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Joslin Activities and Greetings  
A collaboration of Joslin Elementary and Joslin PTA



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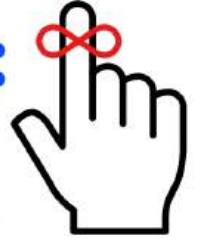
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## Enrollment Opens Feb. 16: Help Keep Joslin Strong for 2026-27

*Enrollment for the 2026-27 school year opens February 16 and runs to April 10. All students—new and returning—must complete the Enroll Austin application for next year.*



### Important Enrollment Details

- Enrollment Window: February 16 – April 10  
(Round 2 enrollment applies to everyone returning to Joslin.)
- All families must apply through Enroll Austin for the 2026-2027 school year.

### Why Enrollment Matters More Than Ever

Looking ahead to next year, Joslin will continue offering Mandarin and Spanish Dual Language. As AISD reviews school boundaries and attendance zones, strong enrollment is critical to keeping Joslin thriving. Phase 2 AISD recommendations related to boundaries, balanced enrollment, and consolidations will be announced in October. The best way to support Joslin now is to enroll early and encourage other families to do the same.

### Enrollment Help Available

We are offering in-person assistance in the front office on the following dates:

- February 17, 2026: 8:30a-2:30p
- March 9, 2026: 8:30a-2:30p
- March 23, 2026: 8:30a-2:30p
- March 30, 2026: 8:30a-2:30p



[www.austinisd.org/enroll](http://www.austinisd.org/enroll)

## Principal's Corner

**Program Updates for 2026-2027.** While our teachers and staff continue to challenge every student to reach the next level, I'd like to recap the changes planned for Joslin next school year to increase our capacity for more students. This plan has been shared with our community during the PTA Meeting (11/19/25), Chat with Chang (12/2/25), Staff Meeting (12/4/25), and CAC Meeting (12/11/25), and was also included in the parent email sent on 12/12/25.

- The trilingual pathway will be discontinued to create additional seats for transfer students.
- In early February, families of current K-2 students in the trilingual pathway will receive a recommendation letter for the 2026-2027 school year. Families will have an opportunity to share their input regarding the recommended language pathway based on guidance from their child's Mandarin and Spanish DL teachers.
- For current 3rd and 4th grade students receiving Mandarin enrichment, this opportunity is expected to continue next school year, unless there is a significant increase in upper-grade enrollment in the Mandarin DL pathway.
- The Mandarin Dual Language program is planned to expand to PreK4. Based on enrollment trends, we have had the capacity to add more students to Mrs. Byerly's English/Mandarin DL classroom.
- We are currently working with district offices to transition Mrs. Byerly's class to a mixed-age PreK4/Kindergarten classroom for the 2026-2027 school year. Once finalized, a teacher assistant will be added to support PreK4 students when they are in Mrs. Byerly's and Ms. Chouy's classrooms.

**How You Can Support Joslin.** Our shared goal is to keep Joslin strong and thriving next year. As the district revisits school boundaries and attendance zones, AISD will release Phase 2 recommendations for district consolidation in October. Strong enrollment, attendance, and engagement help demonstrate that Joslin is a **strong and united community**—and that matters as decisions are made about our school's future.

- Stay informed and engaged: attend Chat with Chang, read Principal Chang's emails, join Facebook (see p2)
- Send students to school every day—attendance rates are rising, **thank you!**
- Enroll on time and encourage other families to enroll
- Get involved with the PTA, CAC, and campus events - VOLUNTEER!

### DID YOU KNOW?!



Scan to learn more at HD 49 event

Through the state's "Robin Hood" recapture system, a significant portion of local property tax revenue is redistributed each year to other school districts. **Enrollment, attendance, and community votes directly impact the funding and resources our school receives.**

### Top 3 Districts: Total Recapture Payments (1994-2025):

1. Austin ISD - \$8 billion
2. Plano ISD - \$2.8 billion
3. Highland Park ISD - \$2.0 billion



[www.votetexas.gov/register-to-vote/](http://www.votetexas.gov/register-to-vote/)  
**Voter registration deadline is April 2**

# PTA Updates

## PTA Playdate at Joslin Playground



Join us on **Saturday, February 7, from 1-3 PM** for a Joslin PTA Playdate at the Joslin Elementary playground! We'd love to see as many Jaguars there as possible to help support our school and spread the word about what makes Joslin so special. Come play, connect, and help us welcome new and prospective families into our Joslin community. Let's share our Jaguar pride and welcome all new Jaguars! 🐾

## Trail of Lights: A December Night to Remember

✨ On December 12, Joslin sparkled bright, A snowy wonderland glowing in light. Thousands of twinkles, photo ops galore, Magic and cheer filled every corner and more. With cocoa to sip and ornaments to make, Games, laughter, and memories—joy was awake. Thank you, Joslin PTA, for a semester's end so right, Wrapping 2025 in warmth, wonder, and light. With hearts full of cheer and spirits renewed, We're ready for the year ahead—bright and brand new.



## Food Service Appreciation Week Feb. 23-27

Ms. Julie, Ms. Rubi,  
Ms. Amalia, Ms. Angela



## Growing Together: Another Successful Joslin Garden Day

We had another successful garden day! We spread wildflower seed by the new front entry and monarch garden, planted spring blooming bulbs, finished painting the picnic tables in the central courtyard, hung support wire for the peas growing on the trellis between Ms. Rocio and Ms. Silvia's beds, hung hose racks to make watering easier and made seed ball ornaments! See you at our next one on February 18!



**Connect**  
with other parents in  
your child's grade on  
**facebook** in  
three quick steps

**1.**  
Joslin Elementary School  
925 followers • 183 following

**2.**

ts About Mentions Reviews Reels Photos **More**

**3.** Live Groups Events

1. Find "Joslin Elementary School" on Facebook  
2. Click on "More" header  
3. Click on "Groups" & join your child's grade!

## School Counselor Appreciation Week Feb. 2-6

Mrs. Turner

## School Officer Appreciation Week Feb. 16-20

Officer Patton

## Joslin Elementary TALENT SHOW

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

Students,  
sign up ASAP



## Joslin Garden Day

January 31 &  
February 28  
9:00 - 11:00 am  
no experience needed  
sweet treats included

Joslin PTA  
Designed by Edie Cassel



## Celebrating Our Outstanding Educators

Congratulations Ms. D! One of our very own was recognized as a finalist for the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards, a highly competitive statewide program. We are especially proud to share that only two teachers from Austin ISD were named finalists:

- Megan Vasquez, Physical Education Teacher, Becker Elementary
- **Alasin DeVeney, Special Education Life Skills Teacher, Joslin Elementary**

The winner of the H-E-B Teacher Lifetime Achievement Award will be announced in May.

### Joslin Teachers & Staff of the Year – 2026

- Teacher of the Year: Mrs. Hansen
- Teacher of Promise: Ms. Rocio
- Classified Staff of the Year: Mrs. Cris

## JOSLIN SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

Congratulations to all of our science fair winners. Good luck at the Regional Science Fair on February 21!

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Gavin Joy  
Milly Soni  
Edie Cassel & Parker Sanders  
Manu Chau  
Tatum C. Eledge

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Liam McElroy  
Emme Davis & Zoe Ye  
Jack & Eliza Lemmerman  
Kasch Pawlik  
Yolmar Segini

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Joe McFall & Liam Heim  
Charlie Jaques & Valeria Sanchez



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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



COME TO THE NEXT

## PTA MEETING

18 Feb ☐  
3:30 p.m.

@JOSLIN LIBRARY  
KIDS WELCOME

but first... JOINPTA.COM

## LUNAR'S NEW YEAR CELEBRATE

THUR, FEB. 19 5:15 - 6:15 P.M.  
ON THE BLACKTOP



# February



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>National African American Heritage Month</i>	2 9a: Joslin Tour 1p: Joslin Tour (for prospective families)	3 8:30-9:15a: Chat with Chang	4	5 7-7:20a: Run Club*	6 <i>100th DAY OF SCHOOL</i> 3:15-4:15p: Silat	7 1-3p: Current and Future Family Play date*
School Counselor Appreciation Week						
8	9	10	11	12 7-7:20a: Run Club* 3:30p: CAC	13 3:15-4:15p: Silat 5:30 - 7:30p: PTA Valentine's Day Dance*	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>
15	16 Enroll Austin for Joslin Students begins (Round 2)	17 Parent/Teacher Conference 8:30a-2p: Enrollment Workshop	18 3:30 - 4:30p: PTA Meeting*	19 7-7:20a: Run Club* 5:15p: Lunar New Year Celebration	20 Academy 4 3:15-4:15p: Silat	21 9:30a-4p: Regional Science Fair (Palmer Events Center)
STUDENT HOLIDAY						
School Resource Officer Appreciation Week						
22	23	24	25	26 7-7:20a: Run Club*	27 Leaders 5 3:15-4:15p: Silat	28 9-11a: Garden Work Day 9-11a: PTA Closet Clean-up (all are welcome)*
Food Service Workers Appreciation Week						



www.joslinpta.com

**Prospective Families:** We welcome you to explore our playground, gardens, and brand-new basketball court! Bring your questions—we're excited to share what makes Joslin special.

**Current Joslin Families:** Come mingle with prospective Joslin families and share what you love about our school.



6 **PTA PLAY DATE** 7  
**SAT, FEB 7**  
**1:00 - 3:00 P.M.**



at the  
**Joslin Elementary Playground**

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## VALENTINE'S DANCE!

### Fri, Feb 13

**5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Joslin Elementary Cafeteria**