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THE RANCH REPORT

September 19, 2025



Trail talk from Principal Curtis



Howdy Ranch Families!

This week, we have been talking with students about the power of mindset, and how the way they think about challenges can make a huge difference in their success. One of our key messages is: "Whether you think you can or you can't, you're right." This reminds us that belief in ourselves often shape the outcome of any situation.

Encouraging a positive, mastery learning mindset helps students face obstacles with confidence, resilience, and determination.

When children believe they can overcome difficulties, they're much more likely to try, learn, and ultimately succeed.

We invite you to support this mindset at home by:

- Praising effort and progress on learning, not just results.
- Encouraging your child to view mistakes as opportunities to learn.
- Reminding them that challenges are part of growth.

Together, we can help our students win half the battles simply by thinking they can.

Thank you

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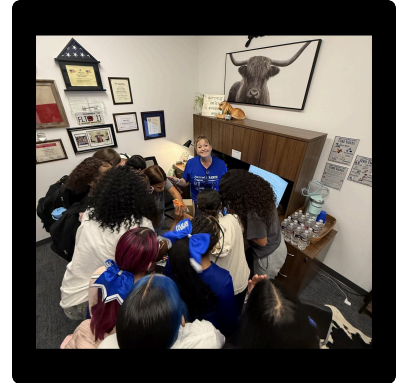
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Principal Curtis

🤠 Saddle Up with the AP

Facing Challenges with ROAR

Middle school is full of challenges - big and small - but the way our students respond to those challenges shapes their future success. At Jarrell Ranch, we believe our ROAR expectations give students the tools they need: **Respect** all voices, spaces, and differences; **Own** your learning and actions; **Act** with empathy, courage, and integrity; and **Rise up** to empower yourself and others. When students lean on these habits, they build resilience and confidence that will serve them far beyond our campus.



We are proud to see our students rising to these expectations every day. In classrooms across the Ranch, they are learning, growing, and showing what it means to be respectful, responsible learners. This week has been especially exciting with **Homecoming Week**! Our students have embraced the fun of dress-up days while still following the JISD dress code. This has shown JRMS school pride and Cougar spirit in the best way possible!

One of the greatest ways parents can support their child's success is by making **daily school attendance a priority**. Research shows that attendance is the single largest predictor of whether a student will graduate from high school. Each day in class matters - students can't learn, grow, and practice ROAR if they aren't present. Together, we can help your child rise to every challenge and take full advantage of the opportunities ahead.

With Ranch Pride,
Mrs. Roberts, Assistant Principal

✅ 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: 96.39%

7th Grade: 95.94%

8th Grade: 94.72

🌟 Way to go, 6th grader:

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Don't forget, every grade has

💡 **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:**

9/22: Volleyball Game vs Burnet HOME 5pm

9/23: PTO Meeting (Electi

9/24: Board Meeting @ 19

9/25: Fall Picture Day 📸

9/27: Volleyball Tournament @ JRMS

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5pm

👁 On The Horizon:

9/29: Volleyball Game vs Marble Falls HOME 5pm

10/1: National Bullying Prevention Month

10/1: Cross Country @ Belton

10/1: JRMS Open House 5:00-6:30pm

10/2: National Custodian Appreciation Day

10/2: Football Game vs (TBD- stay tuned for updates)

🎉 Cougar Fridays

We're excited to announce **Cougar Fridays**—special days of recognition for our students! These will take place the **Friday before progress reports** and again the **Friday before report cards**. Students who meet all of the following criteria—**no absences, passing all classes, no missing work, and no referrals**—will receive a **special reward** to celebrate their hard work and dedication. Cougar Fridays are our way of encouraging students to show up, stay on track, and demonstrate their ROAR pride every day!

🍷 Cowboy/ Cowgirl Fuel (lunch menu)

September 21-27

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Irrell Ranch Middle School

Lunch

MONDAY**22**

Lunch Entrée

- Pulled Pork BBQ Sandwich
- Chicken Nuggets w/Roll
- Breaded Chicken Patty Sandwich
- Cheesy Two Cheese Pizza
- Turkey & Cheese Sandwich

Vegetables

- Seasoned Mashed Potatoes
- 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
- Texas BBQ Sauce
- Country Style Gravy

TUESDAY**23**

Lunch Entrée

- Homemade Bean & Cheese Burrito
- Fiesta Chicken Quesadilla
- Juicy Hamburger
- Hamburger Pizza
- Popcorn Chicken Wrap

Vegetables

- Steamed Mexicorn
- Fresh Salsa
- Shredded Lettuce, Tomato Slices & Pickles
- Fresh Baby Carrots
- Fresh Cucumber with Zesty Lemon & Chili
- Fresh Broccoli Florets

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

WEDNESDAY**24**

Lunch Entrée

- Beefy Macaroni Marinara
- Two Cheese Grilled Cheese Sandwich
- Spicy Chicken Patty Sandwich
- Pepperoni & Jalapeno Pizza
- Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich w/ String Cheese

Vegetables

- Crispy Tater Tots
- Shredded Lettuce, Tomato Slices & Pickles
- Fresh Baby Carrots
- Fresh Broccoli Florets
- Fresh Cucumber with Zesty Lemon & Chili

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

THURSDAY**25**

Lunch Entrée

- Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks w/Marinara
- Savory Chili Dog
- Grilled Cheeseburger
- Classic Pepperoni Pizza
- Turkey Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Vegetables

- Vegetarian Baked Beans
- Shredded Lettuce, Tomato Slices & Pickles
- Fresh Baby Carrots
- Fresh Broccoli Florets
- Red Bell Pepper

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

FRIDAY**26**

Lunch Entrée

- BBQ Pulled Pork w/Mac & Cheese
- Breaded Chicken Nuggets
- Delicious Cheese Pizza
- Turkey Sausage Pizza
- Turkey Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Vegetables

- Crispy Tater Tots
- Shredded Lettuce, Tomato Slices & Pickles
- Fresh-Cut Cucumber Slices
- Fresh Baby Carrots
- Fresh Broccoli Florets

Fruit

- Fresh Orange
- Unsweetened Applesauce

Milk

- 1% Low Fat White Milk Local
- Fat Free Chocolate Milk Local

Misc

- Ketchup Dispenser
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- Mayonnaise Packet
- Mustard Packet
- Texas BBQ Sauce

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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.

Cougar Curriculum

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 Opt-In Form

Below is an opt-in form for students to meet with our school counselor. At the bottom of the form, you'll find a Google Opt-In link that must be completed. All submissions will go directly to Mrs. Alvarez, our school counselor.

If you have any questions, please reach out to marilyn.alvarez-brya@jarrellisd.org

Parental Consent for Mental Health-Related Services

The 89th Texas Legislature recently passed Senate Bill 12, which requires school districts to notify parents of staff services related to mental health and to give parents/guardians the opportunity to opt out before mental health-related services are provided to their child.

In schools, counselors may give mental health-related services as defined by statute. These services fall under the responsibilities outlined in the Texas Education Code. The following are services required by law, only a portion of which are at the discretion of parents.

SCHOOL COUNSELOR REQUIRED BY LAW RESPONSIBILITIES
Comprehensive School Counseling Programs (Texas Education Code §13.005)

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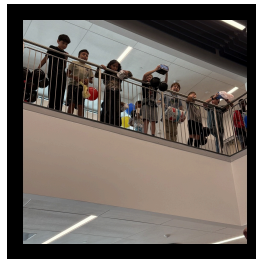
Ranch Roundup: Campus Highlights

Spotlight: Makerspace Egg Drop Challenge



Engineering in Action: The Egg Drop Challenge

Students in Coach Oshel's Makerspace class put their engineering skills to the test during this week's egg drop challenge



Learning Physics One Drop at a Time

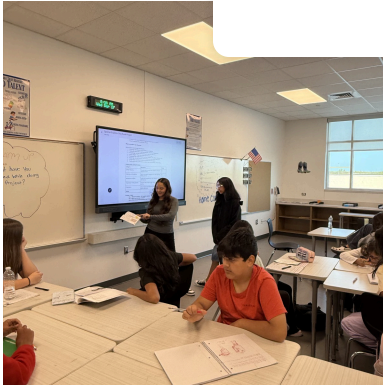
Makerspace students discovered how force, motion, and impact resistance play a role in engineering design through the egg drop experiment.



Teamwork, Innovation, and a Few Broken Eggs

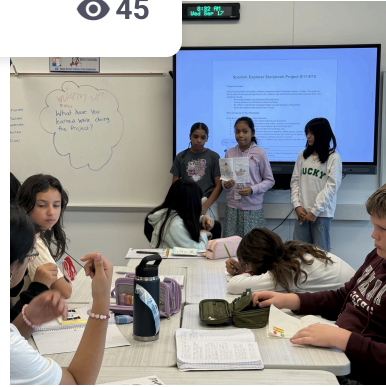
The egg drop project encouraged teamwork, creativity, and critical thinking while connecting science concepts to real-world problem-solving.

Spotlight: Famous Explorers research presentation



Exploring the Past, Presenting the Future

Students in Coach Adams' history class researched famous explorers and presented their findings, strengthening skills in research, critical thinking, and public speaking.



History Comes Alive in the Classroom

By diving into the journeys of early explorers, students learned how discoveries shaped trade, culture, and global connections.

Spotlight: September's Cougar Champions



Teacher of the Month: Mrs. Acosta

Congratulations to Mrs. Acosta, our Teacher of the Month! She goes above and beyond for her students each day, inspiring learning and building strong connections in the classroom.



Student of the Month: Isabella Moya

Shout-out to Isabella Moya, our Student of the Month! Isabella models Cougar pride through her hard work, positive attitude, and dedication to excellence.



Wrangler of the Ranch: Mrs. Starks

We are proud to recognize Mrs. Starks as this month's Wrangler of the Ranch! She plays a key role in supporting our school community and ensuring things run smoothly behind the scenes.

Welcome You!



JARRELL RANCH MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

5:00-6:30 PM



MEET YOUR TEACHERS



TOUR CLASSROOMS



CELEBRATE STUDENT WORK

LEARN ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS



Bring the whole family for a night of
fun, learning, and community!





JRMS PTO MEETING



Tuesday, September 23rd



6:00 PM



JRMS Cafeteria

On the Agenda:

- PTO Elections
- Important Details & Updates
- Upcoming Events

Parents, guardians, and staff—your voice matters! Come get involved and help make a difference for our students.



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!





After Every Home Football Game
10pm – midnight

Cougars

Music ♦ Snacks ♦ Games ♦ Fellowship

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Sep 19
Sep 26
Oct 10
Oct 24

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



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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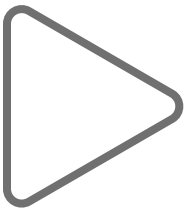
You Need to Know!

Click the links below to see important information

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[Drop Off & Pick Up Procedures](#)

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