Welcome back to the 2016-2017 school year! I hope students and staff have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer and were able to spend a little extra time with family and friends.

A new school year is always filled with excitement and some anxiety. As the parents of our 7 year old son, Quinn, my wife Shanna and I are experiencing the same feelings that every parent feels as their children head back to school. Setting a daily routine right away and sticking to it as much as possible will help ease those anxieties and help our children have the best school year possible.

I am happy to report that our student enrollment has already reached 3,400 during the first week of school, and the number is still climbing. Thank you to parents for entrusting Palestine ISD with your child’s education.

As district administrators and I visited campuses this week, it was great to see the faces of students eager and ready to learn and teachers already busy motivating and engaging their students.

The 2016-2017 school year brings good news for Palestine ISD property owners. Palestine ISD was recently able to refinance the 2009 Bond at a lower interest rate due to favorable trends in the bond market. To pass this savings on to taxpayers, the PISD Board of Trustees voted at the August school board meeting to lower the school district’s tax rate.

Again, welcome back to school, and thank you to everyone for playing an important role in making the first two weeks of school a success.

Remember that Monday, September 5th will be a normal school day.

Have a great 2016-2017 school year!
District Spotlight

Palestine ISD
2017 Teachers of the Year

Ginny Gayso
Ginny Gayso, Northside Primary School first grade teacher was selected as the district’s elementary Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Gayso was also named Region 7 Teacher of the Year. She will go on to represent Region 7 as a semi-finalist in the 2017 Texas Teacher of the Year competition. Congratulations and good luck Mrs. Gayso!

Luis Hernandez
Coach Luis Hernandez, Palestine Junior High School science teacher, and assistant coach for the PHS Girls’ Soccer Team, was selected as the district’s secondary Teacher of the Year. Congratulations Coach Hernandez!

2017 Region 7 Superintendent of the Year

Superintendent Jason Marshall was named the 2017 Region 7 Superintendent of the Year. Congratulations Mr. Marshall, and thank you for all that you do for Palestine ISD!
I believe that the WILDCAT fall sport seasons have started on a very positive note. Boys and girls alike are working hard to raise their expectations for themselves and form successful habits that lead to improved results. We are all excited for our athletes, parents, teachers, and our community to see the visible difference in our young people as they participate in quality athletic programs. Both teams will be trying to earn a post-season birth in district competition later this fall. I hope everyone will choose to come out to the gym and stadium to support the teams!

Coach Robby Clark
PALESTINE ISD
TACE

Northside Primary TACE Center

First Day of morning TACE. Some students work individually and some in groups

Northside students created their own marble run! They used great problem solving, made predictions, and practiced some great science skills.

Northside students created “Sight Word Flowers” using recycled art.

Palestine Junior High School TACE STEM Center

Students practice reading skills before school starts to get ready for a great day of learning!

Wildcat Spirit is running wild at PJHS. Students are gearing up for Homecoming by making mums and garters.
**TAKE FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM**

**Upcoming Events:**

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“We are the Wildcats”
1st Two Weeks of School
### Looking Forward

**September 2016**

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#### Sept 1-3 Ladycat Volleyball Brownsboro Tournament

**Sun**

- 5:00p JH-Vball vs. Mexia (Home)
- 5:00p 9th & JV Football vs. J’Ville (Home)
- 6:00p Drivers’ Training Parent Meeting PHS

**Mon**

- 5:30p Cross Country/Soccer Parent Meeting PHS Cafeteria
- 6:30p V-Vball vs. Edgewood (Away)

**Tue**

- 4:30p Junior High Football vs. Fairfield (Home)
- 5:00p Junior High Vball (Home)
- 5:00p 9th & JV Football vs. Fairfield (Away)

**Wed**

- 4:30p Junior High Football vs. Fairfield (Home)
- 5:00p 9th & JV Football vs. Fairfield (Away)

**Thu**

- 7:30p Wildcat Football vs. J’Ville (Away)

**Fri**

- 7:30p Wildcat Football vs. J’Ville (Away)

**Sat**

- 2:30p V-Vball vs. Kerens (Home)

**Sun**

- 5:00p Junior High-Vball vs. Madisonville (Away)
- 6:00p Homecoming Parade & Pep Rally

**Mon**

- 7:00p V-Vball vs. Brownsboro (Home)

**Tue**

- 7:00p V-Vball vs. Brownsboro (Home)

**Wed**

- 5:00p V-Vball vs. Edgewood (Away)

**Thu**

- 4:30p V-Vball vs. Kerens (Home)
- 7:30p Wildcat Football vs. Fairfield (Home)

**Fri**

- 10:30a V/Boys & Girls Cross Country @ Longview
- 11:00a V-Vball vs. Lufkin (Home)
- Junior High Vball Tyler Tournament

**Sat**

- 1:30p V/Boys & Girls Cross Country @ Elkhart

**Sun**

- 5:00p Junior High-Vball vs. Fairfield (Home)
- 7:00p School Board Meeting

**Mon**

- 6:00p Northside Watch Dogs Kick Off
- 7:00p V-Vball vs. Mexia (Home)

**Tue**

- 2:00p Junior High-Vball vs. Fairfield (Home)

**Wed**

- 6:00p Northside Watch Dogs Kick Off
- 7:00p V-Vball vs. Mexia (Home)

**Thu**

- 4:30p Junior High Football vs. Van (Home)
- 5:00p 9th & JV Football vs. Van (Away)

**Fri**

- 10:30a V/Boys & Girls Cross Country @ Longview
- 7:30p Wildcat Football vs. Van (Homecoming)

**Sat**

- End 1st Six Weeks
- 7:30p Wildcat Football vs. Kilgore (Away)

**Sun**

- 5:00p Junior High-Vball vs. Athens (Away)

**Mon**

- 5:30p NS TACE Step by Step Painting
- 7:00p V-Vball vs. Madisonville (Home)

**Tue**

- 1:30p V/Boys & Girls Cross Country @ Elkhart

**Wed**

- 4:30p Junior High Football vs. Kilgore (Away)
- 5:00p 9th & JV Football vs. Kilgore (Home)

**Thu**

- 4:30p Junior High Football vs. Kilgore (Away)
- 5:00p 9th & JV Football vs. Kilgore (Home)

**Fri**

- 4:30p V-Vball vs. Fairfield (Home)
- 7:30p Wildcat Football vs. Center (Home)

**Sat**

- 4:30p V-Vball vs. Fairfield (Home)
- 7:30p Wildcat Football vs. Center (Home)

**Sun**

- Begin 2nd Six Weeks
- 5:00p Junior High-Vball vs. Athens (Away)

**Mon**

- 5:30p NS TACE Step by Step Painting
- 7:00p V-Vball vs. Madisonville (Home)

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