

## Scottie News

Week of January 30, 2017  
Issue 90

### Scottie Sports:

Congratulations to the Lamar girls' soccer team on their win over Dobie this past Saturday 1/21. Lamar dominated play and the scoring was a total team effort with 2 goals by Avery Miller, and one goal each by Emma Scaglione, Lily Morales, Scarlet Frese, and Kyla Murphy. Scoring was facilitated by strong play from midfielders Angelica Melgar, Bella Kisler, Bella Hernandez, Carly Johnson, and Eliana Herrera. Our next game is tomorrow 1/28, 9:00am at Dobie MS. Come out and support our Lady Scotties!

The 7th grade basketball team faced off against the Covington Colts Thursday night 1/26 in a nail-biter of a game, ending in a double over-time loss 34-36. Although the Colts took a 10-0 run in the first quarter, the Scotties came back to shorten the lead to under 5 through the rest of the game, and even took the lead in the last 2 minutes. In the end, the Colts won out, but the Scotties never gave up their intensity. Thomas Lonsdale and Brock Fanning were a defensive powerhouse, and the offense was led by Noah Arnold and Garrett Rodgers. Way to leave it all out the court, guys! **Thanks again to Hat Creek for providing our 7th grade players with food before the games!**



The 8th grade Scotties basketball team played at Covington last night and came away with a win! The final score was 58-35. Every single Lamar player either scored, or assisted on a score in a dominant display of teamwork. Way to go Scotties!

### Next Week:

#### Athletics:

- M-F Boys BB practice 3:50-5:45 – large gym
- M-W-Th Girls Soccer practice 3:50-5:15 – practice field
- Thursday 2/2 Cheer Practice 3:45-5:00 - small gym
- Thursday 2/2 Boys BB Games vs. Webb – 7th grade 6:00p @ **Webb**; 8th grade 6:00pm @ **Lamar**
- Saturday 2/4 Girls Soccer Game vs. Webb 9:00am @ **Lamar**

#### Fine Arts:

- Wednesday 2/1 Open Art Studio @ 3:40 in 504 & 506
- Wednesday 2/1 Jazz Factory playing 5:00pm @ the Renaissance Hotel
- Thursday 2/2 Visual Arts Majors Student Meeting @ 8:00am in Room 506
- Saturday 2/4 TMEA All-Region Choir Clinic/Concert AISD PAC @ 8:30am (Concert begins @ 4:00pm)
- Saturday 2/4 Open Art Studio @ 10:00am in 504 & 506

### Down the Road:

- Monday 2/6 Facility and Bond Planning Advisory Committee @ 5:30 in the cafeteria
- Tuesday 2/7 Theatre Booster Mtg. @ 6:00pm in Rm 604
- Tuesday 2/7 Orchestra Pre-UIL Concert 7:00pm @ Glad Tidings of Austin
- Wednesday 2/8 NAEP Testing @ 8:00am
- Wednesday 2/8 Open Art Studio @ 3:40 in 504 & 506
- Wednesday 2/8 AISD CAAC Mtg. 5:00pm @ Martin MS
- Thursday 2/9 Dance field trip to UT PAC @ 10:00am
- Thursday 2/9 Cheer Practice 3:45-5:00 - small gym
- Thursday 2/9 Boys BB Games vs. Garcia – 7th grade 6:00p @ **Lamar**; 8th grade 6:00pm @ **Garcia**
- Saturday 2/11 Girls Soccer Game 9:00am @ **Means**
- Saturday 2/11 Open Art Studio @ 10:00am in 504 & 506

### Price Going up on Yearbook!:

Have you purchased your yearbook? Hurry up and order now before the price goes up! The book costs \$35 now, but on February 1st, the price increases to \$40. Order online at [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com) or pick up an order form in the office. Questions? Contact Mrs. Dietz at: [rachel.dietz@austinisd.org](mailto:rachel.dietz@austinisd.org) or 512-841-0113.

## TMEA All-Region Choir:

40 students from Lamar auditioned for the TMEA All-Region Choir. We are proud to report that 32 placed into the choir (more than any other middle school in Region 18)! Congratulations to the following students:

### Men's Choir:

Taft Stansel  
Caleb Jackson  
Santiago Ortiz

### 7th Grade Treble Choir:

Samantha Powers  
Kendall Smith  
Ella Greene  
Kennedy Weatherby  
Alysa Spiro  
Evelyn Griffin  
Emma Mattie  
Annika Tracy  
Olivia Salo  
Madigan Clements  
Ivy Jane Golyzniak  
Lucy Nichols  
Amethyst Mellberg-Smith  
Veronica Britton  
Lila Boyd

### 8th Grade Treble Choir:

Cydney Placker  
Allyson Chaplin  
Abigail Jones  
River Rutledge  
Isabella Dietz  
Fiona Wyrzten  
Ella Rutman  
Ava Grace Light-Whipple  
Emma Wallace  
Amelie Chaouat  
Kaia Boyls  
Helen Heustess  
Mariana Torres DeLine  
Darian Dieterich

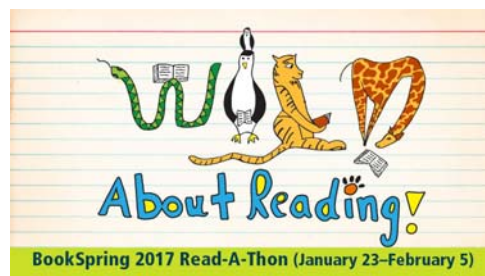
We are so proud of all your hard work and we can't wait to hear you all sing in the Region 18 TMEA All-Region Choir Concert on February 4th! Way to go Scotties!

## Girl Track & Field:

To all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls interested in participating in track and field—our first track practice will be held on Monday February 6<sup>th</sup>. You will need shorts or sweats, a t-shirt, athletic shoes, and a physical on file (or bring your physical if you have not participated in athletics this school year). Meet in the athletic locker room at 3:55. Come out and have fun building a winning track program!



## Last Week of Bookspring!:



It's not too late to get involved! Bookspring is a nonprofit organization that seeks to provide "reading experiences, tools, and books to children and their families so they can develop a desire to read and succeed in school and life." Bookspring's annual read-a-thon is coming up (Monday January 23<sup>rd</sup> through Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup>), and the Lamar campus will be participating! Students will receive packets from Bookspring within the next week with full details on how the program works, and how to register themselves online.

The basic rundown is this:

1. Pledge to read a certain amount during the two week read-a-thon.
2. Register online once you receive your packet so that folks can donate using a card, and so that you're eligible for prizes.
3. Document the minutes you read during the two week readathon.
4. Collect the donations based on the amount that you read.
5. Turn your money in to the librarian or your English teacher.

All contributions are used to buy books for children in need, right here in Austin. Students can also earn prizes for themselves based on how much they raise. The top Lamar fundraiser will win a Kindle Fire, and the top fundraising class will earn a pizza party.

This year's theme is "Wild About Reading," and we look forward to seeing Lamar students rise to the occasion and use the gift of reading to help others in need. Take a look at the following website for more information:

<http://readathon.bookspring.org>.

## Seeking Marquis Coordinator:

**Wanted:** Lamar parent(s) to change out the sign on Wynona regularly.

### Qualifications:

- Be willing to climb ladders over amaryllis and rose bushes
- Be determined to use correct grammar, yet humble when mistakes happen ☺
- Be parents who actually drive on the Wynona side of school on a daily basis to see the need for a change when needed
- Have a good relationship with staff and PTA members to provide meaningful communication with community

Please contact [Lisa Alverson@hotmail.com](mailto:Lisa.Alverson@hotmail.com) if you can help out with this. She's a current 7th grade mom, and happy to be the back-up "changer!"



## Peace Through Pie!:

By: Madelynn Niles; 7<sup>th</sup> grade Student Council President



Performers, pizza, pie, and peace! On January 23rd, Lamar hosted the annual "Peace through Pie" celebration in the cafeteria. The night was filled with passion and excitement, with many amazing performers (and some delicious pie). The event started out with the beautiful music of Mr. Hairston's Jazz Band, delighting the whole audience with upbeat, peaceful music. Next was a poem reading of *Keeping Quiet*, by Pablo Neruda read by me, Madelynn Niles. The writing was full of emotion and promotion towards peace, bringing joy to everyone.



After that was a wonderful dance performed by Ms. Luna's 5th period Advanced Dance Class. Then, an uplifting set of music selections were played beautifully by Ms. Kizer's Fiddlers. Another dance performance came after that: it was joyful and full of energy, causing smiles and people to groove along in their seat.



At that point, there was a fun raffle that gave everyone a chance to win. Personally, I won a tie dye lunchbox! After the quick break, Sophie Lewis read another poem: *Let Peace Prevail in This World*. It was inspiring and pretty, a wonderful reading by our Student Council Vice President. Next up was a song performed by Kaia Boyle, from the No Place for Hate Committee. Her powerful voice shined in this song. To finish up the fun night of peace, Lamar Dance Company showed us their dance, *Las Colinas*. It was well-executed and full of pizzazz, delighting everyone. At the end of the night, our message was clearly conveyed. Peace was promoted and our talented students showcased all of their hard work. Congratulations to all of the performers!



# Staff Spotlight!

Amparo Ruiz

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Dual Language Science 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Academic Science



Amparo Ruiz is new to Lamar this year, and is in charge of a new program on our campus. This year Lamar has begun offering dual language science classes to students who have come from a dual language program previously. For these Scotties, their class is 90% in Spanish, and 10% in English. Ms. Ruiz is very enthusiastic about science in general, and hopes to one day pursue a medical degree. In the meantime, she's learning A LOT working with our students. She loves helping them shape a good attitude toward science, and develop a burning curiosity about the world around them. Read below to find out more about the hands on activities taking place in her classroom!

## A Conversation with Ms. Ruiz

What made you decide to work in an educational environment?

- ✚ While working my degree in pre-med at UT, I came across the UTeach program which offered a teaching certification on top of your undergraduate degree. I thought it would be excellent to have a teaching skill set in addition to undergraduate pre-med degree.

Tell us about your background (where you're from, where you went to school, how you came to be at Lamar, etc.):

- ✚ I'm from the Rio Grande Valley. I graduated from UT RGV in Edinburg, Texas. I was raised in a migrant home, and my family used to work in the fields picking crops. At the age of 18 I moved to Michigan and lived there for 8 years. I moved to Austin in April 2016.

What do you think is the most exciting part about working at Lamar Middle School?

- ✚ I get really excited when I see my students actually learning and enjoying science. Students love to work on lab experiments. They love to create, explore, discover, make things explode; and, that is why science is so fun!

If someone were to shadow you for a day, what's something they would learn about you?

- ✚ They should expect to get their hands dirty, or learn how to sew (my students recently sewed together body forms while learning the various body systems), make things explode, play with food and eat it later. You should also expect a dirty room after an experiment. ☺ In general, the kids are learning while having fun. This class is a hands on environment, and we use a lot of manipulatives.

What are some fun facts about you?

- ✚ I love to bake, crochet, knit, cook, garden, and most of all GO FISHING!!! When I lived in the Rio Grande Valley, I would go fishing on South Padre Island all by myself and I wouldn't come home until one or two in the morning.

What do you think is the most important advice or wisdom you can impart to your students?

- ✚ Expect many mistakes, obstacles, and struggles in life. If you stumble and fall it is better for you to get up and wipe away the mud off your face, than to be face down for the rest of your life.

Dear Lamar Scottie Families,

As the new year unfolds, we look forward to working with you to shape our #AISDFuture by updating our Facility Master Plan to modernize campuses during the next two decades.

Our community's feedback has helped refine our approach to modernization to include:

- State-of-the-art technology in all schools
- Flexible learning spaces in all schools and
- Community spaces.

Community members on the trustee-appointed [Facilities and Bond Planning Advisory Committee](#) continue to examine the consultants' preliminary [options](#), which have been reviewed with every school's leadership. They will review community comments and bring recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

As we continue to plan, shape and build our #AISDFuture, **we need your input.**

#### **Community Engagement Series Jan. 24-Feb.1**

Invite your stakeholders to join us at the next series of [community engagement conversations](#) to share feedback about the FMP update and the options identified to date with FABPAC. The meetings are:

- **Jan. 24** – 6 to 8 p.m. at McCallum High School
- **Jan. 25** – 6 to 8 p.m. at Crockett High School
- **Jan. 26** – 6 to 8 p.m. at Gus Garcia Young Men's Leadership Academy
- **Jan. 31** – 6 to 8 p.m. at Martin Middle School
- **Feb. 1** – 6 to 8 p.m. at Burnet Middle School
- **Feb. 2** – 6 to 8 p.m. at Gorzycki Middle School.

Food and refreshments will be provided. Interpretation services will be available upon request. To request interpretation services, please call [512-414-9595](tel:512-414-9595) or email [future@austinisd.org](mailto:future@austinisd.org).

AISD will offer childcare with [Maker Kids Lab](#), a district partner that offers fun projects that inspire kids to explore their interests in science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics. Arrive early as there will be limited space for children to participate in the small group activity.

To learn more about the FMP process, visit AISD's website ([English](#) and [Spanish](#)) and watch and share the FMP video ([English](#) and [Spanish](#)).

We look forward to hearing from you. Please contact us at [future@austinisd.org](mailto:future@austinisd.org) or [512-414-9595](tel:512-414-9595). Please also feel free to contact Jodi Leach, your FABPAC representative with any comments, concerns or questions: [jodi.leach@gmail.com](mailto:jodi.leach@gmail.com).

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## ATTENTION 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS & PARENTS

### **2017–18 Transfer Information**

Austin ISD has begun accepting requests for school transfers for the 2017–18 school year. Requests may be submitted or mailed to the Office of Student Services (Room A200), Carruth Administration Center, 1111 W. Sixth St. during regular business hours, 7:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

**Applications for priority transfers and non-priority transfers will be accepted through 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31, 2017.**

Please visit AISD website [www.austinisd.org](http://www.austinisd.org) for detail information about this important process.





## **UPCOMING GROUPS FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS**

We have several groups beginning in February. All groups are one night a week from 6-7:30 pm. Group cost is on a sliding fee scale, except for the ADHD parenting groups which are \$10 per session for each family.

Free childcare is provided for children over the age of 2. Additional details can be found below.

To register for a group, please call 512-451-2242.

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### **Groups for Children and Parents**

Eight Sessions, 6-7:30PM, One night a week

Located at Austin Child Guidance Center 810 W. 45th St. 78751

Low Cost, Sliding Fee Scale.

Free Childcare Provided for Children Over 2.

#### **ADHD Parents Group in ENGLISH**

Thursdays, starting February 23, 2017

**English speaking parents of children 5-12 years old with ADHD**

*Improve use of positive attention, rules, and appropriate discipline.*

#### **ADHD Parents Group in SPANISH**

Mondays, starting February 20, 2017

**Spanish speaking parents of children 5-12 years old with ADHD**

*Improve use of positive attention, rules, and appropriate discipline.*

#### **Teen Distress Tolerance Group**

Wednesdays, starting February 22, 2017

**Group for children ages 13-16 years old**

*Learn coping skills to deal with big emotions, such as anger, anxiety, and depression.*

**To register for groups call 512-451-2242**

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## **Grupos para los Niños y Padres**

**(Dos grupos de niños en inglés y un grupo para padres en Español)**

Grupos son de 8 sesiones, 6:00-7:30pm, una noche a la semana

Ubicado en Austin Child Guidance Center 810 W. 45th St. 78751

Costo bajo, según el ingreso familiar.

Cuidado de niños gratis para niños mayores de 2.

### **Grupo para Padres de Hijos con TDAH en INGLES**

(FACILITADOS EN INGLES)

Jueves, comenzando 23 de febrero 2017

**Padres de niños 5-12 años de edad con TDAH**

*Aumente su uso de atención positiva, reglas, y disciplina apropiada.*

### **Grupo para Padres de Hijos con TDAH en ESPAÑOL**

(FACILITADOS EN ESPAÑOL)

Lunes, comenzando 20 de febrero 2017

**Padres de niños 5-12 años de edad con TDAH**

*Aumente su uso de atención positiva, reglas, y disciplina apropiada.*

### **Grupo de Tolerancia de Distress Adolescente**

(FACILITADOS EN INGLES)

Miércoles, comenzando 22 de febrero 2017

**Grupo para niños 13-16 años de edad**

*Aprenda habilidades de afrontamiento para manejar grandes emociones, como enojo, ansiedad y depresión.*

**Para inscribirse para los grupos, llame al  
512-451-2242**

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STAY CONNECTED:



**Austin Child Guidance Center, 810 W. 45<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, Tx. 78751**



# PARENT/TEACHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING SERIES ON INTELLECTUAL & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

## "RECREATION AND CAMPS FOR UNIQUE KIDS"

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### Location:

*Lamar MS, 6201 Wynona Ave.  
Austin 78757*

Feb. 15 | 5:30–7:00 p.m.

### Info:

This session will address recreation ideas for all ages and disabilities. **Summer 2017 Camp Guide** will be provided. Hosted by the AISD Campus Parent Ambassador Program & Parent Engagement Support Office, Easter Seals Central Texas

### Session will offer:

- Special Guests: City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department
- Camp Checklist tools and strategies for building successful camp transitions
- Information on diverse camps and recreation opportunities provided

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## "LITERACY FOR ALL STUDENTS WITH IDD"

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### Location:

*Rosedale School 2117 W 49th  
St, Austin 78756*

Mar. 23 | 5:00–6:30 p.m.

### Presenter:

*Kris Patterson, IDD Expert and AISD Life Skills Specialist*

Education, self-determination, employment, quality of life, and enjoyment all may hinge on an individual's ability to read and/or to write. Join us for a session on research based practices for the non-traditional learner.

Certificates of Attendance will be given for each session.  
Light refreshments and Spanish interpretation available. No child care provided.

**Registration Required:** [Register Electronically Here](#) or by calling 512-414-0726 (Bilingual)

# Scottie Community Bulletin Board

## Moms in Prayer for Lamar

The Lamar Moms in Prayer group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 8:45 am.

Meeting location is Covenant Presbyterian Church in the Fellowship Building, room 104.

February dates: 2/1 and 2/15

Coordinator: Krista Sherwood, ksherwood7604@gmail.com



**LANIER HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**  
1201 Payton Gin Rd.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**



**DO YOU LIKE TO** . . . create,  
tinker, read, invent, reinvent, design,  
construct, develop and collaborate?

**YOU'LL MAKE STUFF . . .**  
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electricity, Legos,  
paper, cardboard,  
newspapers, old CDs,  
books, computers,  
iPads, and Play-Doh!

**FREE  
SNACKS!  
FREE  
BOOKS!  
PRIZES!**

*Presented by: Lanier HS, Burnet MS, Cook ES, Guerrero-Thompson ES,  
McBee ES, Padrón ES, Wooldridge ES, and Wooten ES  
Librarians and Parent Support Specialists*

Everyone is invited to Maker Mania on Saturday, Feb 4th, from 9-12, at the Lanier Library! It's the 6th annual collaboration between the librarians and the parent support specialists of the Lanier vertical team, and it's grown every year. Our head count last year was over 550 people! This year, we're partnering with Austin Public Library, the Boy Scouts, and the Girl Scouts, among others. Fun for all ages! We'd love to have you join us!