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Message from Superintendent Richard Kolek

"Soaring to Excellence" ...by offering a premium educational experience.

JCISD Mission Statement

The Mission of JCISD is to promote citizenship and develop responsible students by providing the knowledge, skills, and life experiences necessary for learners to recognize and capitalize on their full potential.

In order to help accomplish our Mission, the Board of Trustees has adopted four District Strategic Priorities. One of the priorities is "High Academic Performance and Student Success".

JCISD strives to provide the best educational experience for all students; therefore, we have implemented a research-based JCISD Instructional Framework that provides an aligned curriculum through the Region 13 ESC TEKS Resource System, JC-7 Instructional Strategies, and a professional growth model for continuing education. The framework allows for powerful learning and powerful teaching, forming a systematic instructional process for continuity throughout the district. Our Instructional Framework succeeds because it engages all students in learning and requires them to take an active role in their education. We implement the framework through teachers and administrators working collaboratively in Professional Learning Communities and conducting Administrative Rounds to ensure fidelity of our K-12 instructional program.

Please visit the following link to view our District Strategic Plan: [DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN](#). Thank you for your continuous involvement and your support of JCISD!
Richard Kolek

January is School Board Appreciation Month in Texas

The staff and students of JCISD would like to say

"Thank-you!" to these members of the

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Photo Album



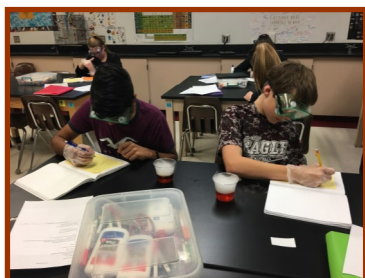
LBJE students reading independently during The Daily Five



1st Grade students performing "Toys—The Night They Came Alive"



The LBJ Middle School Band performs in the Winter Holiday Concert



LBJMS 8th Grade students working on a lab in Mrs. Murrell's Science class



2018 THSCA Football Academic All-State members



Eagle Varsity Basketball—Champions in the LBJHS Invitational

Elementary School Highlights



- In the first semester our LBJE teachers (pictured) worked to develop a deeper awareness of their students and the needs in their classroom. Through this understanding they began to tailor their lessons to meet the needs of each individual. By implementing the district's JC-7 Instructional Strategies and through peer observations teachers have been expanding their toolkit of effective instructional practices.

- Through peer observations with the grade level above them, teachers have developed a clearer picture of the material the students must master before they leave their classroom. Teachers also identified new instructional strate-

gies to incorporate in their classrooms by observing other teachers.

- LBJE continues to work toward improvement in reading comprehension. Staff and students spend time each day in activities such as guided reading, read-louds and our Read Naturally program. Students should be bringing home books to read; parents are encouraged to spend family time reading each night. Students reading aloud is the best way for them to become proficient readers—however, never underestimate the power of reading aloud to them. Research shows that students comprehend more when they are read to from an early age; in addition, being read to as they get older helps strengthen their listening comprehension and skills.

- We are committed to instilling a love of learning and reading in our students! Each week we find fun ways to include reading at school. Most recently we had our second annual "Polar Express Christmas Read Aloud." Students in each grade came aboard the Polar Express (the gym) with their golden tickets and enjoyed hot cocoa and popcorn. Each grade was treated to a read-aloud of a different Holiday story.

- A big thank you to our Music teachers Chelsea Hoffmann and Bryan Anders. Once again their students produced spectacular Winter Musicals for grades Kinder through 4th. Students were able to practice their public speaking through their parts and put on a wonderful show for parents and the community. *Amanda Haley*

Middle School Highlights

- LBJMS students closed out the 3rd Grading Period with benchmark tests in each of their core (English, Math, Science and Social Studies) classes. The testing information will help teachers provide targeted instruction and interventions during the spring semester.

- Librarian Regina Allen hosted the Annual Scholastic Book Fair in the library the last week in November, which proved to be a very successful event. The money raised will support the library and the purchase of new books.



- Our LBJMS Boys and Girls Basketball teams tipped off the season during the Third Grading Period. The 7th Grade Girls took 2nd Place in the Burnet Invitational Tournament (pictured). The season will end with the District Tournament held at Lago Vista on February 3rd.

- LBJ Middle and High School students participated in the LBJ Fighting Eagle Band Christmas Concert held at LBJ High School. In addition to great holiday music, students and parents were treated to a wonderful Street Taco dinner and silent auction. Proceeds from the event will be used to purchase equipment for the program, including instruments. Thanks to the Eagle Band

Boosters for their support of the LBJMS students who participate in the Band program! *Russell Maedgen*

High School Highlights

- One hundred forty-one LBJHS students with exemplary academics, attendance and behavior for the 1st Semester were eligible to exempt some or all of their Semester Exams in an incentive program to promote the highest standards of student achievement. Of special significance is the 98% attendance standard these students met or exceeded. State funding in Texas is primarily based on enrollment and attendance rates.

- LBJHS Art Students competed in the San Antonio Western Art Competition in December. Brian Janvier (FR) and Grace Burke (SO) won 3rd Place. Alicia Guerrero (SR), Steven Medrano (JR) and Paige Rutherford (JR) placed 2nd. Sierra Cross (SO) and Aubrie Scott (JR) won 1st Place; their works were selected to be on display at the San Antonio Rodeo during the month of January and will be sold in the Live Auction. Congratulations to teacher Diane Hudson and these talented, hard-working students!

- A hand-painted ornament created by Willow Grote (SO—pictured) was selected by Representative Jason Isaac from all District 45 entries to be displayed on the tree in the House Speaker's Chambers throughout the Christmas season. The ornament—which represented the proud legacy of agriculture in the Hill Country—featured a pastoral scene from the family ranch and the Texas flag.



- Fighting Eagle Band Member Ashlyn Millican (JR) was selected to the Texas Youth Wind Symphony for the 2018 Season. Auditions, rehearsals and the concert are held at the Butler School of Music on the University of Texas – Austin campus. The Wind Symphony Concert will be held on March 4, 2018 and is open to the public at no cost.

- Nine Senior Eagle Football players and Student Assistants were honored as Academic All-State members by the Texas High School Coaches Association, including: Honorable Mention All-State - Brett Harris, Wythe Liesmann, Cade Pittman, Makayla Preston; 2nd Team All-State - Chris Cloninger, Jackie Henriquez, Marcus Storer, Garrison Wood; and First Team All-State - Grey Grote.

- The Eagle Varsity Boys Basketball team defeated San Antonio Lutheran Academy in the Championship of the LBJ Invitational. The Lady Eagles fell to Marble Falls Faith Academy in the finals to finish in 2nd Place. *Julie Storer*