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PTA FUNDRAISING SPOTLIGHT

Did you know that all PTA events and some Joslin school events/programs are funded by our PTA? None of this would be possible without FUNDRAISING!



Hi Joslin Families and happy February! I hope you and your students are refreshed for the spring semester! I am Sabrina Joy. This school year, I have been serving as your PTA Vice President and Fundraising Chair. I have a 3rd grade girl, Cameron, a Kindergarten boy, Gavin, a bouncy 2 year old, and often a cup of coffee in my hand... come say hi!

Last semester was a whirlwind. We wanted to approach the school year by experimenting with a few new ideas... Lotería Night, Encanto Movie Night, Trail of Lights (please say a HUGE thank you to Tina Walker who dedicated a tremendous amount of time and work to creating the

trail!). From the great turnout to the parents who volunteered, to the community we've built, these events surpassed all of my expectations. Joslin is truly a special place—I hope your student is proud to be a Jaguar!

None of what PTA does would be possible without awesome volunteers and... fundraising! My approach to fundraising has been intentional- to make sure our fundraisers are valuable to Joslin families. We sold T-Shirts for the first time, and I am thankful that they were so well received. Ticket sales from Spooktacular have always been crucial to funding the fall PTA budget, and for the first time this year, we actively solicited donations from local businesses to offset the costs of hosting the event.

My goals for fundraising in the spring are cautiously ambitious. March is literacy month. I am planning a schoolwide Read-a-thon throughout the month of March to promote literacy and fund a special project at Joslin. Please stay alert for more information in the coming weeks!

April 28th will mark our 2nd Spring Fling Dance. Last year, we combined the dance with our PTA's annual Spring raffle and it was a total blast! I have been searching for prize donations and I would be thrilled to have your help. Do you know a business owner who would like to donate a prize or money to Joslin? Last year, our raffle funded programs like teacher classroom grants, Teacher Appreciation Week, and our end of year foam party.

Have you been wanting to get involved with PTA this semester? I could really use the help! If a Spring Raffle or Read-a-thon intrigues you, or maybe you have another great idea, please reach out- sabrinamjoy@gmail.com or joslinpta@gmail.com. You don't even have to attend a PTA meeting! Every penny we raise goes back to Joslin students, teachers, and staff.

Talk to you soon!

Sabrina, Joslin PTA Vice President and Fundraising Chair



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Happy Lunar New Year! We are looking forward to a peaceful year of the rabbit. Thank you to our sponsors, AOMA Graduate School of Medicine, Woodlawn Baptist Church, Panda Express, the Moore Family, the Saradzic Family, and the Walker Family.

Student Registration for 2023/24

Don't forget to register your students for the 2023/24 school year. All students must register every year. This helps us plan and secure our staffing and funds for next year. THANK YOU to those who have registered.

Support Texas Teachers Pay Raises

Texas is one of the lowest paid teachers in the country. Help correct this and give the teachers the pay they deserve.

[Scan the QR code below to sign the petition for teachers raises.](#)



PTA Updates

Mobile Dairy Classroom - Feb. 23

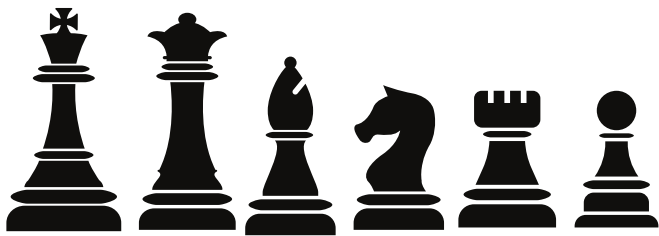
On Thursday, February 23, students of all grades will attend a presentation about the dairy industry. This event is sponsored by the PTA, and will include a live demonstration. . Visit southwestdairyfarmers.com for more info.

Check out presentations times by grade on the school calendar page.



Joslin Chess Club

In December, the PTA started the first Joslin Chess Club. Students and parents gathered to learn, teach, and play chess. Look out for another Chess Club Meet in February. Our goal is to meet monthly. We are looking for chess teachers and chess boards. Email us at joslinpta@gmail.com.



Healthy Lifestyles

February is Kindness Month. Look out for random acts of kindness throughout the month.

We are starting to plan National Stress Awareness Month in April. Helpers and ideas are welcome. Also, don't forget Field Day in May!

Campus Beautification

Our winter harvest produced several bags of vegetables that were sent home with some families. Spring is here and we are ready to prepare our Spring garden for classes. Every Thursday at 2 pm, parents are welcome to help tend the gardens. Check in at the front office to find out where we will be working.

To recap, we created new planters, classes adopted a gardening bed, and teachers received additional training on how to incorporate gardening into class curriculum. None of this would have been possible without the help of Amanda Mansouri (K parent), & other parents and teachers who helped secure the Monarch Hero's Grant.



Joslin Dumpling Makers

On Jan. 20, we hosted our 1st Dumpling Making Party, led by Sandra Liu, and family (2nd grade parent). Students and parents gathered in the cafeteria during the Science Fair to learn how to make these traditional Chinese delights. Meat, shrimp, and vegetarian dumplings were filled, folded, boiled and devoured to kick off the Lunar New Year celebration weekend.



thank you to our January Sponsors

Moore, Saradzic, and Walker Families



WOODLAWN
BAPTIST CHURCH



Sponsors needed! All Teacher/Staff appreciation meals are all donated by amazing sponsors thanks to our Teacher/Staff Appreciation Chair, Jessica Sanders (K/2nd grade parent). If you have a business that would like to contribute to our teacher/staff appreciation events, contact us at joslinpta@gmail.com. If your business doesn't quite relate to an appreciation theme, please consider giving a monetary donation ([Venmo @Joslin-PTA](#)). All donations will receive a tax donation receipt. 100% of the funds will be used for Teacher/Staff appreciation events and activities.

Word of the Month

Responsibility responsabilidad
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The Joslin Name Jar Project

- Your name is an essential part of your identity, it connects you to your community, your past, present, and future.
- Your name is chosen for you at the beginning of your life, it might have cultural significance, it might be in relation to a person or a place, or an original.
- No matter how your name came about, there is a story behind how you got it.
- At Joslin, we would like to connect through the stories of our names.
- The purpose of the project is gaining a sense of self, and answering the question "Who am I?"



English

Español



Scan the QR Code

Please help your child and our teachers by telling us the story of their name by Friday, February 10.

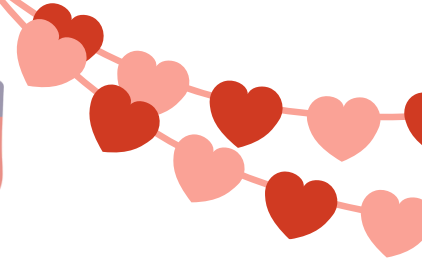
We will get the stories to them in art class.



DON'T MISS OUT!



FEBRUARY



*Hosted by Joslin PTA

^Hosted by Parent Support Specialist (PSS)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 	2 2p: Garden Work Time*	3 1:30p: Story Wrangler Performance (3rd Grade)* Last day to order Buddy Grams	4
5	6 <i>School Counselor Appreciation Day</i> <i>Mrs. Turner*</i> 1:10p: Austin Chamber of Music Concert (2nd/5th grade)	7 8:15-8:45a: Coffee with the Principal	8 1-2p: ASO Building Block Music Performance (PK-2nd)	9 2p: Garden Work Time* 3:30p: CAC Meeting	10 Joslin Name Jar Survey due Academy 4: Example	11
12	13 3:15-4p:  Valentine's Craft Day (blacktop)*	14 	15 PTA Meeting* 5:00p: Board 5:30p: General Parent Teacher Conference (5:30-6:30p)	16 2p: Garden Work Time*	17 Early Release at 1:30p	18
19	20 Potential holiday (unless a bad weather day is needed) 	21	22	23 Mobile Dairy Cow Event (school hours)* 2p: Garden Work Time*	24 <i>Food Service Appreciation Day</i> <i>THANK YOU Julia, Amalia, and Rubi*</i> Go Texan Day Photo op*	25
26	27 Young People's Concert Field Trip (4th/5th Grade)	28				

MORE INFO

F, Feb. 3: Story Wrangler Performance (3rd Grade) - Did you know the Story Wrangler Program is made possible by Joslin PTA? Joslin PTA funds the program every year. Story Wranglers is a 7 week in-school residency in which students learn the foundations of creative writing through arts-integrated lessons designed to motivate students and improve their writing skills, confidence, creativity, and storytelling. 3rd grade parents and PTA members are welcome to attend!

W, Feb. 8: Austin Symphony Orchestra (ASO) Building Block Music Performance - During music class, PK-2nd grade will enjoy a live orchestra concert.

F, Feb. 10: Joslin Name Jar Survey due - Scan the QR code on the front page to complete the survey.

M, Feb. 13: Valentine's Craft Day: Join us after school for some fun Valentine's Day crafts while supplies last.

F, Feb. 17: Early release at 1:30p - Students are released at 1:30pm to give teachers additional time for lesson planning and grading.

M, Feb. 20: President's Day - If no bad weather days occur, students and staff will have a school holiday.

Th, Feb. 23: Mobile Dairy Cow Event - Trained instructors will demonstrate how to milk a cow, describe how milk goes from the farm to the consumer, and then answer questions from the audience. This is an innovative program that brings the dairy experience directly to children. At schools, students and teachers share an experience that includes math, science, health (nutrition), and agriculture, all presented in an outdoor classroom format. (blacktop)

- 8:00-8:30 ECSE/LS/PreK/K
- 8:45-9:15 1st/2nd
- 9:30-10:15 4th/5th
- 10:30-11:15 3rd



MARCH



March: Women's History Month
W, Mar. 1: Read-a-thon Launch*

M, Mar. 6: Parent Support Specialist Day

Th, Mar. 9 @ 3:30p: CAC Meeting

F, Mar. 10: Spring Picture Day and Group Photo

S, Mar. 12: Daylight savings time starts

3/13-17: Spring Break

W, Mar. 22: PTA Meeting*

F, Mar. 24: Book Swap Potluck*

F, Mar. 29: Family Folk Dance Night Fundraiser*

F, Mar. 29: Student Council "Name the Jar" Play

T, Mar. 31: Cesar Chavez/Dolores Huerta Day Holiday



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