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Joslin Activities and Greetings

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APRIL IS NATIONAL SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH

LIBRARIAN SPOTLIGHT: MRS. GIBBS



Dear Joslin Jaguars,

I am Amy Gibbs, the Librarian, GT Advocate, and GT Teacher. In May, I will have taught for 21 years and it will be my 6th year at Joslin. I love working with the Joslin students, families, and the community. I am a mother of two. My oldest attended Joslin from kindergarten through 5th grade. My second child will be here starting pre-kindergarten in the fall of 2024. I welcome all to the library to come and check out a book.

What are the library's checkout policies?

- Students in Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st grade may check out one book at a time*.
- Students in 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade may check out up to two books at a time*.
- Parents may check out up to two books at a time.

*Please note: It is up to the discretion of teachers whether library books come home or are kept in the classroom.

We do a variety of activities in the library from read aloud, to centers, arts and crafts, research, and independent reading. My goal is that every student will find a book they enjoy, feel loved, and welcomed here.

Book Fair is coming up! This is how we raise money for the library. We use the money for books, author visits, crafts, field trips, and more. We are using Scholastic this year from April 24-28. On Monday students will come and view the Book Fair. Parents are welcome to come during the day and purchase until 3:30 pm. The rest of the week students can come and purchase during school. Tuesday and Wednesday I will stay open after school along with the music performances. We will be open on Friday as well. We need volunteers to help work the Book Fair. Please reach out if you are able to volunteer!

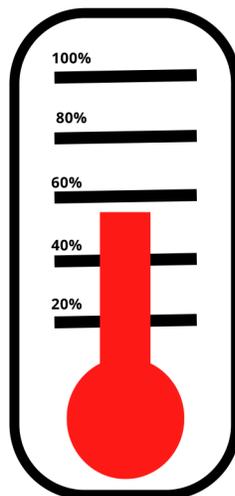
In AISD we have the Gifted and Talented (GT) Program along with Talent Explorer (TE). At our campus, I am the GT/TE Teacher and Advocate. I do all the testing and lead the GT Committee. I also teach the enrichment program to the students for thirty minutes to an hour weekly based on their grade level. Students have to be evaluated to participate in the program. Here is the district website if you are interested. <https://www.austinisd.org/advanced-academics/giftedtimes>.

-Amy Gibbs, Joslin Elementary Librarian, Gifted & Talented Teacher and Advocate

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

- **STAAR testing starts April.** This month we are revisiting **PERSERVERANCE**. The STAAR test can be daunting and we don't want our students to be scared. It is a test to reflect on what they learned and already know. When something is hard, we don't give up and we continue to try; we PERSERVERE!
- **INTEGRITY.** We are also re-reviewing the word INTEGRITY. There have been a few instances where photos were shared. We need to do the right thing and consent is needed when sharing photos. Students are allowed to use cellphones before morning assembly or after they are dismissed after school. If you need to reach your child, please call the front office at (512) 414-2094. We will relay the message for you.

- **REGISTER for 2023/24 school year!** Help us reach 100% of students registered by end of the month! We currently have 137 of 230 registered.



% students registered

- **Language Pathways update.** 3rd graders in the trilingual program will need to determine which language to continue. Teachers will make a recommendation but the ultimate decision will be made by the parents. We understand this is not ideal for those students that excel in 3 languages and are exploring opportunities for students that are able to strive in all 3 languages. For example, one idea is including Prime Time as a supplemental Chinese/Spanish option. To learn more, attend **Coffee with the Principal on 4/11.**
- **2023/24 updates.** We have secured full time art and music teachers for next school year! We will also acquire a full time instructional coach to work with teachers to support them in the classroom. We will also be Title 1 next year.
- *We are in the home stretch of the school year. Happy testing and let's finish the school year strong!*

PTA Updates



JOSLIN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SPIRIT NIGHT

THURSDAY
APRIL 6TH
3PM-9PM



DON'T FORGET TO MENTION "YOUR'RE WITH JOSLIN" TO GET CREDIT FOR YOUR PURCHASE.

20% OF PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS JOSLIN PTA



1701 WEST BEN WHITE BLVD. BUILDING #1

Read-a-Thon Fundraising update

Readathon was a huge success!

With the support of Joslin families and extended families, we met our goal of \$7000 and will be able to purchase the awesome new risers for music. These risers are safe, lightweight, and easy to transport. We will also be able to send \$1000 to the library for new books and supplies! As the final numbers roll in, we will determine the rest of the projects to invest in. Thank you for showing up for Joslin students— present and future!

We are working on handing out readathon prizes—including a raffle with tickets awarded to students based on their reading minutes and money raised. The raffle will be held April 14 during our Family Board Game Night!

Mark your calendars for our Spirit Nights:

- Blazer Tag - April 6 from 3 to 9pm
 - Amy's/Phil's Ice House - May 2 from 11am-11pm
- These companies love Joslin!**

We are still hosting our Spring Fling and Raffle Fundraiser on May 5, so get excited for some awesome prizes... including a Nintendo Switch!



Campus Beautification Committee

You may have noticed a few changes to the Monarch Garden. It has been getting a lot more Joslin love lately. We added a layer of mulch and have new plans (created by Cassel Landscape Architects) to create a relaxing area for all to enjoy. We need all hands on deck to make this happen. Join us on Earth Day Garden Day, Saturday April 22, 9am - 1pm!

If anyone has landscape construction experience, please let us know! If you would like to help but can't attend, please consider sending monetary donation. Reach out to us at joslinpta@gmail.com.

Thank you Ms. V and the Garden Committee for securing the Monarch Grant to make this all happen!

Thank you Molly Barker, parent of Luke in Mrs. D's class, for donating the plants for our spring garden!



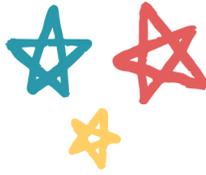
March 24:
Book swap
and Potluck

Story Wrangler Performance

On March 3, Joslin students and families enjoyed the grand finale of the 3rd Grade Story Wrangler program at the Woodlawn Church. **THANK YOU** Joslin PTA for funding this program!



Welcome Joslin's new Assistant Principal Ms. Michaela Pansza! Originally from San Antonio, Ms. Pansza has lived in the Austin area for the last six years. She started as a special education teacher and has served as an assistant principal at both elementary and middle schools. Outside of school, she enjoys traveling. Her favorite places to travel are Paris for the food and shopping and London because she enjoys the museums, history and all things Royal!



Welcome Spring Intern Assistant Principal Lauren Hollander! Mrs. Hollander grew up in Houston and moved to Austin to attend The University of Texas for her undergraduate and graduate degrees. Prior to joining Joslin, she was an AISD teacher for 13 years at Baldwin, Williams, and Allison Elementary Schools. Her hobbies include playing the flute and piccolo, camping, and four wheeling in the woods with her Land Cruiser.

MUCH appreciated

M, 4/3 - Assistant Principal Appreciation Day
Ms. Pansza and Mrs. Hollander
Thank you for making a difference!

T, 4/4 - Librarian Appreciation Day - Mrs. Gibbs
Behind every good library there is a GREAT librarian!

T, 4/25 - School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
You take us the EXTRA MILE!

W, 4/26 - ADMIN PROFESSIONAL APPRECIATION DAY
MS. JOEY AND MR. ANGEL
THANK YOU FOR KEEPING US GOING!



Dear Parents and Families:

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them to become Bolder, Prouder, and Stronger Readers. AND—as always—every book they buy earns rewards for our school.

Here's what you need to know about the Fair, which will take place from April 24-28 at the Joslin Library.

This year, say goodbye to cash and hello to eWallet—your child's digital payment account. Before the Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop at our school's Online Book Fair**. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/joslinelementaryschool1>

The countdown to more Bookjoy is on! Catch you at the Fair!

Happy reading,

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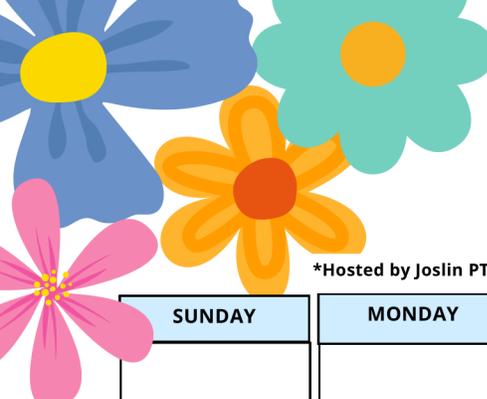
FAMILY BOARD GAME NIGHT
F, APRIL 14
5-7 PM (GYM)

THANK YOU!

to our March Sponsors

Jaques Family





APRIL



*Hosted by Joslin PTA

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 Assistant Principal Appreciation Day! Dress as your favorite book character day.	4 Library Appreciation Day! 5:30p Spring Fling Planning Meeting*	5 Early Learning Day	6 K/5th grade Graduation Picture 2p: Garden Work Time* 3-9p: Blazer Tag SPIRIT NIGHT*	7 NO SCHOOL	8
National Library Week						
9	10	11 8:15-9a: Coffee with the Principal	12	13 3:30p: CAC Meeting	14 GA: STAAR Pep Rally Career Day Academy 4: Serv 5-7p: Board Game Night	15 AISD Career Fair
16	17	18 STAAR Testing begins	19 PTA Meeting* 5:00p: Board 5:30p: General	20 2p: Garden Work Time*	21 Book Fair Set up - Volunteers NEEDED	22 9a - 1 pm GARDEN WORK DAY!
Earth Week						
23	24	25 Bus Driver Appreciation Day* 5:30-7p: Spring Concert (PK-2nd)	26 Admin Appreciation Day* 5-7:30p: Spring Concert (3rd-5th)	27	28 Dia de los Ninos*	29
Scholastic Book Fair (see below for times)						
30	MAY 2 Spirit Night: Amy's / Phil's 11a - 11p 2901 S. Lamar*					

T, Apr. 4: Spring Fling Planning Meeting - Join us for our biggest Spring fundraiser. We need ideas and help with this year's fling.
Zoom ID: 356 571 5225 / Password - PTA

W, Apr. 5: Early Learning Day - Welcome orientation for new students
8:30-10:30a - New PK/K parents
4:30-6:30p - All new kids to Joslin welcome

T, Apr. 11: Coffee with the Principal - This month's topic: Change in Dual Language Pathways in 3rd to 5th Grade, Bond update

Th, Apr. 13: Campus Advisory Committee (CAC) - This month's topics are the 2023/24 Master Schedule and budget.

Sat, Apr. 15: AISD Career Fair - If you know anyone interested in working for Joslin or AISD, please attend the AISD Career Fair at the Austin Convention Center (<https://www.austinisd.org/hc/careers>)

April 24-28 - Scholastic Book Fair
 • Monday, Thursday: 7:45a - 3:30p
 • Tuesday, Wednesday: 7:45a - 7p
 • Friday: 7:45a - 10a

May

- M, 5/1: Principal Appreciation Day***
- T, 5/2: National Teacher Appreciation Day***
- T, 5/2: Spirit Night at Amy's/Phil's***
- W, 5/3: Teacher Assistant Appreciation Day***
- W, 5/3: Bike to School Day**
- F, 5/5: Spring Fling and Raffle***
- 5/8-12: Teacher Appreciation Week***
- W, 5/10: School Nurse Appreciation Day***
- W, 5/17: PTA Elections and Meeting***
- Th, 5/25: Last day of school
- Th, 5/25: Foam party**

EXAM Day
No Campus visitors allowed on testing days

STAAR Reading

T, 4/18: 3rd grade
 W, 4/19: 4th grade
 Th, 4/20: 5th grade
 F, 4/21: Reading make up

STAAR Science

W, 4/26: 5th grade
 Th, 4/27: Make up

STAAR Math

T, 5/2: 3rd grade
 W, 5/3: 4th grade
 Th, 5/4: 5th grade
 F, 5/5: Make up test