

# Talons Up!

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## Message from Superintendent Richard Kolek

*One thing I have learned in the short time I have been in Johnson City is that from academics to athletics to community partnerships to social functions Johnson City ISD is an emerging gem for future families to discover. The efficacy of our Board of Trustees and district initiatives over the last few months has created a positive movement in performance, perception, and long-term strategic planning. We will continue to increase our efforts, level of urgency, and commitment to educating our students, as well as commit to identifying significant challenge areas both the district and our community need to examine. I have been impressed with the dedication, passion and pride that our faculty and staff have for our students! The time has come for us to promote our exemplary schools as The District of Choice. I look forward to our continued partnership as we collaborate to enhance our schools and the educational opportunities for our students. I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or just want to discuss the future of JCISD.*

## Elementary Highlights



This year is off to a great start at LBJE! We are working to create more student leadership opportunities. Fourth Grade students have been broadcasting announcements and serving as hall monitors. They participated in a donation drive to help victims of Hurricane Harvey (left) and along with the community were able to fill an entire busload with donations.

This year LBJE has its first Student Council. The StuCo helped by loading donations for Hurricane Harvey, and will be hosting student body assemblies each six weeks. They staffed the AR store last week (right) for students to purchase items with the points they earned from reading AR books. All of our students at LBJE have done a phenomenal job of showing leadership this first grading period.



We have had many parents sign up to be classroom volunteers this year. It is so exciting to see parents who not only value education, but take the time to truly invest in our students and schools! There are many ways to volunteer even if you cannot come on a weekly basis. If you are interested in volunteering at LBJE please call the office at 830-868-4028 and we will set you up with something that fits your abilities.

The Annual LBJE Grandparents Tea was held the second week of school and we had an amazing turnout of grandparents! We were honored to have an opportunity to let each of our students' families know how appreciated they are. We are grateful to our PTO for getting donations for this event and setting up each classroom with a cute picnic-themed wagon to help make this event even more special for our students and their families.

At LBJE we are also working to instill a love of learning and character building in each of our students. Each morning we begin our day with uplifting songs to help ensure each student has the opportunity to get on the right path no matter how their morning started. We also read "bucket fillers" (positive notes) from teachers, students and the occasional parent and grandparent. Students are learning that school is a place where we not only learn academics, but also learn to regulate our bodies and emotions.  
*Amanda Haley*

**JCISD—The District of Choice!**

## Photo Album



Members of our JCVFD taught LBJE students about personal and fire safety during National Safety Week



LBJMS Band members provided the music at the first Pep Rally



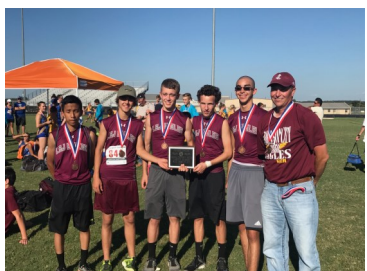
Sunset view from Eagle Field at the September 14th Middle School games



LBJHS Cheerleaders promote school spirit with signs throughout the campus



LBJHS Varsity Girls Regional Qualifiers



LBJHS Varsity Boys Regional Qualifiers with Coach Lewis Jenkins

## JCISD to host Building Trades Career Fair at Fairgrounds

On Tuesday, October 24th students and parents of Johnson City and Blanco High Schools will have the opportunity to meet the officials of six Apprenticeship Programs from San Antonio, Austin and PEC to learn more about the programs they offer to high school graduates. Students will rotate through hands-on, informative presentations by Austin Electrical Training Alliance, Carpenter's Training, Insulators Local #87 Joint Apprenticeship Program, Pedernales Electric Company- Lineman Program, Plumbers And Pipefitters Local #286, and Sheet Metal Workers Local 67, Lunch will be provided to students and parents attending; contact LBJHS for more information or to reserve a place.

## Middle School Highlights

Middle School student assemblies were held on August 30<sup>th</sup> to welcome students back, discuss the student handbook, and review expectations for the new school year.

The first MS PTO meeting of 2017-2018 was held in September along with a Principal's Coffee.

Middle School students collected items to contribute to the victims of Hurricane Harvey.

Fifth Grade students visited Bamberger Ranch on September 21st and 22nd. (below).



Several LBJMS students have already joined the Millionaires Reading Club by reading enough books to have read over one million words.



Cheerleaders and Band hosted the first Pep Rally of the year on September 14th.



Three students from LBJ Middle School qualified for participation in this year's Talent Search for mathematically and verbally advanced students sponsored by Duke University's Talent Identification Program (TIP): Ivy Swafford, Hadley Snodgrass, and Mackenzie Gorum.

Ten student representatives were selected from Grades 5 – 8 for the No Place for Hate Club.

On September 28th, the 8th Grade Football team got their first victory of the year against the Ingram Warriors.

The Lady Eagles 8A team took 1st place in Burnet Invitational Volleyball Tournament!

Lydia White (7<sup>th</sup>) and Karina Calderon (8<sup>th</sup>) were individual District Champions at the Junior High District Cross Country Meet. *Russell Maedgen*

## High School Highlights

The Junior Class took their annual field trip to the LBJ Presidential Library on the campus of University of Texas as part of their American Literature/US History curriculum.

The 2017-2018 Student Council Leadership Team includes these Seniors: President – Amber Bray; Vice-President – Hugh Galloway; Secretary – Slone Wenmohs; Treasurer – Trace Riebeschl; Reporter – Jackie Henriquez.

The Student Council hosted the Fall Community Blood Drive on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. A record 57 units of blood were donated with each unit said to be able to save 3 lives. Our gracious donors – students, family and friends in the community may have touched 164 lives! Thanks to all who supported the StuCo efforts and thanks to the South Texas Blood & Tissue Center staff for their work to

make this Blood Drive a success.

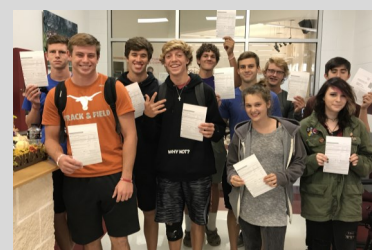
Student representatives on the School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) attended the first of quarterly meetings at the LBJE campus which was chaired by JCISD Nurse Britney Riley. Reps include: Senior Jackie Henriquez; Juniors Makayla Arvesen, Kyndra Granger, Claire Hedlund, Kristine Henriquez, Bella Mae Swafford; Sophomore M'Lehne Linson (10<sup>th</sup>).

The Eagle and Lady Eagle Varsity Cross Country teams both finished third in team standings in the District 25-AAA Meet on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> in Florence., qualifying for the UIL Region IV-AAA Championships in Corpus Christi. Members include: Girls – Senior Sarah Beall; Junior Ana Brenda Alvarez; Sophomores Mariana Alvarado, Kenzie Adrian, and Freshmen Emily Bird, McKenna

Cowsert, Lynlea Janvier; Boys – Seniors Cole Cowsert, Adrian Garcia, John Schneider; Sophomores Danny Gonzalez, Levi Urbanovsky; Freshmen Brinley Portie, Jerald Brothers.

The Lady Eagles Varsity Volleyball team has surpassed the 20-win benchmark with a current season record of 27-8 after the first round of District 25AAA competition.

*Julie Storer*



Eighteen-year-old LBJHS Seniors get their Voter Registration Applications