



AHJS Monday Mail

Week of 20 February 2017

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AHJS News

AHISD Showcase of Engaged Learning T-Shirt Contest Winner: Each year we encourage our students to participate in the T-Shirt Design Contest for our AHISD Showcase of Engaged Learning. This year's winner is **Micah Gentles**. Micah is an 8th grade JS student. Please help me congratulate Micah as her artwork truly represents this year's Showcase theme – "Shaping Our Future." Our Showcase event is an evening where our community is invited to come out and see the engaging work that's occurring in our classrooms. It all takes place on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, from 6:00-7:30 pm at the High School. There will be plenty of student-led performances and exhibits. See you there!

Mark your Calendars: Gifted and Talented Testing will be offered on Saturday, 25 March, and Saturday, 8 April. Please know these are the only two opportunities to qualify for GT classes next year. Students can pick up the Parent Permission to Test in the Counselor's Office or from Mr. Sheppard. Parent Permission to Test forms must be turned in by **Monday, 27 February**, to sign up for testing. If you have any questions please contact, Mr. John Sheppard at 210-832-5823.

ALAMO HEIGHTS ISD HEART OF HEIGHTS: Come learn and discuss best practices and strategies, gain resources and tools, and begin to master the ART of Digital Citizenship from trainer and motivational speaker Reggie Cajayon from power to inspire on 23 February 2017, 10:00 - 11:00am, AHHS Auditorium Foyer. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found online at www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers.

Library News: On Saturday, 25 February, Ms. Persyn and Mrs. Flynn are hosting a field trip to [LibraryPalooza](#), a free and local literary festival sponsored by the awesome librarians of Northside ISD. Students will get the chance to meet several popular authors for young people at this fun, free event. They will depart from the Junior School for Brandeis High School at 8:30am and return at 5:30pm. Permission slips and more information can be found in the library or on the [library website](#).

Thanks to the generosity of the Alamo Heights Foundation, the AHJS library recently received some informal lounge furniture for learning and reading nooks. The first furniture arrived last week and it is already popular with our students. Stop by and take a look!

Your books are wanted! In conjunction with the Girls' Service Club, the library is preparing to host a used book sale to benefit the AHJS library. Please send in gently used books that you no longer want, and AHJS will find them a new home. Please tell your friends and neighbors. Thank you for your support! A lot of learning happens in the library. Follow the [blog](#) or find them on Twitter @JSLibraryAHISD to see all of the exciting things happening here.

Still haven't ordered your yearbook? There are three different ways to order the Yearbook this year, by Mule Market, the Office, or through Mrs. Osborne's Journalism Class. The cost of the Yearbook is \$36 **until 30 April**; the price goes up to \$40 **on 1 May 2017**. All checks should be made out to AHISD and include the word "Yearbook" on the memo line. If you are not sure if you've ordered one already through Mule Market, please email ahjsjournalism@gmail.com and we will check for you!

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

Morning AHJS Library Hours: Students will be allowed to come into the library as early as 7:30am Monday through Friday. This is a great opportunity for students to complete work and/or read a book. Supervision will be provided.

Follow AHJS on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/AlamoHeightsJS>.

Character Corner

Character Corner: February Healthy Relationships (Kindness and Compassion)

February 20: HOLIDAY (President's Day)

February 27: Digital Citizenship Lesson



PTO News

Save the Date! The next AHJS PTO meeting will be held 21 February in the AHJS library at 12:00pm. Lunch will be provided by Dr. Jose Barrera, MD of Plastic Surgery and ENT.

The AHJS Springfest will be held 7 April 2017 from 4 pm to 6 pm! Please consider sponsoring Springfest by making a donation and clicking on this link: youcaring.com/AHSpringfest. **Please see all of our terrific sponsors as of 2/13/17 listed at the end of Monday Mail!** Donors who give \$250 and above will receive a Springfest yard sign! Springfest is the largest PTO fundraiser and is an afternoon of fun, games and activities for students, families, faculty and members of the community. All proceeds from Springfest will allow the AHJS PTO to supplement and enhance the junior school's curriculum enrichment, education, social, emotional and wellness needs. Thank you for your support!



The AHJS PTO Nominating Committee is now accepting nominations for the AHJS PTO Executive Board for the 2017-2018 school year. More information, a list of AHJS PTO Executive Board Officers and their duties, and nomination form can be found online at <https://paperlesspto.keritech.net/pto/members/documents/AHJS%20PTO%20Executive%20Board%20Nominations%202017-18.pdf> for more information. **Nominations are due by 21 February.** Self-nominations are welcomed and strongly encouraged. All inquiries and submissions are confidential.

HEB Cards! Every \$100 card = \$5 for AHJS! It's SO EASY to support your school...The cards are delivered to your home! Please contact Karen Crosley, kcrosley@me.com, to place a monthly order for HEB cards or to try it out for one month!



Parents, AHJS Long Sleeve T-shirts are available for sale! If you are interested in purchasing, please contact AHJS T-shirt chair, Catherine Matthews, catherine@tpmpromo.com. Cost is \$20.

Junior School 2 Weeks at a Glance

Mon – 2/20	Tues – 2/21	Wed – 2/22	Thurs –2/23	Fri – 2/24	Sat – 2/25
Student Holiday/Staff Development	PTO Mtg. (Library) 12:00pm Tennis vs Church hill MS, Dobie MS (Church Hill HS), 4:00pm 6gr.Girls Service Club (Little Theatre) 4:00pm UIL Practice -History & Maps, Charts & Graphs 4:15pm Adult ESL 6:00pm AHJS PTO Nominations Due	Family Night - No Homework Night Strings Pre-UIL Concert (Aud), 4:00pm UIL Practice -Spelling & Dictionary Skills 4:15pm Adult ESL, 6:00pm	AHISD Heart of Heights, 10:00-11:00am (AHHS Auditorium) UIL Practice -Science & Science Olympiad 4:15pm Girls Soccer vs Corbett MS (AHJS) 4:30pm AHISD Friends of Strings Fundraiser at EZ's, 5:00-8:00pm	UIL Practice - Calculator & Number Sense 4:15pm	AHJS Library Palooza FT Science Olympiad (STC-RGV Regional Meet @ McAllen, TX) (Division B&C) UIL Meet (Bush MS)
Mon – 2/27	Tues – 2/28	Wed – 3/1	Thurs –3/2	Fri – 3/3	Sat – 3/4
G Soccer vs Smithson Valley (home) UIL Practice - Calculator & Number Sense 4:15pm Book Study "UnSelfie" by Dr. Michele Borba (JS Library) 6:30pm	Choir Concert & Sight Reading Contest Tennis vs Dobie MS (Steele HS) 4:00pm UIL Practice -History & Maps, Charts & Graphs 4:15pm Adult ESL 6:00pm	Choir Concert & Sight Reading Contest UIL Practice -Spelling & Dictionary Skills 4:15pm Adult ESL, 6:00pm	TELPAS practice (Aud) 2 nd period, 6 th period & 8 th Period UIL Practice -Science & Science Olympiad 4:15pm G Soccer vs Dobie MS (Dobie MS) 4:30pm	TELPAS practice (Aud) 3 rd period (makeup) UIL Practice - Calculator & Number Sense 4:15pm	UIL Meet (Garner MS) Pre UIL Orchestra Clinic (FA Bldg.) 8:00am

District/Community News

ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVE – ASSETS FOR HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT: This series of presentations is for parents with students at Howard, Woodridge, and Cambridge which focuses on research-based ways to support the healthy development of children. The second session will be on Tuesday, 21 February 2017. For more information, a copy of the flyer can be found online at www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers.

CAMBRIDGE ELEMENTARY FUNDRAISER: Kids outgrowing their shoes? Time to replace your own cross trainers? Come out to New Balance at the Quarry Village anytime on Wednesday, 22 February, purchase a pair of shoes, and owner Rob Kaufman will donate 20% back to Cambridge. Don't forget to mention you're supporting Cambridge!

AHISD FRIENDS OF STRINGS FUNDRAISER: Come support the AHISD Strings Program at EZ's Sunset Ridge on Thursday, 23 February 2017, from 5:00pm - 8:00pm. Just drop your receipt in the designated box and EZ's will donate 15% of your bill! See you Thursday the 23rd!

GIRL SCOUT 5K AND 1-MILE FUN RUN: 25 February 2017, 8:00am. For more information, a copy of the flyer can be found online at www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers.

SUMMER AT HEIGHTS 2017 ENRICHMENT CAMP opens registration on 1 March for some of San Antonio's most exciting and fun learning opportunities! Taught by AHISD teachers and local professionals, incoming K-8th grade students enjoy half or full day fun in sports, technology, chess, cooking, theater, art, STEM, robotics, and much more! Find them on the AHISD webpage in the "Students and Parents" tab, email SAH@ahisd.net, or call 210-832-5888.

ALAMO HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL BAND ASSOCIATION: The annual "Run/Walk to the Beat" event will take place on Saturday, 4 March 2017. For more information, see the flyer at www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers.

ALAMO HEIGHTS ISD HEART OF HEIGHTS PROGRAM presents Dr. Michele Borba to speak to the Alamo Heights community on March 6, 2017. Dr. Borba is an internationally recognized expert and author on children, teens, parenting, bullying and moral development. For more information, see the flyer at www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers.

AHISD MENTORS: AHISD is seeking adult volunteers to mentor AHISD students (all campuses). Follow the link for more information and to sign up: <https://goo.gl/forms/3GlbvoX2HTUtrXxr1>. For more information, please contact rbazaldua@ahisd.net or kascencao@ahisd.net.

AHISD SHOWCASE OF ENGAGED LEARNING will be held 5 April 2017 at the AHHS from 6:00 to 7:30pm. The theme is "Shaping our Future." For a video and more information, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1JoOmLJC5sQ>.

SAVE THE DATE: The Annual Mule Team Tailgate Party is Thursday, 6 April, at 7:00pm at the Pearl Stables. Proceeds from the event benefit AHHS aquatics, baseball, basketball, cheerleading, cross country, football, golf, JROTC, soccer, softball, Spurs, Special Olympics, tennis, track, volleyball and water polo. For ticket and table information, please contact Melany Andersen at 210-216-4150 or melanyandersen@gmail.com.

BLUE-GOLD FLAG FOOTBALL CAMP: Summer camp sessions for boys in 1st through 5th grade interested in Flag Football have been set. For more information, see the flyer at www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers.

DISTRICT OF INNOVATION PLAN 2016-2021: House Bill 1842, passed in the 84th Texas Legislative Session, provides an opportunity for Texas public school districts to modify state requirements at the local level to better meet the needs of their unique student populations, in order to prepare them for success and lifelong learning. As a District of Innovation, AHISD will be able to implement its District Improvement Plan with the increased flexibility and freedom necessary to be innovative with the kinds of learning experiences afforded to AHISD students. To read the plan online, visit www.ahisd.net/UserFiles/Servers/Server_8062/File/News/AHISD%20District%20of%20Innovation%20Plan%20FINAL2.pdf.

AHJS GIRLS ON THE RUN: For girls in 6th – 8th grade. For more information, a copy of the flyer can be found online at www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers.

ALAMO HEIGHTS BASEBALL FANS: The Mules Baseball Team will host their Annual Baseball Derby. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found online at www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers.

IS YOUR SON AN AVID MULES BASEBALL FAN? If so, you do not want to miss the opportunity for your 3rd – 6th grade son to spend some time with our Varsity Mules! Let your future Mule be a Bat Boy for a night at a home baseball game! Bat Boys get the royal treatment...they get to be in the dugout for the game, hang out with players who are fantastic young men, get introduced before the game, get an autographed ball, get a t-shirt, get to take pictures after the game, and more. Parents even get in the game free, too! For more information Barbara Iverson at 210-213-5129 or barbarai@ahisd.net. A copy of the flyer can be found online www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers.

OPEN YOUR HEART WITH ELLA: Student of the Year, Ella Behnke, student and Alamo Heights High School cancer survivor herself, is working with other students to raise \$500,000 toward blood cancer research. To learn more about her charitable efforts and to help her earn the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Student Series Student of the Year, go online to <http://events.ils.org/pages/sctx/sanantoniosoy2017/ebehnke>." A copy of the flyer can be found online at www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers.

TECH CAMP: Learn how to create Android apps using MIT's App Inventor. For more information on the camp a copy of the flyer can be found on the website www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers.

LONE STAR LEADERSHIP ACADEMY: Summer Camps for 5th, 6th, and 7th graders. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found at www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers.



Springfest Underwriters

As of 2/17/17

Mighty Mule \$3500+

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