) for all schools. These profiles represent an important milestone in our work and are designed to provide transparency and a shared understanding of where our schools stand.

Campus Profiles are not report cards, nor are they decisions. They reflect current reality, based on available data aligned with district priorities. They help us look at our campuses in a consistent, apples-to-apples way so we can better understand strengths, challenges, and trends across the district. In cases where a campus is not meeting a priority, the profile explains the rationale and includes the corresponding data for context.

It is also important to acknowledge that data does not always tell the full story. In some instances, a campus may not meet a priority due to circumstances beyond its control, such as the opening of a new school, changes in enrollment, or district-level programming decisions made to support students across Pflugerville ISD. These factors matter, and they are part of the broader conversation we must have as an administration and our community.

Our Board of Trustees has significant decisions ahead. While data plays an important role in informing those decisions, it cannot and should not stand alone. We also need to hear directly from our

communities about what they value, what concerns them, and what they want for their schools. The most meaningful decisions are made when data and community voice are considered together.

That is why community engagement remains central to this process. Alongside the release of the School Profiles, we are inviting parents, staff members, and students to share their questions, thoughts, and reflections through a ThoughtExchange. This platform allows us to gather feedback in one place, identify common themes, and ensure community input is reviewed and considered as we move forward.

I encourage you to take time to review your school's profile on the District Optimization section of our website. You will also find short videos that explain how to read the profiles, along with a glossary, data index, and frequently asked questions to provide additional clarity. After reviewing the information, please share your thoughts or questions through the ThoughtExchange linked in the letter sent home and on our website.

The Campus Profiles are a starting point for conversation and understanding, not an endpoint. No decisions have been made, and there will be additional opportunities for engagement as we continue this work in the months ahead.

As we navigate these important choices together, I am grateful for the partnership of our families and community. Your voice matters. Your feedback matters. And the future of our schools is stronger when those closest to the work are part of the conversation every step of the way.

Yours in education,





## CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

PfISD takes great pride in celebrating the outstanding achievements of our educators, students, and staff who continue to raise the bar for excellence. At last month's Board meeting, we recognized several individuals whose hard work and dedication exemplify what it means to be #PflugervilleProud.

### **Weiss HS Educator Named TAFE Area 3 Teacher Leader of the Year**

Amber Beasley of Weiss High School was recognized as the Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE) Area 3 Teacher Leader of the Year during the Area 3 Region Meeting on December 2, 2025.

This honor celebrates Ms. Beasley's leadership, dedication, and impact on future educators through her work with TAFE students and programs. As a result of this recognition, she will advance to represent Area 3 as a candidate for the TAFE State Teacher of the Year in February.

Congratulations to Ms. Beasley on this outstanding achievement, and best wishes as she continues forward in the state selection process.



## PLEDGE LEADERS

### **DELCO ES**

This month, our Pledge Leaders from Delco ES proudly represented their campus by leading the Board and community in the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

# EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

## PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

### Seth Cross - Hendrickson HS

Coach Seth Cross of Hendrickson HS is a true example of servant leadership and teamwork.

He consistently goes above and beyond to support fellow coaches, teachers, and students, while volunteering countless hours to operate the Soaring Hawk Radio station and assist with campus and district events. Known for his positive attitude and strong relationships, Coach Cross creates a welcoming environment by connecting with students and staff daily.

His commitment, mentorship, and leadership make him an invaluable member of the HHS and PfISD community.



## SUPPORT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

### Terra Garner - Administration

Terra Garner, CTE Accounting Specialist, is a dependable and dedicated team member who consistently demonstrates professionalism and initiative.

She approaches every task with a solutions-focused mindset, collaborates seamlessly with colleagues, and strengthens systems through improved budget tracking and shared best practices.

Terra's reliability, patience, and commitment have made a meaningful impact across the district, and PfISD is grateful for her outstanding service.



## GUEST EDUCATOR OF THE MONTH

### Disleyvis Baez - Riojas ES

Disleyvis Baez is a trusted and dedicated guest educator who builds positive relationships with students, teachers, and staff.

She creates a calm, welcoming learning environment and actively engages students, even developing lessons when plans are unavailable. Her adaptability, preparation, and consistent presence exemplify professionalism and care.

PfISD is thankful for Disleyvis's continued commitment to supporting our students and campuses.





## EXPLORING NAVY STEM CAREERS AT HENDRICKSON HIGH SCHOOL

Students at Hendrickson High School recently got a firsthand look at the future of science, technology, engineering, and math as the U.S. Navy brought its innovative “Strike Group” mixed-reality experience to campus. The mobile experience immersed students in high-tech, real-world scenarios designed to showcase the depth and variety of STEM careers available within the Navy.

Using cutting-edge mixed-reality technology, students explored how teamwork, problem-solving, and advanced technical skills come together in Navy operations—from engineering and aviation to cybersecurity and robotics.

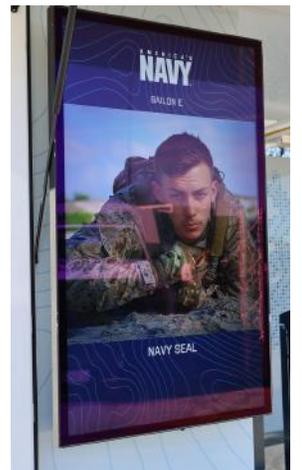
The interactive experience allowed students to step into roles that demonstrated how STEM knowledge directly translates into real-world applications and meaningful career pathways.

Hendrickson High School Principal Mr. Grebb said experiences like this help students envision possibilities beyond the classroom.

“When students can see and experience how what they’re learning applies in the real world, it makes their education more meaningful,” said Grebb. “This opportunity opened their eyes to careers they may not have considered and showed them how STEM skills can lead to service, leadership, and success after graduation.”

Opportunities like the Navy’s Strike Group experience reflect Pflugerville ISD’s commitment to its 3 E’s Promise—ensuring every graduate leaves with a plan for enrollment, enlistment, or employment.

By connecting classroom learning to college, career, and military options, PfISD continues to prepare students to be future-ready and confident in the paths ahead.



## More Than a Diploma: The Power of the Three E's

At Pflugerville ISD, every student deserves a future that's full of purpose. That's why the **Three E's Initiative** was launched: a bold commitment that by 2029, 100% of graduates will leave not just with a diploma, but with a clear direction for their next chapter.



PFISD PRESENTS THE SECOND ANNUAL

# AFRICAN AMERICAN

## HERITAGE CELEBRATION



**FEBRUARY 26, 2026**

**6 - 8 p.m.**

Pflugerville High School Cafeteria  
1301 West Pecan St, Pflugerville, TX 78660



The mission of this event is intended to honor the culture, heritage, and excellence that African Americans have contributed to our World & Country.

*Hope to see you there!!!*





## CELEBRATING THE LAUNCH OF THE P4 PFISD PRINCIPAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

PfISD is proud to celebrate the official launch of the P4 Principal Preparation Program, a new partnership with Concordia University designed to cultivate the next generation of district leaders.

These educators represent the passion, commitment, and leadership potential that continue to strengthen PfISD.

The P4 Program offers a customized pathway for participants to earn a Master's in Educational Leadership, with or without principal certification. Courses are taught by current PfISD district leaders, providing participants with the unique opportunity to learn directly from experienced practitioners who understand the realities of leading within PfISD schools.

For cohort member Steven Negrete, the program offers valuable insight into leadership at a broader level.

"I am looking forward to seeing, at least partially, what's behind the curtain," Negrete shared. "I am excited to gain knowledge on the whole campus and district level."

Classes meet weekly and are supported by additional online learning to offer flexibility for working educators. Participants also receive a \$ 50-per-credit-hour tuition discount, reinforcing the district's commitment to investing in its people and developing leaders from within.

Cady Kelly shared her excitement about expanding her impact through the program.

"I'm most excited about the opportunity to grow as a leader by learning from experienced leaders in our district and expanding my impact beyond my own classroom," Kelly said. "This program will help me better support teachers, strengthen instruction, and ensure every student feels seen, supported, and successful."

Pflugerville ISD is proud to spotlight the members of this inaugural cohort as well as the PfISD leaders serving as professors, whose guidance and mentorship will help shape the future of the district.

Spring 2025 P4 Professors include Dr. Chrysta Carlin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, and Dr. Rachel Naugle, Director of School Improvement.

P4 Cohort 1 Members are: Sarah Aldridge, Lihlu Fuenten-Robles, Jose Garza, Erin Hartfield, Ashantee Humphrey, Cady Kelly, Beck Lopez, Steven Negrete, Ana Puentes, Felicia Rodriguez, Marian Stukey, Elizabeth Westbrook, and Sarah Wofford.

Please join us in congratulating the P4 Cohort and P4 Professors as they begin this exciting leadership journey!



# TURNING PAGES, BUILDING FUTURES

PFLUGERVILLE EDUCATION FOUNDATION EXPANDS ACCESS TO EARLY LITERACY RESOURCES



The Pflugerville Education Foundation continues to make a lasting impact on young learners across PfISD through its ongoing support of Early Childhood Development initiatives.



In collaboration with PfISD, the Pfoundation identified elementary school libraries with the greatest need for new books. Through this effort, PEF purchased 582 library books for 12 elementary campuses, benefiting 5,562 students across the district.

All titles selected received positive reviews from recognized professional review journals such as Kirkus Reviews, Booklist, and School Library Journal. The books directly support district curriculum and instructional goals and were carefully reviewed for age appropriateness.

By investing in high-quality, vetted reading materials, PEF is helping strengthen early literacy skills and a love of reading during the most critical years of student development.

PEF remains committed to supporting PfISD's Early Childhood Development efforts and will continue to introduce initiatives throughout the year to meet the evolving needs of students and campuses.

The Pfoundation also extends its sincere gratitude to A+ Credit Union and Atmos Energy for their continued partnership and generous support.





## AP SCHOLARS HONORED AT ANNUAL EVENTS

Hundreds of PfISD high school students earned national recognition from the College Board as AP Scholars for their performance on Advanced Placement exams during the 2024–25 school year.

AP Scholar Awards are merit-based distinctions recognizing students who demonstrate strong academic achievement across multiple AP exams. Awards are calculated using all AP exams a student has taken throughout high school, including prior years. Exams taken more than once are counted once, using the highest score.

Students may earn one of three award levels: AP Scholar, awarded to students who score 3 or higher on three or more exams; AP Scholar with Honor, awarded to students who earn an average score of at least 3.25 and scores of 3 or higher on four or more exams; and AP Scholar with Distinction, awarded to students who earn an average score of at least 3.5 and scores of 3 or higher on five or more exams.

Each PfISD high school hosts an annual celebration to recognize AP Scholars and honor their academic accomplishments.

The number of AP Scholars increased across all campuses compared to the previous year, with Connally and Hendrickson each seeing a 20% increase.

District leaders said the results reflect strong student preparation and growing confidence in AP coursework, supported by AP mock exams and subject-area study sessions offered ahead of the May testing period.



# A CONFIDENT FIRST STEP:

PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN  
KICKOFF HELPS FAMILIES  
PREPARE FOR THE 2026-27  
SCHOOL YEAR



WELCOME  
TO THE  
PFAMILY!

Families gathered to take their first step into the school experience during Pflugerville ISD's Third Annual Pre-K and Kindergarten Kickoff. Smiles, laughter, and curiosity set the tone as PfISD welcomed its newest learners to the #Pfamily.

Pflugerville ISD welcomed families of its youngest learners during the Third Annual Pre-K and Kindergarten Kickoff, an event designed to help students and guardians prepare for the transition into school.

District staff and campus representatives connected with families, answering questions and sharing resources related to curriculum, enrollment, and student support services.

For students, the event was all about discovery. Children practiced boarding a school bus, walked through the cafeteria line, and played games with staff from the Extended Day Program, turning unfamiliar routines into exciting firsts. These hands-on experiences helped build confidence while easing common first-day nerves.

More than an informational event, the kickoff reflected PfISD's commitment to creating welcoming, family-centered experiences that support students from the very beginning of their educational journey. By connecting families with resources early and fostering excitement for learning, the district continues to lay the foundation for student success.

The Pre-K and Kindergarten Kickoff marked another meaningful step in ensuring PfISD's youngest learners start school feeling prepared, supported, and ready to thrive.



# SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE:

## DANIEL GARCIA NAMED A 2026 H-E-B EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION FINALIST

In a moment that captures the heart of Pflugerville and exemplifies the spirit of dedication in our schools, Daniel Garcia, Principal of John B. Connally High School in PfISD, has been named a 2026 H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards Finalist in the Principal – Secondary category.

Each year, the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards honor outstanding public school professionals across Texas, teachers, counselors, and principals who go above and beyond to uplift students, strengthen school communities, and inspire others through their unwavering commitment to education.

Garcia's recognition as a finalist places him among just 10 Central Texas educators selected this year for this prestigious statewide program.



H-E-B  
EXCELLENCE  
IN EDUCATION  
AWARDS

Pay to the  
order of:

**Daniel Garcia**

**One Thousand and 00/100**

Memo: **Principal Secondary**

### A Surprise Celebration of Service

Like his fellow Central Texas honorees, Garcia received the exciting news during a surprise visit from H-E-B representatives in January. In addition to the honor of being named a finalist, he was presented with a cash award, including a check for himself and another for the Connally community, underscoring H-E-B's mission to invest not just in educators, but in the schools and students they serve.



### **What It Means to Be an H-E-B Finalist**

Being named a finalist for the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards is more than recognition, it's a celebration of the countless hours, creative problem-solving, and heartfelt leadership that Garcia brings to Connally every day. As a finalist, Garcia now advances in a statewide selection process where winners will be announced at a special ceremony in Houston on May 3, 2026, an event that awards \$480,000 in cash and grants to recognize excellence across Texas classrooms and campuses.

### **A Community's Pride**

For the students, staff, and families of John B. Connally High School and the broader PfISD community, Garcia's achievement is a shared celebration. It reflects a culture of high expectations, strong leadership, and an unwavering focus on student success, values that resonate deeply across every hall, classroom, and extracurricular program.

Congratulations to Daniel Garcia on this tremendous honor! His recognition as an H-E-B Excellence in Education Finalist reminds us all of the power of passionate educators to shape the future — one student at a time. Stay tuned for the May awards ceremony and join us in cheering on Daniel as he represents PfISD on the statewide stage!



## BLOOM WOMEN'S LUNCHEON RETURNS THIS MARCH

The Pflugerville Education Foundation will host the 4th Annual BLOOM Women's Luncheon on Thursday, March 12, 2026 in Pflugerville. Held in celebration of Women's History Month, the event honors the women whose leadership, service, and mentorship help our community thrive.

The luncheon will recognize outstanding women through three awards: the Pfantastic Mentor Award, Pfabulous Community Leader Award, and Pphenomenal Volunteer Award. Guests will also hear from keynote speaker Marion Jones, an Olympic gold medalist, former professional athlete, and motivational speaker who now shares a powerful message about resilience, leadership, and personal growth.

Community members are encouraged to nominate women who exemplify service and leadership. The

BLOOM Women's Luncheon continues to shine a spotlight on those who uplift and inspire Pflugerville.

**Thursday, March 12, 2026**

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Courtyard by Marriott

16100 Impact Way, Pflugerville, TX 78660

[thefoundation.org/Bloom](http://thefoundation.org/Bloom)





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# **EDP Summer Camp**



## **Camp Details:**

- 5 Camp Site Locations
- Great for College Students
- Flexible Hours between 7:00am-6:30pm
- Training Provided
- Field Trips
- Pool Days
- Camp Olympics

## **Pay Rate**

\$18.50/Hr

## **Camp Dates:**

May 26<sup>th</sup> - August 7<sup>th</sup>

**Apply Now!**





## SUPPORTING EVERY FAMILY: SPECIAL EDUCATION EVENTS & RESOURCES

PfISD is committed to supporting every learner by partnering closely with families and the broader community. Throughout the year, both the district and local organizations host events designed specifically for families of students receiving special education services.

These gatherings offer valuable information, practical resources, and opportunities to connect with experts and other families navigating similar journeys. Whether hosted by PfISD or a trusted community partner, each event is created to empower families, answer questions, and strengthen support networks.

Explore the opportunities below to learn more and find ways to stay informed, involved, and connected.

### Pastries with Pfamilies

Join us for pastries and coffee, connect with other families navigating special education, and learn more about your rights as a parent.

**Feb. 13th**

**Time:** 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Rock Gym  
702 W. Pecan St.  
Pflugerville  
(rock building next to PACE)



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**SATURDAY  
MARCH 7TH**  
9:00 AM - 1:30 PM  
**MCNEIL HIGH SCHOOL**  
5720 MCNEIL DRIVE  
AUSTIN, TX 78729

HOSTED BY 10+ CENTRAL TX SCHOOL DISTRICTS

The Destination...Life Transition Conference helps Texas families prepare and support their student(s) with disabilities for life beyond high school. Families can expect to gather information and gain access to experts on how to help their student(s) with disabilities ranging from early childhood through high school to successfully transition to adulthood.

**RSVP & MORE INFO**



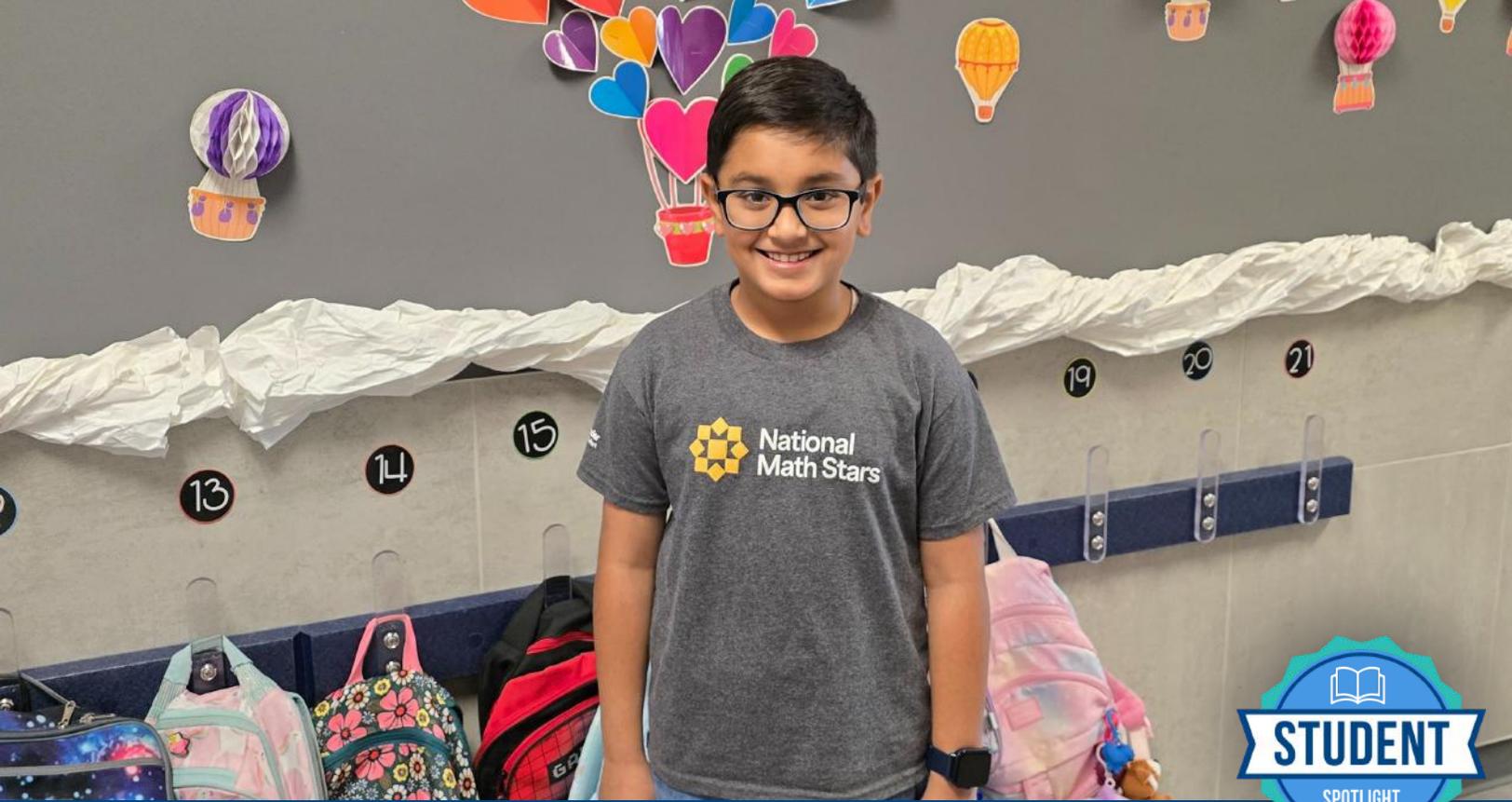
[bit.ly/destinationlife](https://bit.ly/destinationlife)

Special accommodations, interpretation & Spanish sessions available upon request through RSVP form.

#### **PFLUGERVILLE ISD**

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR DISTRICT COORDINATORS FOR MORE INFORMATION

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## ROWE LANE ES STUDENT RECOGNIZED FOR EXCEPTIONAL MATH TALENT THROUGH NATIONAL PROGRAM

Rowe Lane Elementary is celebrating a standout student achievement after Aryan Navadiya was selected for the National Math Stars Pathfinder program — a national initiative designed to identify and support students with extraordinary mathematical talent across the country.

The Pathfinder program serves students who demonstrate rare mathematical ability — approximately the top one in 1,000 learners nationwide. Through the program, students and their families receive guidance on advanced course placement, enrichment opportunities, and access to a community of peers who share a passion for mathematics and problem-solving.

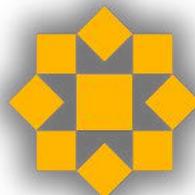
Aryan’s selection reflects both his strong analytical skills and his enthusiasm for tackling complex mathematical challenges at an early age. Programs like Pathfinder are designed to ensure students with advanced readiness continue to be engaged, challenged, and inspired as they grow.

By partnering with families, the Pathfinder initiative helps students explore deeper levels of mathematical thinking and connect with resources that support long-term academic development.

Participants often pursue additional math enrichment opportunities beyond the classroom to continue stretching their skills.

Rowe Lane Elementary staff and the PfiSD community are proud of Aryan’s accomplishment and look forward to seeing his continued growth and success in mathematics.

**[Learn more about the National Math Pathfinder Program here.](#)**



# National Math Stars



## CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY: INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES AT HENDRICKSON HIGH SCHOOL

Construction is officially underway on a major stormwater infrastructure improvement project at Hendrickson High School, marking an important step in strengthening the campus for the future.

After the completion of engineering reviews and the Board of Trustees' approval of the contractor in November, crews have mobilized and begun work on this essential upgrade.

The project focuses on long-standing drainage challenges along the south and west sides of the campus, where obstructed storm lines previously contributed to pavement and parking lot issues. To provide a permanent solution, the District is completing a full open-cut replacement of the primary stormwater lines.

Community members driving past campus will notice active construction, including trenching and the installation of large-diameter reinforced concrete pipes—some measuring up to 42 inches—to restore proper drainage and ensure the long-term stability of parking areas and surrounding grounds.

Safety and minimal disruption remain top priorities throughout construction. Work is being completed in clearly defined phases, with current efforts concentrated in specific parking zones near the cafeteria. While some parking areas are temporarily closed, fire lanes and emergency access routes are being carefully maintained at all times.

Despite the scale of the excavation, the project is progressing efficiently and remains on track for completion in April 2026.

## PFISD HIGH SCHOOLS MAKE AP HONOR ROLL

Several Pflugerville ISD high schools have been recognized on the 2025 AP School Honor Roll, a distinction that celebrates schools whose Advanced Placement (AP) programs are delivering strong outcomes for students.

The AP School Honor Roll, which replaced the former AP District Honor Roll, recognizes schools across four levels—Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum—based on research-backed indicators tied to college readiness and success.

To qualify, schools must demonstrate a strong college-going culture, meaningful access to college credit, and opportunities for students to engage in rigorous coursework across multiple grade levels.

As of December 2025, only 41% of qualifying Texas schools earned a place on the AP School Honor Roll, making this recognition especially notable.

The following Pflugerville ISD campuses were honored:

- Hendrickson High School – Silver
- Pflugerville High School – Bronze
- Weiss High School – Bronze

This achievement reflects PfISD's continued commitment to expanding access to advanced coursework and supporting students as they prepare for college and beyond.



Invested in helping **empower** the youth  
in our community to live their **A+ lives.**

Proud to support Pflugerville ISD students and their families  
with special financial education and programs.

Membership required. Insured by NCUA.

# SHOUTOUTS

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## **Jordan James – Kelly Lane MS (via Kendall Price, student)**

“Ms. James does an amazing job setting her students up for success. She offers opportunities to make up work, gives plenty of time in class, and always provides positive feedback. She truly connects with her students through daily check-ins and genuine care.”

## **Kendra Towery – Kelly Lane MS (via Kyler Kant, student)**

“Ms. Towery is extremely inviting and kind while still maintaining a focused learning environment. Her teaching style and classroom tools make learning easier and more enjoyable.”

## **Abigail Flax – Murchison ES (via Belinda Perez Arriaga, parent)**

“Ms. Flax is a caring and thoughtful teacher. Our son comes home excited to share what he’s learning, and we love seeing his curiosity and confidence grow. Her impact truly carries beyond the classroom.”

## **Kinzy Kewley – Cele MS (Theater Department) (via Shanese Rivera, parent)**

“Mrs. Kewley went above and beyond to support my daughter—even after she was no longer her student. On a weekend, she helped create a professional theater résumé that led to my daughter earning a role in a competitive production. Teachers like Mrs. Kewley inspire and impact students long after they leave the classroom.”

## **JULIE SCHWARZ**

### *FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST*

Julie is an incredible human being, supporting parents and providing opportunities to build community and lean on one another. She always shows up with such compassion. We are lucky to have her!!

-Amy Brown



## **Taylor Barrett – Mott ES (via parent)**

“Our daughter absolutely loves Ms. Barrett’s speech class. After just one meeting, she called her her new favorite teacher. Ms. Barrett has helped her feel confident and successful in her speech skills.”

## **Kelli Smith – Carpenter ES (via Amber Harris, parent)**

“Mrs. Smith is incredibly kind and patient with our son. You can truly see her passion for teaching and caring for her students.”

## **Sherri Hammett – Rowe Lane ES (via Lauren Brantley, parent)**

“Our son has had a wonderful experience in Mrs. Hammett’s class. He comes home excited to share what he’s learned, and we appreciate her attentiveness and communication.”

## **Cory Gunter – Hidden Lake ES (via Kristen Kessel, parent)**

“Mr. Gunter has built such fun and meaningful relationships with the choir students. Our child comes home after every rehearsal talking about how engaging and enjoyable choir has been.”

## **Sunee Burwell – Riojas ES (via Amanda Dean, parent)**

“Ms. Burwell helped host an incredible school-wide Multicultural Night. From performances to booths, activities, and food, every detail was thoughtfully planned. A truly special experience for our students and families.”

**CELEBRATE OUR  
PFISD STAFF  
WITH A  
SHOUTOUT!**