

Winter 2021



## Lamar CISD Students Featured in VYPE Magazine

Have you had a chance to check out our winter edition of VYPE Magazine? The magazine features our student athletes, fine arts performers and more! Click below to check out the complete digital version of the magazine and see what's inside!

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## District Holiday Art Contest Winners

This year, the Lamar Educational Awards Foundation (LEAF) hosted its first ever Districtwide holiday art contest. Elementary students from throughout the District submitted their best artwork to fit this year's "Howdy Holidays" theme and we couldn't be more impressed by each of our artists! To view all entries, [click here](#).

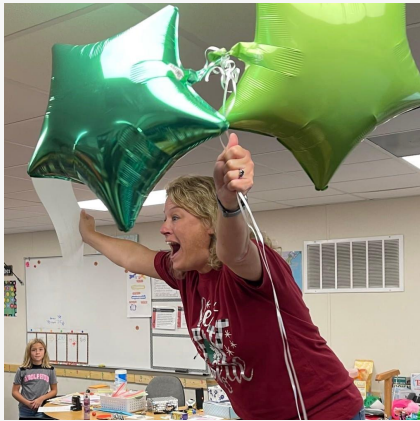
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## Lamar CISD Holiday Stipend Surprise

As a token of their appreciation, this year our board members surprised each Lamar CISD staff member with a special retention stipend of \$1000. Our hallways were filled with hugs, laughter and cheer as staff member after staff member were let in on the big surprise. For photos of the holiday card distribution, click below.

[PHOTOS](#)



## 2021 Leaf Grant Express

The LEAF Grant Express is back and better than ever! This year, LEAF distributed over \$140,000 by hand to 70 of our Lamar CISD staff members. We can't wait to see all of the innovative and engaging grants in action. Lamar CISD sure has some lucky students!

[PHOTOS](#)



## Nava Recognized as Principal of the Year Finalist

On Monday, Nov. 9, Terry High School principal Juan Nava was surprised by Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union (GCEFCU) with a check for \$500 as a finalist for GCEFCU'S 2021 Principal of the Year. He received a total of twelve nominations and his staff showed immense appreciation of all the work he does for their students and campus.

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## Join the Lamar CISD Family!

The District is looking for bus drivers, Child Nutrition employees and custodians to join our Lamar CISD family! If you, or someone you know, is looking for a rewarding career with a flexible schedule, find more information and check out our vacancies below.

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## Lamar CISD: Updated Visitor Protocols



As of December 14, 2021, all visitors have the opportunity to fully participate on campuses and in campus activities and events. This means that visitors can join their students for lunch and activities, as well as attend events, celebrations, etc. For more information, see below.

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## Lamar CISD to Save Nearly \$40 Million through Bond Refinancing

The District recently refinanced a portion of the outstanding bonds from 2012 and 2016, which will produce an estimated cash savings of \$39.980 million over the life of the bonds. With the help of the District's financial advisory firm, Post Oak Municipal Advisors, the pricing took place in early October and the overall interest rate on these bonds decreased from an average of 4.57 percent to roughly 2.25 percent.

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## Lamar CISD Earns State's Highest Fiscal Accountability Rating

Lamar CISD received a rating of "A" for "Superior Achievement" under Texas' School FIRST financial accountability rating system. The "Superior Achievement" rating is the state's highest, demonstrating the quality of Lamar CISD's financial management and reporting system.

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## VIDEOS: Nivens' News

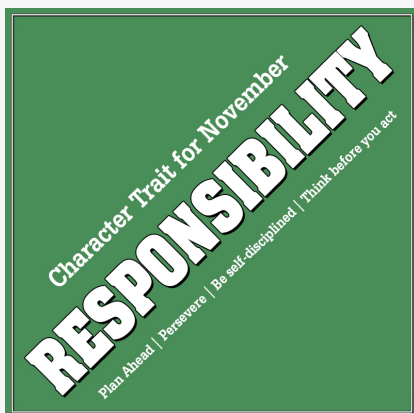


In last month's update, Lamar CISD Superintendent Dr. Roosevelt Nivens takes us to the Wright Junior High dedication ceremony and introduces us to a National Merit Scholarship semifinalist at Foster High School. The update ends with a look at our recent College, Career and Military night. To view the November edition, [click here](#).

This month, Dr. Nivens celebrates two of our high school bands reaching the UIL state marching competition and highlights our first ever Building Communities Breakfast. The update ends with a look at how the District has created a substantial savings by refinancing outstanding bonds. To view the December

edition, click below.

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## November/December Character Trait

The character trait currently highlighted in Lamar CISD is Responsibility. Responsibility is planning ahead, persevering and being self-disciplined. For more information on Character Counts, [click here](#).

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## Lamar CISD CTE Newsletter

Be sure to check out the latest editions of Lamar CISD's Career & Technical Education (CTE) newsletter! Last month's issue highlights the Culinary, Tourism and Architecture & Construction. This month's issue spotlights business management, marketing and sales. To view the November newsletter, [click here](#). To view the December newsletter, click below.

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## Lamar CISD: Conclusion of Virtual Learning Program

As the District's Virtual Learning Program comes to an end, Lamar CISD would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who came together and worked tirelessly to provide for our virtual learners.

**As a reminder, virtual learners in grades K-5 will return to their home campus beginning January 18 and all virtual 6th graders will return beginning January 4.**

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## Upcoming Athletic Events

We're so proud of our fall athletes for their performances this season. We're excited to continue cheering on our winter athletes and are looking forward to another great season! Don't miss out on the chance to see our Lamar CISD student athletes shine next

yearFor the athletic calendar, click below.



## Lamar CISD Athletic Events

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