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From the Director, Margo Gige:

Welcome back to school! Even though my own children are adults with children of their own, I still get excited about the first day of school. For me, it's the best day of the year! On Aug. 18, 2021, I asked a young student to tell me what was best about his first day of kindergarten. He looked up with a big grin and said, "All of it!" That was the best possible answer I could ever hear. I believe I found a kindred spirit.



Our Pearland ISD teachers love kids, love learning, and are excited to share their joy of reading, art, science, and many other subjects with your children. Let's work together to keep that enthusiasm for learning alive.

Find Friends with Common Interests, Join a Club!

Check with your child's campus about which program services they offer. Opportunities vary based on campus interest but might include:

- Spelling Bee (3-8)
- Quiz Bowl (5-8)
- Future Problem Solvers (5-12)
- Robotics (5-12)
- Math & Science clubs
- Academic Decathlon/Octathlon
- Model United Nations (9-12)



Did you miss the Aug 12th Parent Webinar?



On Aug. 12, more than 100 Pearland ISD families joined us for a parent webinar presented by Christine Fonseca. The session, entitled “Helping Kids Thrive in Today’s World,” provided parents with real-world tools and strategies to help children thrive in spite of overwhelming current events.

Christine Fonseca is a licensed educational psychologist, critically acclaimed author, and a nationally recognized speaker on topics related to educational psychology, mental health, giftedness, and using storytelling to heal past wounds.

If you weren’t able to join us, [click here to view the recorded presentation.](#)

Join Us for Our Next Parent Webinar...

Thursday, Sept. 16, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

“Engaging and Empowering Today’s Gifted Learners”

As parents, we often see our children through many different lenses. It's important that we are willing to recognize and appreciate both the obstacles and the opportunities that exist as a result of being gifted. Andi McNair will share practical ways that you, as a parent, can encourage and support your gifted learner at home. We'll explore tools, strategies, and ideas that will both engage and empower your child while providing the life-ready skills that they will need beyond the school experience.



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