



AHJS Monday Mail

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AHJS News

Superintendent Search Team Requests Community Input

The Alamo Heights Independent School District Board of Trustees has announced that it has engaged the services of Horn Educational Consultants, led by John Horn and Jenny Preston, to facilitate the search for its next superintendent.

Horn, a former superintendent in the Allen and Mesquite school districts, also serves as senior educational consultant with the Schlechty Center, one of the nation's leading partners to schools in designing engaged learning experiences for students. Preston, a former superintendent in Allen, has been instrumental in launching the state's Aspiring Superintendents Academy, which identifies and prepares future educational leaders across Texas. The pair has conducted more than 100 superintendent searches in Texas.

Horn and Preston will initially advise the AHISD Board of Trustees in developing a profile for the district's new superintendent. They will utilize various forums to gather feedback from the Alamo Heights community, district staff and school board, in an effort to create a profile that will allow the board to find the best candidate to fill the role of superintendent in Alamo Heights ISD.

Board President John Tippit shared, "We begin this search process by recognizing the strong foundation of excellence that has been built in our district under the leadership of Dr. Kevin Brown, our district staff, students, parents and community. Our board will work diligently to ensure that our next superintendent will build upon this strong foundation to lead us to new levels of excellence."

The superintendent search process, a customized, 90-120-day process, consists of multiple phases. In the initial phase, the consultants will research the preferred qualities of the superintendent, facilitating conversations through various forums with district staff, the community and school board.

The ultimate goal is to have a new superintendent in place by July 1. The community is invited to share input on Tuesday, March 27, 6-7:30 pm, in the Woodridge Auditorium, 100 Woodridge Street. Anyone who would like to share input is welcome to attend.

NJHS: National Junior Honor Society Candidate Forms are officially available. 7th and 8th grade students are encouraged to who meet the selection criteria, as listed on the Candidate Form, are welcome to submit their completed applications to Mrs. Mata in room 222 or via email at mmata@ahisd.net. **Deadline to submit has been extended to Thursday, March 29, 2018.** Our NJHS Faculty Council will review all Candidate Forms. Induction ceremony will be Thursday, May 3rd from 6-7:30pm in our school auditorium. Please visit [Mrs. Mata's Teacher Page](#) to access the candidate Form.

STAAR Testing: Please mark your calendars. Please note: The campus will be closed to all visitors on these days (even if your child is not testing).

- Tuesday, 10 April: all **7th grade students** will take the Writing Test **8th Grade students** will take the Reading Test
- Wednesday, 11 April, all **7th grade Pre-AP math students and 8th grade Pre-Algebra students** will take the 8th grade Math Test
- Thursday, 12 April and Friday, 13 April, Make-up Testing days.
- Thursday, 10 May, all **Algebra students** will take the Algebra End of Course exam.

- Monday, 14 May, all **6th grade students** will take the 6th Grade Math Test and all **7th grade students taking grade level math** will take the 7th Grade Math Test
- Tuesday, 15 May, all **6th and 7th grade students** will take the Reading Test
- Wednesday, 16 May, all **8th grade students** will take the Science Test
- Thursday, 17 May, all **8th grade students** will take the Social Studies Test
- Friday, 18 May – Make-up Testing Day

8th Parents: Our 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony moved from Wednesday, May 30th to **Tuesday, May 29th, from 6:30 to 7:30PM**. Baccalaureate services were moved to Wednesday, May 30th, which presented a conflict for families who have 8th grade students at the JS and Seniors at the HS. Thank you in advance for your understanding and support- with this change we will be able to support our 8th Grade students and our HS Seniors as they celebrate these milestones in their lives.

7th & 8th grade AHJS trip to Boston Massachusetts-The dates for this summer's 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.

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

Flex: Students received a new assignment for Flex Course V on 03/20. Flex Course V will be 3 weeks long and will run from 03/20 through 04/06.

Strings News: Each of our three competing UIL Orchestras (Varsity, Non-Varsity and Sub Non-Varsity) received the prestigious Sweepstakes Award at their UIL Concert and Sight-reading Contest on March 21 and 22. This means they received a Superior Rating in both Concert and Sight-reading—earning them the Sweepstakes Trophy!

Tennis: The AHJS tennis team played Corbett Middle School last Tuesday 3/20/18. The 7th grade team went undefeated winning all 10 of their matches. The 8th grade team won six out of ten of their matches. Highlights include Steven Zambrano's come from behind 7-5 victory and eight other matches that were won in a 6-0 shut-out. Congratulations Mules! Our next match is at home 3/27 versus Church Hill Middle School.

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.



March is the month that we focus on Youth Suicide Prevention.

This week, our advisory classes will be learning curriculum called LOOK LISTEN LINK. The LOOK

LISTEN LINK curriculum has been evaluated locally and nationally reviewed and recognized on the "Best Practice Registry" of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention/Suicide Prevention Resource Center. LOOK LISTEN LINK lessons integrate interactive teaching and participatory learning principles. They focus on problem-solving skills. This program educates students about stress, anxiety and depression, and empowers them to get help for themselves and others when needed.

March 26 th	Suicide Prevention: Reducing Stress
April 2 nd	Suicide Prevention: Depression
April 16 th	Suicide Prevention

PTO News

Sixth Grade Girls Service Club: There will not be a Sixth Grade Girls Service Club Meeting during the month of March. The group, which typically meets on the second Tuesday of the month, will meet again on Tuesday, April 10th and Tuesday, May 8th.

Springfest Friday, April 6th 4-6pm. **T-shirts, activity tickets, action passes** preorder at www.ahjspto.org or see attached form. Watch for **raffle tickets** to come home on Monday, March 26th. **Raffle prizes**: Girly Girl package(Jon Hart backpack, Lululemon GC, Kendra Scott GC, Jewelry GC, Photographer GC), Beats Wireless Headphones, Apple Watch 3, Apple iPad, Xbox-One.

Volunteers make this event run smoothly. Please consider giving a little time. **Sign up at** <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4caee2aa5f85-springfest3/19904107>

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Junior School 2 Weeks at a Glance

Mon – 3/26	Tues – 3/27	Wed – 3/28	Thurs – 3/29	Fri – 3/30	Sat – 3/31
8gr. Panaramic Picture Adult ESL (Cafeteria, Rms. 109 & 111)6PM	Cafecito (PD Room) 8:00am Band UIL Tennis vs Churchhill (home) 4PM	Family Night/No Homework Band UIL Track Meet vs Canyon,Oak Run,Church Hill, Corbett (Canyon HS) 4:30pm Adult ESL (Cafeteria, Rms. 109 & 111)6PM	TELPAS Testing-Listening & Speaking (AUD) 8:45am NJHS application due	Good Friday No School Passover	Passover
Mon – 4/2	Tues – 4/3	Wed – 4/4	Thurs – 4/5	Fri – 4/6	Sat – 4/7
Author Visit TELPAS Testing-Make-ups Site Based Mtg 4:15pm Adult ESL (Cafeteria, Rms. 109 & 111)6PM Passover	TELPAS Testing-Make-ups Tennis vs Spring Branch MS (Smithson Valley) 4PM Passover	TELPAS Testing-Make-ups Adult ESL (Cafeteria, Rms. 109 & 111)6PM Passover	Track Meet vs Corbett,Dobie,Smithson Valley,Church Hill (Lehnhoff Stadium/Clemens HS) 4:30pm Passover	Springfest Passover	Passover

District/Community News

HEALTHY HEIGHTS TIP OF THE WEEK: Use [fresh or dried herbs and spices](#) or a salt-free seasoning blend in place of salt when cooking. Add a squeeze of fresh lemon or lime to add flavor to cooked foods.

KENDRA GIVES BACK PARTY! Thursday, March 29 from 5-7 pm at the Kendra Scott Quarry Village 20% of proceeds will benefit the AHJS Theatre Arts. Come shop and support AHJS Theatre Arts! A copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

AHJS SPRINGFEST - Please join us for SPRINGFEST on Friday April 6th 4-6 PM at AHJS!_ This event is our biggest fundraiser of the year full of fun, food and games. Mind Winder*100ft Slide*Carnival Games*Snow cones*Live DJ*Dunk a Teacher*Photo Booth*Bungee*

SHOWCASE OF ENGAGED LEARNING - 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.](#)"

This year's Showcase Design Contest winner is **Brady Gissell**, a 3rd grade student at Cambridge Elementary School. Congratulations to Brady on a job well done! For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

AH GIRLS BASKETBALL SPRING LEAGUE - For girls in grades 1st - 6th who attend Woodridge, Cambridge and Junior School. The league begins on April 30th. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

ALAMO HEIGHTS/STRIKERS VOLLEYBALL - 2018 TOTS LEAGUE - For all students in grades 4th - 6th. This six weeks of instruction begins on March 19th. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

RESPITE SUMMER DAY CAMP - A camp for kids with special needs will be held on June 11 - August 3, 2018. For more information call Nickol at 210-737-1212, ext. 2015 or email at ngomez@respitecaresa.org. A copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

TRINITY TECH CAMP - This camp is for girls who will explore and learn basic coding skills and design their own apps using Scratch. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

CAMP INVENTION - INVENT THE FUTURE TODAY - A summer enrichment program for students entering grades K-6 will be held at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church July 30 - August 3. Sign up by March 23 and save. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

BUTTERFLY RELEASE - On May 1st at 4pm, Painted Lady Butterflies will soar in Alamo Heights as they are released at the Butterfly Garden on Viesca Street near the Hondondo Creek Trails and Heights Pool. In addition there will be information about monarch butterflies, their habitat, and the good plants that can be grown in our gardens to nurture butterflies and help them thrive. Water and cookies will be served. This is an event presented by the Alamo Heights-Terrell Hills Garden Club and is free and open to the public. Please join us!