

THE RANCH REPORT

October 3, 2025

Trail talk from Principal Curtis



Howdy Ranch Families!

October can feel like a nonstop balancing act of homework deadlines, after-school activities, chilly mornings, and those ever-important parent-teacher chats. If you're feeling overwhelmed, you're not alone. This busy season is a chance to slow down when you can, lean on your community, and celebrate the small wins with your kids. We tell our students to remember that it's okay to take a breath and ask for help. Together, we're all moving toward mastery learning one day at a time.

With gratitude,
Principal Curtis

Building GRIT - One Challenge at a Time

Middle school is a time when students begin facing more challenges, both academically and socially. One of the most valuable skills they can develop during this stage is perseverance—the ability to keep going, even when things feel tough.

Parents can support perseverance at home by encouraging students to view mistakes as opportunities to learn rather than as failures. Remind them that growth comes from effort and persistence, not just quick success. Celebrate the process of “sticking with it” as much as the final outcome.

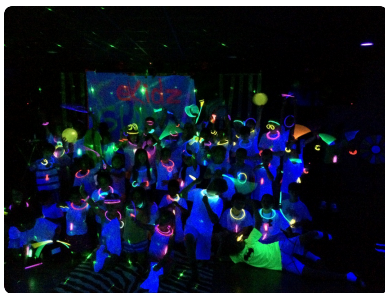
Practical tips:

- Ask your child to share one challenge they faced during the week and what they did to work through it.
- Praise effort (“I noticed you kept trying, even when it was hard”) as much as results.
- Model perseverance by sharing stories of challenges you’ve overcome.

When students learn to push through obstacles, they build resilience and confidence—skills that will serve them for a lifetime.



✅ Attendance matters. Show up today, ride tall tomorrow!



We’re keeping a close eye on attendance because being present every day is the key to student growth and success. Here’s how our cowboys and cowgirls are doing on the trail this week:

6th Grade: 97.87%

7th Grade: 96.69%

8th Grade: 96.32%

🌟 Way to go, **6th graders** — you’re leading the herd this week yet **AGAIN!** 🐮 But don’t forget, every grade has the chance to be **Top Dawg of the Ranch**.

💡 This Nine Weeks’ Big Incentive:

The grade level with the highest attendance percentage (as long as it’s above 97%) will earn an **EPIC GLOW PARTY** 🎉 🕺 ✨ — complete with blacklights, music, and glowing fun you won’t want to miss!

And here’s the best part... each nine weeks will bring a **brand-new reward** 🤖, so the surprises (and fun!) just keep coming.

So keep saddling up and showing out — every day in school is another day to grow and learn!



Impacts of Chronically Absent!

Students who miss **15 or more days** a year are considered chronically absent.

The impact is significant:

- Lower test scores
- Delayed social-emotional development
- Increased risk of dropping out

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Coming 'Round the Bend – future happenings

★ This Coming Week:

- 10/5-10/10: Fire Prevention Week
- 10/6-10/10: JRMS Fall Book Fair
- 10/6: Child Health Day
- 10/6: National Instructional Coach's Day
- 10/6: Volleyball Game vs Gateway HOME 5pm
- 10/8: Volleyball/Cross Country team pictures 7:30-8:30am
- 10/9: Football vs Rogers AWAY @ 5pm
- 10/10: Last day of 1st 9 weeks

👁 On The Horizon:

- 10/13-10/17: National School Lunch Week

10/13 & 10/14: Staff

10/15: 1st day of 2nd

10/16: Football vs Lexington HOME @ 5pm

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🎉 Cougar Friday

Today we celebrated our students' hard work and positive choices with our PBIS Cougar Friday celebration! Students who had **no missing work, no unexcused absences, no referrals, and no failing classes** earned a well-deserved break to enjoy fun activities around campus. From yard games in the courtyard to chess, Uno, and drawing in the cafeteria, and basketball in the gym—our Cougars had a blast! 🎯 🏀 🏀

Cougar Friday is all about **recognizing the effort and responsibility** our students show every day. When students stay on top of their work, make good choices, and come to school ready to learn and grow, it pays off in more ways than one. Keep up the great work, Cougars! 💙 💜



October 5-11 2025

Jarrell Ranch Middle School

Lunch

MONDAY 6	TUESDAY 7	WEDNESDAY 8	THURSDAY 9	FRIDAY 10
Lunch Entrée • The Ultimate Three Cheese Panini • Diablo Popcorn Chicken w/Roll • Spicy Chicken Patty Sandwich • Cheesy Two Cheese Pizza • Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Vegetables • Crispy Tater Tots • Shredded Lettuce, Tomato Slices & Pickles • Fresh Baby Carrots • Fresh Broccoli Florets • Fresh-Cut Cucumber Slices Fruit • Fresh Apple • Diced Pears Milk • 1% Low Fat White Milk Local • Fat Free Chocolate Milk Local Misc • Ketchup Dispenser • Ranch Dispenser • Mayonnaise Packet • Mustard Packet • Country Style Gravy	Lunch Entrée • Scratch-Made Cheesy Chicken Flour Tacos • Cheese Quesadilla • Breaded Chicken Patty Sandwich • Loaded Meat Lover's Pizza • Popcorn Chicken Wrap Vegetables • Seasoned Mexican Black Beans • Shredded Lettuce, Tomato Slices & Pickles • Fresh Salsa • Fresh Baby Carrots • Fresh Cucumber with Zesty Lemon & Chili • Green Bell Pepper Fruit • Fresh Orange • Apple Slices Milk • 1% Low Fat White Milk Local • Fat Free Chocolate Milk Local Misc • Ketchup Dispenser • Ranch Dispenser • Mayonnaise Packet • Mustard Packet	Lunch Entrée • Spaghetti Meatsauce w/Breadstick • Country Fried Steak Strips w/Roll • Grilled Cheeseburger • Classic Pepperoni Pizza • Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich w/ String Cheese Vegetables • Crispy Tater Tots • Shredded Lettuce, Tomato Slices & Pickles • Fresh Baby Carrots • Green Bell Pepper • Fresh-Cut Cucumber Slices Fruit • Fresh Apple • Fresh Orange Milk • 1% Low Fat White Milk Local • Fat Free Chocolate Milk Local Misc • Ketchup Dispenser • Ranch Dispenser • Mayonnaise Packet • Mustard Packet • Country Style Gravy	Lunch Entrée • Buffalo Chicken Sliders on Hawaiian Rolls • Halloween Mummy Pizza • Wild West Burger w/Onion Rings • Hamburger Pizza • Turkey & Cheese Wrap Vegetables • Crispy Tater Tots • Shredded Lettuce, Tomato Slices & Pickles • Fresh Broccoli Florets • Fresh Baby Carrots • Fresh-Cut Cucumber Slices Fruit • Fresh Banana • Juicy Pineapple Tidbits Milk • 1% Low Fat White Milk Local • Fat Free Chocolate Milk Local Misc • Ketchup Dispenser • Ranch Dispenser • Mayonnaise Packet • Mustard Packet	Lunch Entrée • Oven Baked Meatball Calzone • Spicy Chicken Patty Sandwich • Delicious Cheese Pizza • Pulled BBQ Chicken Pizza • Turkey Ham & Cheese Sandwich Vegetables • Spiced Green Beans • Shredded Lettuce, Tomato Slices & Pickles • Fresh Baby Carrots • Fresh Broccoli Florets • Fresh-Cut Cucumber Slices Fruit • Fresh Orange • Unsweetened Applesauce Milk • 1% Low Fat White Milk Local • Fat Free Chocolate Milk Local Misc • Ketchup Dispenser • Mayo Dispenser • Mustard Dispenser • Ranch Dispenser

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Parents: Wondering what's happening in class?

Cougar Curriculum: Your Parent Playbook

Want a quick way to know what your child is learning—and how to help at home? Our **Cougar Curriculum** site shows current units, key dates, vocabulary, and simple conversation starters. In **3 clicks** you'll see exactly what's happening in class.

Try this tonight (60 seconds):

- Ask: *"What's one idea you learned today that connects to real life?"*
- Check the unit page for vocab to review together on the ride to school.

Why it helps: Regular, short check-ins build confidence, memory, and test-readiness—no extra homework required.

 Tap the **Cougar Curriculum** button below to choose your child's grade and subject.

 Club Opt-In Form

The State of Texas now requires parental/guardian consent before a student may participate in any school club/organization.

At JRMS, we offer FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes), FFA (Future Farmers of America), E-Sports, Middle School Academic Meet, NJHS (National Junior Honor Society), and more

Please use [this form](#) to provide parental consent for your child to participate in any of these clubs/organizations. Simply check the boxes for the clubs you approve for your child.

Whenever a new club is added, the form will be updated accordingly. This link will also be included in the JRMS Ranch Report.

Thank you for your support in helping our students get involved in campus activities to learn and grow in other areas.

Club Opt-In Form

Click to Opt your student in

 Counselor's Corral**October: A Month of Awareness and Action**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

October is an important month here at Jarrell Ranch as we focus on two key initiatives: **National Bully Prevention Month** and **Red Ribbon Week**.

Throughout the month, we'll be engaging students in meaningful activities and conversations around kindness, respect, and standing up against bullying. Our goal is to create a safe and

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Later in the month

vide campaign to

encourage students to make healthy, drug-free choices. Through themed days, and positive messages, we'll empower students to make smart decisions that support their well-being now and in the future.

We encourage you to talk with your child about what they're learning and how they can contribute to a positive school community.

Together, we can help our students feel safe, supported, and strong.

Until next time,
Ms. Alvarez

Counselor Opt-In Form (SB-12)

[Click to complete form](#)



Ranch Roundup: Campus Highlights

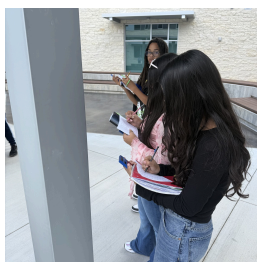


Spotlight: Science with Ms. Thompson



Forces in Action!

Students explored how changing the amount of force affects an object's acceleration, applying Newton's Second Law to real-world situations.



Hands-On Science

Using data and calculations, students analyzed how mass and force work together to determine acceleration—just like scientists and engineers do every day.



Learning Through Investigation

Students put Newton's Second Law to the test by working through interactive activities, making predictions, and solving problems using TEKS 8.7A.



Book Fair Tip: Set Up an E-Wallet!

To make shopping at the Book Fair easier and safer, parents can set up a **Scholastic e-wallet** for their child. 📖 ✨

An e-wallet allows students to shop without carrying cash—no more worrying about lost money! It's a quick, secure way to ensure your child can pick out their favorite books with ease.



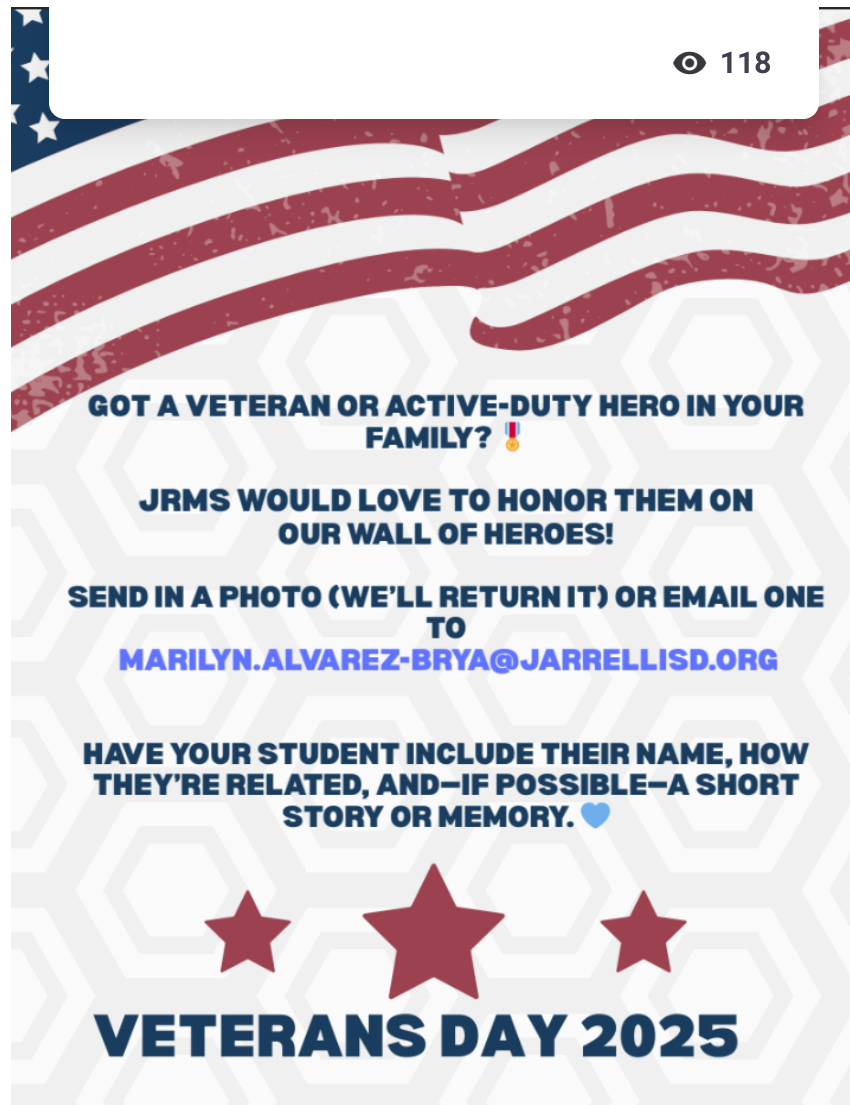
👉 Share the Fair

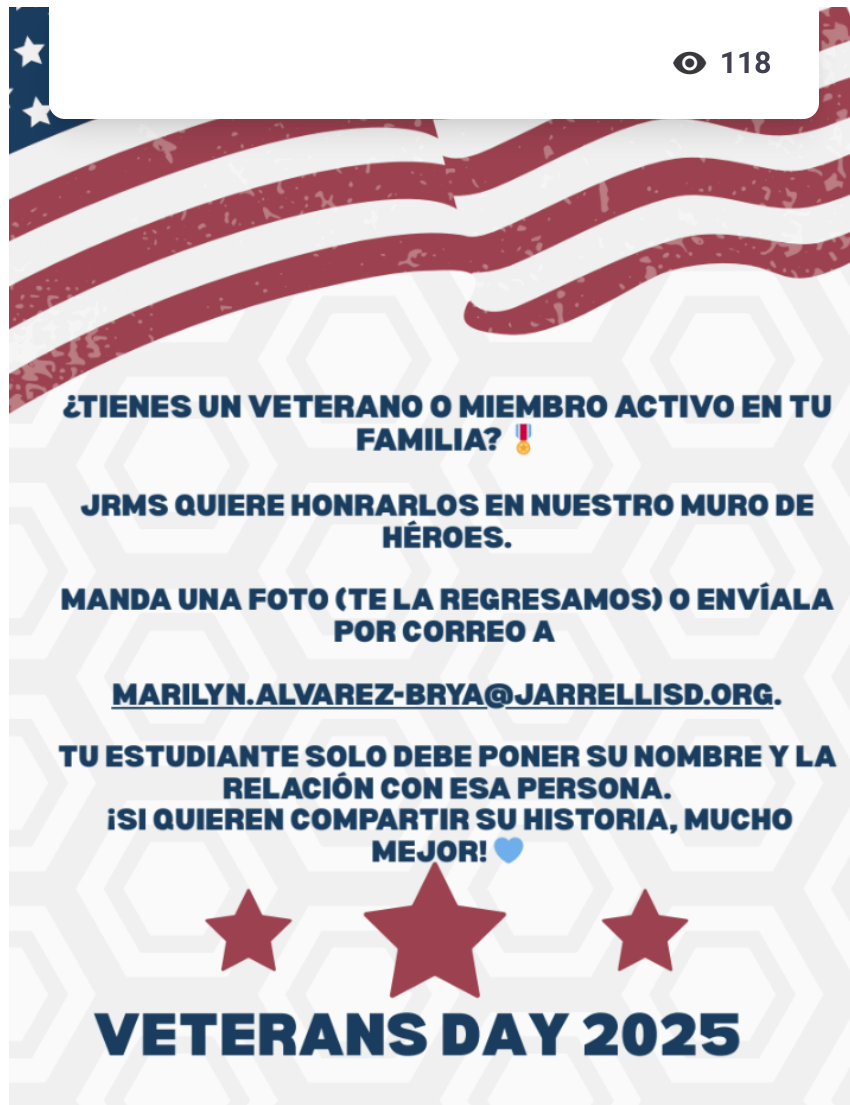
Help us spread the joy of reading! 📖 ✨

This year, families have the opportunity to **"Share the Fair"** by donating funds to help **other students purchase books**. Every contribution, big or small, goes directly toward putting books into the hands of students who may not otherwise be able to buy one.

If you'd like to participate, simply donate at the register during the Book Fair or through the e-wallet option by scanning the QR code below. Together, we can make sure **every child gets to experience the excitement of choosing a new book!**







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TUTORIALS?

SUBJECT	DAYS	TIMES
RLA & SOCIAL STUDIES	Mondays & Wednesday	7:30-8:00 AM or 3:35-4:00 PM
MATH & SCIENCE	Tuesdays & Thursdays	7:30-8:00 AM or 3:35-4:00 PM

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, LET YOUR TEACHER KNOW AHEAD OF TIME
SO YOU CAN GET A PASS TO ATTEND!





QUARTER

After Every Home Football Game
10pm – midnight

LOCATION:
New Hope Baptist Church
1700 CR 305 | Jarrell, TX

Sep 19
Sep 26
Oct 10
Oct 24

Music ♦ Snacks ♦ Games ♦ Fellowship

COMMUNITY EVENTS



HARVEST FESTIVAL

October 26th 4 – 6pm
801 County Road 314
Jarrell, Tx. 76537

Jarrell Community Church



TRUNK OR TREAT
Come and Join Us!

October 25th
5pm–7pm
212 N 5th Street, Jarrell TX
Jarrell Fire Station 1

Join for registration



Outdoor MOVIE NIGHTS
WWW.CROSSPOINTGTX.COM

FALL MOVIE SERIES
FOURTH FRIDAY OF MONTH AT SUNSET

**SEPTEMBER 26:
THE LEGO MOVIE**

**OCTOBER 24:
MONSTERS UNIVERSITY**

WHAT: Free Event w/ Movie, Water & Popcorn
WHEN: 6PM for Vendor Food Trucks (\$) & Fun
WHERE: Crosspoint Backyard 3800 Shell Rd. Georgetown
Sign up to get monthly reminder >>>

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📌 You Need to Know!

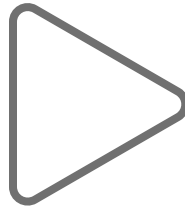
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The Speech That Brought This Entire School To Tears (The Most Inspiring Motivational Video o...



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