



AHJS Monday Mail

Week of 12 February 2018

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AHJS News

Girls Who Code Club: Are you interested in coding? Join us February 5th after school in room 121 for more information on Girls Who Code. We will meet on Mondays after school until 5:15pm. Any 6th, 7th or 8th graders interested in sharing your passions through coding are invited to attend. Please contact Susan Frey sfrey@ahisd.net or Cindy Puchalski cpuchalski@ahisd.net for more information.

AHJS GOLF- Please contact Coach Bond (mbond@ahisd.net) if you are a 7th or 8th grade boy or girl and you want to try out for the AHJS Golf Team. Tryouts will be the week of Feb. 27-Mar 2. There will also be a second informational meeting Feb. 21 @ 6pm in the boy's gym.

Public Speaking Skills: Interested in having your child build their public speaking skills? Practice sessions are held every Wednesday mornings in room 222 with Mrs. Mata from 8:05am-8:30am. We will work on poise, inflection, tone, and constructive feedback. There will be no competition for these skills, this is just a safe place to life skills, for more information email mmata@ahisd.net

7th & 8th grade AHJS trip to Boston Massachusetts-The dates for this summers AHJS trip to Boston Massachusetts have been changed to Tuesday June 5th through Saturday June 9th, 2018. As a result, registration has been reopened and it is not too late to sign up! The Final Payment Deadline is March 27th. For details, please contact Mr. Lake at 210.824.3231 or call School Tours Of America customer service directly at 1 (866) 543-9625.

From the Nurse: Fever Policy reminder, A student with a temperature of 100 degrees or more will be sent home from school. Our policy is to be fever free for 24 hours without the use of antipyretic medications such as Tylenol or Motrin before returning to school. The policy is strictly enforced to prevent the spread of illness to other students and staff. If you have any questions, please call the school nurse at 210.832.5810.

UIL: Interested in having your child build their public speaking skills? Please click on this [link](#) or reach out to Mrs. Mata at mmata@ahisd.net for more information on our UIL Speaking event competitions in Spring! Students can compete in the following academic competitions: Impromptu, Modern Oratory, and Oral Reading. Practice sessions are held every Wednesday morning in room 222 with Mrs. Mata from 8:05am-8:30am.

After School Study Hall: Homework help is available for AHJS students every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:00pm-5:00pm in the AHJS library. There are two to three teachers available to help AHJS students with their homework.

Morning Library Hours: Our library opens at 7:30AM daily. Supervision is provided.

JS Student Highlights/Academic News

Boys Basketball: 7th Grade Blue and Gold Teams won against SBMS and 7th grade White hustled against Corbett! 8th Grade Blue & Gold Teams hustled against SBMS. Go Mules!

Character Corner

Do you want to have talking topics for the dinner table? Do you want to know what AHJS is discussing in advisory? Well you are in luck. You now have the Character Corner. Character Corner will inform you of Character Education topics that we are discussing in advisory and on our campus. We will also attach relevant articles related to the topics we talk about and upcoming event information.



February is the month that we focus on Empathy.

February 5th

Empathy: Recognizing Feelings

February 12th
February 26th
March 5th

Empathy: Creating an Advisory Family Mantra
Empathy: Understanding the Needs of Others
Empathy: Keeping Your Cool

PTO News

PTO Meeting: Please join us for the next AHJS PTO meeting on Tuesday, **February 20**, at noon in the library. Come learn about the latest PTO happenings while enjoying a yummy lunch generously provided by the [Tichy Clinic](#). Dr. Elizabeth Tichy will also discuss skin care for teens *and* adults - you do not want to miss it! Can't make it? Join us via Facebook

Livet <https://www.facebook.com/AlamoHeightsJuniorSchoolPTO/> .

6th Grade Parents: Please join us for a look into the minds of your pre-teens, with conversation led by Dr. Jason Miller, Psychiatrist. Thursday, February 22 at 6:30 pm at the home of Kacey and Jason Register, 109 Ivy Lane. For more information or questions, contact Paige Flinn via text at 956-535-9797. Door prize: Enter to win a \$100 gift card from Shetler Fine Jewelers.

The Sixth Grade Girls Service Club- will meet on Tuesday, February 13 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the AHJS Cafeteria. The girls will learn about life in Haiti from teacher Cookie Harris, as well as find out about the Green Door Thrift Shop, whose proceeds go to charity.

Save the date! Springfest 2018 will be held **Friday, April 6 from 4:00pm - 6:00pm**. Springfest, an afternoon of fun, games and activities for the entire community, is our largest fundraiser and provides much needed funds for our school. **Sponsorship opportunities are available at the following levels: Gold \$1500, Blue \$500, White \$250, Spirit any amount up to \$250. See attached letter and donor form for more information.** Please contact Amanda Bezner at amandabezner@gmail.com or Kelly Middleton at kellymiddleton@gmail.com if you have any questions. **Deadline is February 20th** to be included in printed materials. Thank you for your support of AHJS!

Thank you to those businesses and families who have already contributed to making SpringFest 2018 a huge success!

Might Mule - \$3500+

- Mission Orthodontics
- Britton Orthodontics

Gold - \$1500+

- Advanced Aesthetics Lopez Plastic Surgery
- Alamo Heights Pediatric Dentistry
- Avestee Women's Imaging Center
- Grande Communications
- Dr. Roy Gonzalez, Jr Orthodontist
- Jefferson Bank

Blue - \$500+

- Speaker Joe Straus
- Dullnig Ranches
- Bartlett Cocke General Contractors
- Julian Gold
- Little Spurs Pediatric Urgent Care
- Maloney Family
- Mary and Peter Turnbull
- Lisa Nichols, Nic Abbey
- Laura Nelson

White - \$250+

- Dripping Wet Water, Inc.
- Dorothy and Cory Basso
- Brainiac, LLC
- Clayton & Clayton, PC
- Cryofit
- The Hildebrand Family
- Jason's Deli


- The Kell Family
- Julie and Peter Zacher
- Dr. and Mrs. Richard Walton
- Kumon Alamo Heights
- Kathryn and Bill Dehlinger

Spirit – Up to \$249

- Cappy's, Inc.
- Bradshaw Designs
- Lucia and Jason Carter
- Mr. and Mrs. Clare Flesher
- Amy & Bill Goforth
- Julie Hill
- La Fonda on Main
- JoLynn Meador
- Dr. Ann Cross, Olmos Park Animal Hospital
- Pat Maloney Jr.

Yearbook: *New this year* Yearbooks are now ordered directly from Balfour at www.balfour.com. Simply enter Alamo Heights Junior High School as the school.

Junior School 2 Weeks at a Glance

Mon – 2/12	Tues – 2/13	Wed – 2/14	Thurs –2/15	Fri – 2/16	Sat – 2/17
GSoccer vs Canyon MS (away)4:30pm BBB vs Church Hill 8gr. (away/7gr. home) 5PM Honors Band, 6 th gr Band and Jazz Band Winter Concert (Auditorium) 7PM Adult ESL 6PM	6th gr. girls Service Club (Cafeteria) 4PM	Adult ESL 6PM	BBB White Team vs Dobie (AHJS) 7 th 5PM 8 th 6PM Reg. Board Mtg. 6PM		Science Olympiad -Brazoswood Invitational Meet -Division B&C (Houston) UIL TMSCA Qualifier @ Eisenhower MS 8AM
Mon – 2/19	Tues – 2/20	Wed – 2/21	Thurs –2/22	Fri – 2/23	Sat – 2/24
 Adult ESL 6PM	PTO Mtg. Library 12PM 5th to 6th gr. Electives Night in the Auditorium 6PM	Family Night/No Homework Progress Reports distributed Adult ESL 6PM	GSoccer vs Smithson Valley MS(home) 4:30pm BBB vs Oak Run (8gr.home/7gr. away) 5PM Choir Pre UIL Concert (AHHS) 7PM		Library Palooza! Brandeis HS 9AM Soccer Tournament (home) Science Olympiad -STV Regional Meet -Division B&C (McAllen, Tx) UIL TMSCA Qualifer @ Tejada 8AM Strings Pre UIL Clinic (FA Bldg.)

District/Community News

AH HEART OF HEIGHTS BREAKING THE SILENCE - SOCIAL HOSTING WITH TEENS - Join us for a very important conversation on the trends in underage drinking throughout Bexar County on Wednesday, February 28th, 6 PM, AHHS Auditorium. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

AHISD VOLLEYBALL CAMP - Save the date! Alamo Heights Volleyball Camps for Grade 3rd - 9th have been set for June. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

It is time for Feedback February! AHISD values input from families – and we need to hear from you. You are an important partner as we work to improve our communication, academic program and overall experience for students and their families. In order to learn more about student and family experiences in AHISD, we will be asking for your feedback via a survey that you will be receiving on February 5th. See the attached flyer for more information at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

WEEK 1: Healthy Heights Tip of the Week: Prepare more [meatless meals](#). Think vegetable lasagna or a portabella mushroom burger! Vegetables and beans are rich in protein, fiber, and beneficial nutrients.

WOODRIDGE EXPRESS MINI PHOTO SESSIONS - Book your mini photo session on February 25th and 20% of proceeds will be donated to Woodridge Elementary. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at

http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

SAVE THE DATE - On Wednesday, April 11, 2018, from 6:00 - 7:30 pm at the High School, we will be hosting our annual [AH Showcase of Engaged Learning](#). This is an evening where teachers and students from across the district come together to showcase the engaging work that is occurring in their classrooms. Our theme this year is "[Reimagine.](#)" For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

SHOWCASE T-SHIRT CONTEST - Each year, students are encouraged to participate in the Showcase of Engaged Learning T-shirt Contest. The winner of the contest will receive an iPad. The design will be displayed on the cover of the program and on the Showcase T-shirts. Please encourage your child to participate in the contest. *All entries are due to the campus front office no later than* Friday, February 16, 2018 by the end of school day. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

THE CLASSIC THEATRE - CAMP CLASSIC is a Theatre Arts-based summer camp for children ages 5-13 of all ability level. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

GIRLS ON THE RUN - Join Girls on the Run at AHJS this spring in our 6th - 8th grade program, Heart & Sole! For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

CALLING ALL 3RD TO 5TH GRADE GIRLS - Get ready for Girls on the Run this spring at Cambridge and Woodridge Elementary. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

FREE SHRED DAY - As a service to its customers and to the community, Plains Capital Bank will host free document shredding on Friday, February 16th at its branch at 7925 N. New Braunfels between 7:30 am and 9:00 am.

AHFSH GAINS IN THE EDUCATION OF MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE (GEMS) CAMP FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS - The program is laboratory-based and provides every student with an opportunity to participate in scientific experiments. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at

http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

RED DRESS 5K FUN RUN & WALK - Join us in honoring those affected by heart disease. Wear red or your favorite red dress and join us for the sixth annual Red Dress 5K Fun Run & Walk at Methodist Stone Oak Hospital. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

BAT BOY - Be an Alamo Heights Baseball Bat Boy! Let your 3rd - 6th grade player be in the dugout for a Mule Baseball game. For more information contact Barbara Iverson at 210.213.5129 or barbarai@ahisd.net. A copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

Be a Bat Girl at the home softball games. Contact Maggie Welham (head softball coach) at 210-260-9794 or mwelham@ahisd.net if interested.

Mules Lacrosse Starts 1st Week of February! All teams (Grades 1-4) (Grades 5-8) (Grades 9-12) will begin practice in early February. For more information and registration go to www.MulesLax.com,

or contact Peter Zacher, HousewareInsider@gmail.com, 210.396.6614. Please register ASAP if you are a returning player.

ALAMO HEIGHTS NIGHT - Friday, April 20, 2018, 5:30 - 11:30 PM at the University of the Incarnate Word. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

2ND ANNUAL AH09 5K A GREAT PLACE TO WALK/RUN - Saturday, April 21st, 8:30 am, at the Alamo Heights City Hall Parking Lot, 6116 Broadway. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

STANDARD OF ATHLETICS (SOA) - Registration is now open for the Spring League. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

NFL FLAG FOOTBALL - Registration is now open for the 2018 Spring Flag Football League. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

LADENSOHN LECTURE - Join us for our annual Graham Ladensohn Memorial Lecture on **February 19th at 8:30 AM in the HS Auditorium**. Guest speaker will be Allison Zmuda, full-time education consultant, who works with educators to grow ideas and to offer practical strategies on how to make learning for students challenging, possible, and worthy of the attempt. Flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers. **NOTE:** This lecture will also be streamed live on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/AHISD/>.

AHFSH YOUTH SOCCER - FIRE SOCCER CLUB - Registration is now open. For more information visit www.ahfsh.org or call 210.973.6002 or a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.