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JOSLIN'S MANDARIN PROGRAM

Joslin Elementary is one of three Austin ISD schools offering a Mandarin language program and Austin's only public trilingual school. When Mr. Chang arrived to Joslin 3 years ago, he was chosen to start a dual language program. The community voted for a Mandarin program. However, due to the community's student population, Spanish dual language was essential to implement at the school as well. Mr. Chang accepted the challenge and developed the first trilingual public school in Austin. The dedicated staff and strong parent support system makes this challenge possible. Joslin truly is a special place.



Born in Taipei, Taiwan, Mrs. Cindy Chuoy immigrated to the U.S. when she was 16 and graduated from UT Austin with a degree in Fashion Design. Arriving to the U.S. speaking no English, Mrs. Chuoy has first-hand experience how important a second language can provide additional opportunities to students.

CHUOY 老師 (LÀOSHİ)
K-1 MANDARIN TEACHER

This is Mrs. Chuoy's first year teaching her own classroom, however, she is no stranger to Joslin. She has been substitute teaching at Joslin as a preferred list substitute since 2019. In addition, when her son was in pre-school, she was a substitute teacher at his pre-school and after school programs.

When she is not at school, Mrs. Chuoy enjoys creating arts and crafts and listening to music. She has over 600 songs on her phone and her favorite band is Dave Matthews.

As a single mom raising an 8 year old son while working to complete her teacher certification this year, Mrs. Chuoy acknowledges her busy life but embraces it with a smile because "I love this job! It feels like home to me. Everybody at Joslin is friendly, nice and supportive."



CHENG 老師 (LÀOSHİ)
2ND-3RD GRADE
MANDARIN TEACHER

Ms. Bonnie Cheng grew up in China where she studied Chinese/English translation and interpretation. She continued her studies at Oklahoma State University in Linguistics. She has taught for 12 years, in which the last ten, have been in Beijing and Bangkok. Three months ago she moved to Austin to teach at Joslin. She specifically sought Joslin because she wanted to teach a Mandarin program and through her research learned about Principal Chang's leadership.

Her love of languages and working with children naturally led her to teaching in a dual language elementary school. "As a second language learner myself, I see the benefit of acquiring a second language and I wanted to teach that to other people and also I love children...Helping other kids get new knowledge they have never been exposed to before, that is very rewarding."

Outside of school, you can find Ms. Cheng dancing, reading and taking walks. One thing most people don't know about her is that she is an International Champion of Egyptian Oriental Dance.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



BOND PROGRAM

AUSTIN ISD 2022

Bond Presentation



100% of Bond Dollars Stay in Austin ISD



ELECTION DAY - Tuesday, Nov 8.

Tuesday, November 8 is a student holiday and staff development day. It is also Election Day. This year, the Austin ISD Bond Program 2022 is on the ballot (\$2.44 billion) to update our schools.

- o Proposition A: General purpose (i.e., security) - \$2.3B
- o Proposition B: Technology - \$75M
- o Proposition C: Stadiums & Athletic - \$47M

With this bond, 100% of bond dollars stay in Austin ISD. Otherwise, part of the money from the property taxes will be distributed to other school districts. If you would like to know more about the AISD Bond, please contact me or scan the QR code above to review a presentation about the bond that was presented during the September PTA meeting. A full list of schools impacted are included in the presentation.

PARENT COMPACT

I would like to thank you for being our partner. By working together, we can help our Joslin Jaguars succeed. Please review and sign the Parent Compact Form Friday, November 4th. You can also access the Parent Compact directly via the QR code.



PARENT COMPACT

SPOOKTACULAR DID NOT DISAPPOINT!

THANK YOU to everyone who made this year's Spooktacular the best one yet! It really was a labor of love from so many community members. Teachers volunteered their time, business owners sponsored booths, parents decorated, and volunteers helped with all the finishing touches. If you didn't know, the Spooktacular Committee starts planning the first week of school. Thank you to Mrs. Turner and Ms. Joey who chaired the committee this year.

Also a big Thank You to Sabrina Joy (K/3rd parent), our Vice President and Fundraising Chair, for working tirelessly to secure our sponsors and who undoubtedly made our event a success. Spooktacular is our biggest fundraiser of the year which allows us to provide resources to our school and teachers. Without these efforts we wouldn't be able to host our fun events like our Encanto Movie Night or Lotería Night, provide staff appreciation lunches, or have educational programs such as Reading Rangers..

This year we asked students to donate un-loved trinkets to be reused as Spooktacular prizes. We received hundreds of donations and the extras will be used for teacher treasure boxes. We topped off this year's celebration with a Trunk or Treat, a "Strange" Haunted Hallway, colorful sugar skulls, some tooth fairies, tattoos, arts and crafts, and a bounce house! See you next year.



COUNSELOR

UPDATE

November Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Lessons:
PK4: Noticing other's feelings, Everybody has accidents!, Gratitude

K-1: Mindfulness (Listening With My Heart), Self-Awareness (Personal Space), Gratitude

2-5: Your Elastic Brain, and The Power of YET, Gratitude



Happy Essentials/Support Professional Appreciation Day - November 16

Ms. McKay - Music teacher

Ms. Hansen - Art teacher

Coach Herman, Coach Kacie, Coach Scott - PE

Mrs. Miller, Ms. Nafey, Ms. Franklin - Resource

Mr. Barrientos, Mrs. Garcia Galeana - intervention

Our school wouldn't be complete without you! Consider writing a card or give them a high five to show your appreciation!

WELCOME New Teachers



On Oct. 10, Coach Herman became a Jaguar Physical Education teacher. This is Coach Herman's 13th year of teaching. She has a BA in Liberal Studies from California State University, Long Beach and a Masters in Coaching & Athletic Administration from Concordia University, Irvine. A fun fact about Coach Herman is that she loves playing sports. "I'm very excited to be your Physical Education Coach and I look forward to continuing a great school year! Go Jaguars!"

This month, Ms. Matthews joined Joslin as the new 1st Grade Spanish teacher. She obtained a BS and master's degree from the University of Texas. "As an instructor, my vision is always to respect the potential and gifts that children were born with." Outside of teaching, her passion is supporting the needs and well-being of animals. "I am always seeking experiences that enhance my awareness of the world. These fulfilling experiences also help to leverage the skills of my students."



Word of the Month

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SPOOKTACULAR would not have been a success without the generosity of our booth sponsors!

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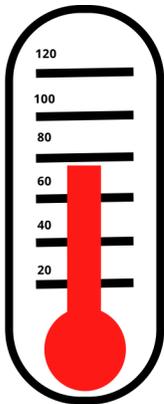
PTA Updates

Our first cold front has arrived and hopefully your sweaters have been taken out of storage. We cannot wait for the rest of the semester and the many fun PTA events we have planned. We are already making plans for next semester so keep an eye out. I want to give a big Thank You to all of our PTA board members, committee members and volunteers who make every event possible and a success. You are appreciated.

-Tina Walker, Joslin PTA President

Decorating Committee

We hope you have enjoyed our spooky Halloween decorations throughout the school. The PTA hopes to make Joslin a Winter Wonderland beginning in November and would love your ideas. We welcome any help with decorations, whether that be in person or at home. Share some of that holiday cheer.



Help us reach our membership goal of 120 members!

We are currently at 76 members for the 2022-23 school year. Students, parents, family and staff are encouraged to join throughout the year! \$10 to join and the money directly goes to school programs and events. Visit Joinpta.org.



Chipotle Spirit Night! (Brodie) 11/15 @ 4-8 p

SAVE THE DATE! A portion of the profits will be donated to Joslin PTA. Joslin PTA raises money to fund educational programs, mini grants for every teacher and school events and projects. Support your school just by eating dinner!

NEW: Joslin Chess Club



The Joslin Chess Club will have their first meeting on Wed 11/30, at 3:15pm in the Joslin Gym. This is hosted by the Joslin PTA and is open for students and parents to play. Even if your student has never played chess before, this will be their chance to learn. Bring a chess board if you have one. We have a limited number at this time. We cannot wait to see where we can take this new club and its many possibilities.

Healthy Snack Tasting Event with Ms. McKay

Come celebrate Healthy Livings Week with a snack tasting night! Join us on Wednesday, November 9th at 5:30pm in Joslin's Cafeteria! We'll be tasting lots of healthy snacks, dancing, making crafts, and having a blast!

Room Parents are back!

Did you know we brought back Joslin Room Parents? Christopher Walker (PK-4 parent) is leading the Room Parents this year. Each teacher has a designated parent who will serve as a liaison and aid to the teacher. Teaching is a busy job and Room Parents are here to help alleviate some of that burden. From decorating doors, printing papers, or tracking permission slips, Room Parents are vital to building a successful year for our children. If you haven't heard from your Room Parent, reach out to your teacher to connect! If you are interested in becoming a Room Parent, reach out to joslinPTA@gmail.com.

We can't make this happen without you!
Help us fill these positions.

- Membership Co-Chair
- Yearbook Committee

Can't commit as a committee chair? That's ok - we have many other volunteer needs. Visit www.joslinpta.com/volunteer

Don't have time to volunteer? Consider donating
Visit www.joslinpta.com/donate

First Joslin Holiday Festival

Joslin will have it's first ever Holiday Festival on Friday, 12/9, 5:30pm-7:30pm. We are hoping to make our very own mini "Joslin Trail of Lights". If anyone has any Christmas lights they can donate or would like to offer their ideas or expertise, the PTA would love to hear them.



Family Game Night

It was a winner! If you missed this one, don't worry we have another one already scheduled Friday, January 20 @ 5:30-7:30 pm.



End of Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

On Oct. 13, we ended Hispanic Heritage Month with a grand celebration: Loteria Night! Family and friends joined in a Mexican bingo night with food donated from La Posada. Safe Kids Austin was also in attendance. They distributed booster seats and provided bike, car, and water safety information. Thank you to all our volunteers and Mr. Salisbury for emceeding the event. We will have another Loteria night next year too!

Campus Beautification



On Oct. 8, students and parents helped revive the planter boxes and clear the Monarch Garden. A few days later A+ Federal Credit Union sent 10 volunteers to help finish the project by prepping new planter boxes inside the courtyard. On Oct. 24, Taylor Popp (K parent) really stepped up and built 6 new planter boxes for the courtyard. On Oct. 27, a few more parents and students gathered to finish prepping the courtyard planter boxes and they are now ready for the classrooms. A little team work goes a long way!

We are accepting donations of soil, native plants, seeds, and natural wood mulch. Drop off your donations at the front desk.



November



*Hosted by Joslin PTA

^Hosted by Parent Support Specialist (PSS)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <i>First Day of American Indian Heritage Month</i>	2 Grandparent (GP) Lunch ticket pre-sale begins 1-2:15p: Connecting with your Child^ 5-5:40p: Room Parent Meet up (Zoom)*	3 2p: Garden Work Time* 	4	5
6 <i>Daylight Savings Holiday Photo-Op & Coat Swap*</i> 3-5p 	7 8-8:25a: PPS/Parent Walk^	8 STUDENT HOLIDAY / STAFF DEVELOPMENT 	9 1-2:15p: Connecting with your Child^ 5:30-7p: Healthy Snack Tasting Event*	10 2p: Garden Work Time* 3:15p: CAC Meeting	11 	12
Healthy Living Week						
13	14 8-8:25a: PPS/Parent Walk^	15 8:15a: Coffee w/the Principal and a Cop GP Lunch ticket pre-sale ends 4-8p: Spirit Night Chipotle (Brodie)	16 <i>Essentials / Support Prof. Appreciation Day</i> 1-2:15p: Connecting with your Child^ PTA Meeting* @ 5p: Board @ 5:30p: Gen Mtg.	17 Grandparents Lunch Staff Appreciation Lunch (Sponsored by Maudie's Tex-Mex) 2p: Garden Work Time*	18 Joslin T-Shirt Contest submission due*	19
20	21	22	23	24 <i>HAPPY Thanksgiving</i> 	25 <i>Native American Heritage Day</i>	26
FALL BREAK - NO SCHOOL						
27	28 8-8:25a: PPS/Parent Walk^	29	30 3:15p: Joslin Chess Club* (gym) 	MAP Testing Middle of Year (ends Dec. 9)		

Mondays: Join our PPS, Rachel, for a walk and talk at the playground. Learn more about how she is a valuable resource for Joslin parents.

MORE INFO

Wednesdays (until Nov. 22): *Connecting with Your Child* Workshop, no RSVP required (Portable 1B)

Thursdays: The PTA Campus Beautification Committee will be meeting every Thursday to tend the gardens. Check in at the front office for a badge and location

Grandparents Lunch: Nov. 17

Nov. 2-15: Pre-order lunch through the front office

Nov. 6: Holiday Photo-op & Coat Swap

Coat Swap @ 3-5 pm: Bring a coat to get a coat (blacktop)
Holiday Photo-op @ 2:40-5:40 pm: Take your holidays photos early this year with Lauren Hodges, 1st grade parent and owner of Lo Photo. By appointment only.
For more information and to reserve your spot, visit www.joslinpta.com/fundraising.

Nov. 8: No school for students / Staff development day

Nov. 9 Healthy Snack Tasting Event @ 5:30-7:30 pm: Join us in the cafeteria to sample healthy and creative tasty snacks! (cafeteria)

Nov. 15 @ 4-8pm: Spirit Night at Chipotle (Brodie). Eat dinner and support your school at the same time! A portion of the profits will be donated to Joslin PTA!

Nov. 30 @ 3:15-4:30pm: Chess Club' first meeting (Gym)

Campus Advisory Council (CAC) Meeting: Campus Advisory Councils are committees of parents, students, business and community representatives, principals, teachers, and other campus staff. We want to hear your voice. All are welcome.

Healthy Living Week: Ms. McKay has daily events planned for the week.

December

F, Dec. 2: Academy 4: Encourage
M, Dec. 5: Spirit Nigh at The Hive
F, Dec. 9 @ 5:30-7:30 p: Holiday Festival
W-Th, Dec. 14-15: Winter Concerts
W, Dec. 21: Last day of school for winter break
Th, Dec. 22 - T, Jan. 10 - Student Holiday
M, Jan. 9: Staff Development Day

2022-2023 JOSLIN T-SHIRT ART CONTEST

**ARE YOU A BUDDING ARTIST?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE YOUR ART ON JOSLIN'S NEXT SCHOOL T-SHIRT?**

Each year, Joslin's PTA hosts a school-wide art contest and the winning design (decided by Joslin Staff) will appear on this year's Joslin T-Shirt.

Designs must be submitted to the Front Office no later than November 18.

Your design must:

1. be drawn on a 8x12 piece of white page
2. include no more than 3 colors (black will count as one of the colors)
3. convey what makes Joslin special to you

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