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Joslin Activities and Greetings

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## Read-a-Thon is back! | March 1-28

Get ready to turn pages and raise funds! Our **Read-a-Thon runs March 1-28**, and we're excited to make reading count for our school community.

This year, we're keeping it simple—flat donations only (no per-minute pledges). Encourage family and friends to support your reader with a one-time donation. Our new site makes employer donation matching easy!

Minute tracking is optional and if tracking minutes does not work well for your student, they can play Book Monopoly instead! Prizes associated with both! **More information to come - visit [www.joslinpta.com](http://www.joslinpta.com) for prize updates and FAQs!**

**Our goal is to raise \$12,000 to support:**

- 📖 A book overhaul in our library!
- 🔬 STEM kits for hands on learning
- 🔊 A sound system for the library
- 🪑 Upgrades to library furniture

\$4000 to support Classroom Mini-Grants for Joslin Staff.

Each Joslin staff member is eligible to spend \$200. Grants this year have purchased your child's classroom materials, field trips and transportation, sensory spaces, classroom seating, and much more!

Thank you for supporting literacy and enriching learning at Joslin. Let's read, raise, and reach our goal together! 📖❤️

**\*\*Websites too much fuss? Make a no hassel donation toward our goal - Venmo @Joslin-PTA\*\***

✅ Register and add your students  
[www.getmovinfundhub.com/register](http://www.getmovinfundhub.com/register)  
 School Identifier: 6998c90e7cd67

**MARCH 1 - 28**  
**READ-A-THON**

**\$12,000 GOAL**

Support books, STEM kits, and a sound system for the library

Weekly prizes

Flat donation (minute tracking optional)

Scan to register!

## STEAM Night is Coming to Joslin! 🚀🎨🔬⚙️

**STEAM NIGHT**  
 Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math

Dinner provided while supplies last!  
 First 50 to arrive receive a swag bag.  
 Raffles and Amazing booths from across the city...

**Fri, March 6**  
 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
 Joslin Blacktop

Sign up to volunteer!

Exploring real fossils  
 Slime making  
 Theater tech with sock puppets  
 Play-Doh electricity experiment  
 Financial literacy activity  
 LEGO building  
 Math challenges  
 Giant bubbles  
 Longhorn Racing and more!

Join us on **Friday, March 6, 5:30-8:00 PM** for an evening of hands-on fun at our first **STEAM Night (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math)!**

🌟 **Prospective students and families are welcome to attend!**

Students and families will enjoy interactive activities such as:

- Exploring real fossils
- Slime making
- Theater tech with sock puppets
- A Play-Doh electricity experiment
- A play store financial literacy activity
- LEGO building and math challenges
- Giant bubbles
- A possible race car showcase

🎁 **The first 50 families to arrive will receive a goody bag courtesy of Austin Community College Make It Center!**

🍽️ **Dinner will be provided for all who attend.**

A special shout-out to our incredible PTA Programs Chair, **Andrea Jacks**, for bringing this exciting event to life for our Joslin community!

Bring the whole family for a night of curiosity, creativity, and community—we can't wait to see you there!

# PTA Updates

## February Fun, Staff Appreciation & Growing Together at Joslin 🌟🌱



February was a busy and joyful month at Joslin! Thank you to all the families who joined us for our PTA Playdate on February 7. On February 13, we hosted our 3rd Valentine's Dance—an evening full of music, dancing, henna hand painting and fun, with students enjoying beautiful henna tattoos on their hands. We also treated our AWESOME Joslin staff to a special Valentine's lunch to show our appreciation.

**Each month, the PTA hosts a staff appreciation lunch to celebrate our incredible teachers and staff. If you would like**

**to contribute to an upcoming meal, please reach out to us at [joslinpta@gmail.com](mailto:joslinpta@gmail.com)—we would love your support!**

Unfortunately, due to weather, we had to cancel our February Garden Work Day—but we hope you'll join us on March 28! Our Campus Beautification team will be tending the classroom gardens and installing a drip irrigation system for the garden beds. All hands on deck are needed to help keep our outdoor classroom spaces vibrant and thriving! 🌱



## Principal's CORNER

February was a meaningful month of learning, connection, and preparation. Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting our students' success!

As we head into spring, here are a few important updates and reminders:

- **Parent-Teacher Conferences.** Thank you to all families who participated in our February conferences. These conversations are an important opportunity to review progress, set goals, and strengthen the home-school connection.
- **STAAR Preparation.** Teachers are providing final preparation and practice with STAAR-style questions to ensure students feel confident and familiar with the testing format. School accountability ratings are based on STAAR performance, so helping students feel comfortable with the test structure is important. Please also help your child be successful by ensuring they are well rested and have a nutritious meal on testing days.
- **Enrollment for Next Year. (See flyer to the right)**
  - Current families, please log in and indicate your intent to return for next year.
  - Please note that if you see "Joslin Elementary School" listed in the box on your child's "intent to enroll" page, it means the English pathway.

Thank you for being an essential part of our school community!

### Joslin PTA Board Nominations



2026–27 Joslin PTA Board nominations are open! Scan the QR code to nominate.

## ENROLL NOW

Get Help During Campus Enrollment Days  
8:30am – 2:30pm:

March 9

March 23

March 30

NOTE: If you see "Joslin Elementary School" under the "Intent to Enroll" page, that is the English only pathway. If incorrect, choose 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet ("different program"). Read that section carefully to ensure you're in the correct program. The Tri-lingual program is not available, so you will need to select one language pathway.

Progress 40%

**Intent to Enroll**

Based on our records, it looks like Fletcher is set to attend Joslin Elementary School in grade 2 for the 2026-2027 school year. Intend to enroll at this school for the following school year?

Joslin Elementary School  
4500 Mercedes Rd.  
Austin, TX 78745  
(512) 456-2094  
Pre-SK 5th  
<http://joslin.austinisd.org/>

Yes, your student would like to attend this school/program and will not be applying to any new schools/programs.  
 Your student is planning on attending their zoned school - Cowan Elementary School  
 Your student would like to apply to another school or to a different program (such as Dual Language, Montessori, etc.)  
 Your student is leaving Austin ISD and will enroll elsewhere.

This is English Only

## Appreciation Weeks

**March 2-6**  
Educational Diagnostician  
**Ms. Carmen Cisneroz**  
Athletic Trainer  
**Coach Marquez**

**April 7-10**  
Assistant Principal  
**Mrs. Zamberlan**

**April 20-24**  
Administrative Professionals  
**Ms. Cris and Ms. Maddy**  
Librarian  
**Mrs. Gibbs**

Joslin Elementary

## CAREER DAY

FRI, MAR 13 | 8:00 - 10:30 A.M.

Inspire students to continue their education and follow their dreams. All professions welcome!

Recruiting Volunteers!

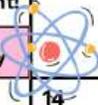
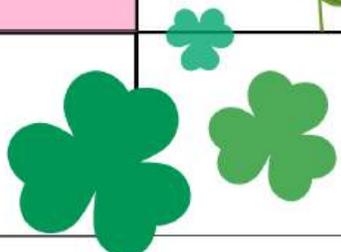
Sign up by February 13  
Ms. Turner will contact you with details

Register to VOTE  
Deadline is April 2

[www.votetexas.gov/register-to-vote/](http://www.votetexas.gov/register-to-vote/)

THANK YOU  
TO OUR SPONSORS

# March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <b>Women's History Month</b> <i>Read-a-thon BEGINS!</i> 	2 9-10a: Joslin Tour (for prospective families)	3 <b>Texas Primary Election Day</b> 8:30-9:15a: Chat with Chang 	4	5 7-7:20a: Run Club* 	6 <i>Spring Individual and Class Picture Day</i> 1:30-2:30p: Story Wranglers Show (3rd) 3:15-4:15p: Silat 5:30-8p: STEAM Night! 	7 
Educational Diagnostician Appreciation Week					All Employee Appreciation Day	
8	9 8:30a-2:30p: Campus Enrollment Registration Assistance	10	11	12 7-7:20a: Run Club* 3:30p: CAC	13 <i>End of 3rd Grading Period</i> 8:00a: Career Day 1:30-2:45p: Talent Show* 3:15-4:15p: Silat	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
SPRING BREAK						
22	23 <i>STAAR Alt begins</i> <i>Deadline for yearbook personal ads purchase</i> 8:30a-2:30p: Campus Enrollment Registration Assistance	24	25 3:30-4:30p: PTA Meeting* 	26 7-7:20a: Run Club* 	27 <i>K/5th Grade Picture Day</i> Academy 4 3:15-4:15p: Silat 	28 <i>LAST DAY for Read-a-thon!</i> 9-11a: Garden Work Day* 
Athletic Trainers Appreciation & Austin ISD Pride Week						
29	30 8:30a-2:30p: Campus Enrollment Registration Assistance	31 SCHOOL HOLIDAY				



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## Joslin Elementary TALENT SHOW

FRI, MAR 13  
1:00 - 2:45 p.m.

Students, sign up ASAP






## Joslin Garden Day

Sat, March 28 and April 25  
9:00 - 11:00 am

No experience needed  
sweet treats included

# April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1 Arab American Heritage Month</b> 6-7:30p: Student Council Play / Community Arts Night	<b>2 7-7:20a: Run Club*</b> 7:40-7:55a: Student Council Play 8:40-9:40p&2:10-3:10p: AISD Early Learning Day (PK/K)	<b>3 3:15-4:15p: Silat</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6 9-10a: Joslin Tour (New/Prospective families)</b>	<b>7 8:30-9:15a: Chat con Chang</b>	<b>8 STAAR Alt ends STAAR Test Reading (3rd-5th) No visitors</b>	<b>9 Make up STAAR Test Reading (3rd-5th) No visitors 7-7:20a: Run Club* 3:30p: CAC</b>	<b>10 Enroll Austin for Joslin Students ends (Round 2) 3:15-4:15p: Silat</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>STUDENT HOLIDAY</b>		<b>Assistant Principal Appreciation Week</b>				
<b>12</b>	<b>13 Deadline for online yearbook sale</b> 	<b>14 STAAR Test Science (5th) No visitors</b>	<b>15 Make up STAAR Test Science (5th) No visitors 3:30-4:30p: PTA Meeting*</b> 	<b>16 7-7:20a: Run Club*</b> 	<b>17 3:15-4:15p: Silat 5:30-7:30p: PTA Movie Night* Zootopia</b> 	<b>18</b>
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<b>Administrative Professionals &amp; School Librarian &amp; School Volunteer Appreciation Week</b>						
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30 7-7:20a: Run Club*</b>		



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Disney  
**ZOOTOPIA**



**MOVIE NIGHT**  
**FRI, APR 17**  
 @ 5:30 PM

IN THE CAFETERIA!  
 BRING YOUR OWN  
 WATER BOTTLES  
 & BLANKETS



**YEARBOOK SALES**

\$17 / book

ONLINE DEADLINE APR 13!

\$20 after APR 13

Personal Ads



**CELEBRATE YOUR 5TH GRADER (DEADLINE 3/23)**

\$10 FOR ¼ PAGE  
 \$20 FOR ½ PAGE