



# THE JAG

## Joslin Activities and Greetings

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## PEAS PROGRAM IS BACK!

The PEAS Program is back at Joslin this year! Joslin's assigned PEAS educator, Magda Hernandez, will partner with Joslin teachers to bridge a connection between our gardens, food in the kitchen, and TEKS aligned science concepts. The Program has been grant funded for all 1st, 2nd, and Lifeskills classes every other Wednesday beginning October 9.

Magda will be providing outdoor education about the natural world on Joslin's beautiful campus for the 2023-2024 school year. She has been in education for 20+ years with experience in bilingual classrooms and collaborating with teachers. Some of her interests include yoga, herbalism, plant medicine, and food forests. She is beyond thrilled to share and learn with the Joslin students. Spending quality time with her husband, daughter, and two dogs are her best moments.



**PEAS**

PARTNERS FOR EDUCATION,  
AGRICULTURE & SUSTAINABILITY

## SPOOKTACULAR!

FRIDAY, OCT. 27, 5:30-8:00 PM

Join us for our biggest event of the year! Celebrate with costumes, a bounce house, activities, an extra scary haunted hallway, a spooky graveyard and more! This extravaganza is open to all so invite your neighborly ghosts and friendly monsters for a hauntingly good time!

We still need your help with donations, planning, and volunteering. The Spooktacular Planning Committee meets every Thursday in the front office from 3:45-4:45pm.

**We are looking for sponsors!** Any company or local business can sponsor a booth for just \$150 or choose to fund another activity. Please email [joslinpta@gmail.com](mailto:joslinpta@gmail.com) for more information.



## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

- **New absent form** - All excused absences must have an AISD absent note attached. Grab a form in the front office or online: [www.austinisd.org/attendance/report-absence](http://www.austinisd.org/attendance/report-absence)
- **20 day attendance challenge** - If you missed the first round of the 20 day attendance challenge, the next round is **Oct. 2 - 30**. If you didn't know, students are marked as in attendance if they are in class at 10:30 am. If you have an appointment please try to return prior to 10:30 am or leave after 10:30 am. Daily student attendance determines the school budget for next year. Those who complete the challenge will receive a goodie bag.
- **Jaguar of the Week** - We are recognizing one to two students per grade level to be our Jaguar of the Week! Every week, our teachers will nominate students from each grade level to be recognized for demonstrating positive behaviors that are aligned to our values at Joslin. Stop by and see the student of the week on the bulletin board outside the cafeteria!
  - 10/02-10/06 Respectful towards adults
  - 10/09-10/13 Respectful greetings towards others
  - 10/16-10/20 Perseverance with reading
  - 10/23-10/27 Perseverance with math
  - 10/30-11/03 Perseverance with a difficult task



- **Staff changes** - Congratulations to Mr. Angel. He received a promotion as an Executive Assistant in the central office. Another congratulations to Mr. Tamayo who received a promotion as the Carpenter for the school district. Ms. Joey moved desks and is now our Bookkeeper. Welcome Ms. Crismar as Joslin's new Registrar!
- **Austin ISD Honor Stories** - Do you want to honor a teacher or staff member for making an impact? We invite you to recognize how a member of the Joslin teachers and staff have made a difference to you, your child, or a family member. Show your gratitude by sharing your story with the Austin ISD Honor Stories. Our teachers and staff are a huge part of why Joslin is the coolest school in south Austin. Let's share how Jaguars make a difference!



Scan the QR Code submit your Honor Story!



# PTA Updates

## WELCOME NEW PTA BOARD MEMBERS

We are excited to welcome new PTA Board Members!

- **Dot Aikman, Treasurer**
- **Finesse Haverly, Secretary**
- **Jayne Poranski, Membership Chair**

## CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION

Have you noticed something different on your way to the office? The water wall is up and running, the garden beds are sprouting some green, and the additional learning space/walk ways are taking shape!

We are working on a grant to improve the Monarch Garden. If we receive the grant, we will create an outdoor rain laboratory!



## SPIRIT NIGHT SUCCESS - THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who visited Amy's Ice Cream and Phil's Ice House on S. Lamar on Aug. 29. We had one of our most successful Spirit Nights. Because of your support, Amy's and Phil's donated \$850+! This money will help fund teacher classroom grants and fun events like movie night!



## HEALTHY LIVING

On September 13, Joslin PTA hosted Healthy Living Night! A night to educate while tasting healthy living. THANK YOU to our music teacher Ms. McKay who organized the event and fellow teachers volunteered who worked the event.

Healthy living also includes a healthy mind and body. Students enjoyed playing with a nature playscape brought to us by Austin Parks and Recreation Department who shared information about the Cities Connecting Children to Nature Initiative. This initiative's mission is to seek and create abundant access to nature in cities through parks and greenspace access, education, community health, wellness and more! To learn more about the initiative, visit the Austin Parks website.



## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

Joslin Jaguars kicked off Hispanic Heritage Month with another fun-filled Loteria Night! THANK YOU to our sponsor Goldfish Swim School - South Austin for your generous donation - the prize table!

None of this would be possible without our amazing Joslin PTA! Parents helped decorate our cafeteria and dinner for all who attended. Food was provided by the Davis, Jacques, and Santos families. Thank you Ms. Villunueva, our 4th grade Spanish teacher, for leading the game, and parent Sabrina Joy who organized the event!

## JOSLIN FAMILY VOLUNTEER DAY



Jaguar parents really stepped it up at this year's Family Volunteer Day; closets organized, classrooms cleaned, and gardens prepped. WE LOVE OUR JAGUAR PARENTS!



# THANK YOU



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## CUSTODIAN APPRECIATION WEEK

OCTOBER 2-6

Maritza Mendoza    Oliva Aviles  
Ramiro Tamayo

THANK YOU FOR MAKING OUR SCHOOL SPARKLE!

TO OUR SPONSORS



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## Principal Appreciation Week

October 9-13

Mr. Chang

We wouldn't be the coolest school in South Austin without you!



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Parks and  
Recreation



**Davis Family**  
**Jacques Family**  
**Santos Family**

## Transportation Employee Appreciation week

October 16-20

Thank you for getting our kids to school safely!

## JOSLIN PTA HALLOWEEN COSTUME SHOP

DO YOU HAVE OLD COSTUMES DESTINED FOR DONATION?

WHY NOT HAND IT OFF TO A FELLOW JAGUAR?!

BRING IN YOUR GENTLY USED COSTUMES OR JUST FIND A NEW COSTUME FOR YOUR CHILD!

### DONATE NOW

Drop off in the office  
**SHOP AT BACK TO SCHOOL (9/29) & MOVIE NIGHT (10/13)!**

**Spooktacular! Planning Meeting**

Every Thursday Until Halloween!  
3:45-4:45pm

front office

Haunted House Decorating Day  
1-3 pm

CONTACT JOSLINPTA@GMAIL.COM IF YOU CAN NOT ATTEND BUT WOULD LIKE TO HELP OR DONATE!



# OCTOBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 *Hosted by Joslin PTA	2	3	4	5 3:15-4:15p: Silat Martial Arts (gym) 3:45-4:45p: Spooktacular Planning Meeting* (front office)	6 Fall Picture Day 	7
Custodian Appreciation Week						
8	9  INDIGENOUS PEOPLE day	10 8:15-9:00a: Coffee with the Principal (cafeteria or front office) 	11	12 3:15-4:15p: Silat Martial Arts 3:30p: CAC Meeting 3:45-4:45p: Spooktacular Planning Meeting*	13 Academy 4 5:30-7:30p: "Trolls" Movie Night & Glow Party* (cafeteria) 	14
Student Holiday		Principal Appreciation Week				
15	16 Leaders 5	17	18 PTA Meeting* 5p: Board 5:30p: General 	19 3:15-4:15p: Silat Martial Arts 3:45-4:45p: Spooktacular Planning Meeting*	20	21
Transportation Employee Appreciation Week						
22 1:00-3:00p: Haunted House Decorating day	23	24	25 8-8:45a: The Power of Yet: Mind set mission	26 3:15-4:15p: Silat Martial Arts 3:45-4:45p: Spooktacular Planning Meeting*	27 Student T-Shirt Design Due SPOOKTACULAR! 5:30-8:00 PM**	28
Love your Brain Week						
29	30	31 <b>HAPPY HALLOWEEN</b> Costumes allowed (no masks, weapons, blood, or face make up)	<b>Word of the Month</b> <b>PERSERVERANCE</b> perserverancia    毅力 [Yìlì]			



**Joslin PTA**

## MOVIE NIGHT

*Glow Dance Party*

Sweets provided by

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**FRIDAY, OCT. 13, 2023**  
**5:30 - 7:30 PM**  
**(CAFETERIA)**

Join us for a sing along dance party  
Dress as your favorite Troll or wear neon.  
Bring a blanket and water.



JOSLIN PTA PRESENTS

## SPOOKTACULAR!

### HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL



OCT 27 2023      5:30P  
8:00P

TICKETS FOR PURCHASE STARTING 5:15PM  
HAUNTED "HALLWAY OF HORRORS", SPOOKY GRAVEYARD, BOUNCE HOUSE, SILENT DISCO, CONCESSIONS, CRAFTS, GAMES, PRIZES, PHOTO BOOTH  
COSTUMES ENCOURAGED - NO WEAPONS  
OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED- CHECK  
WWW.JOSLINPTA.COM CLOSER TO THE EVENT

**Silat Martial Arts:** An Indonesian Martial Arts Class offered to 3rd-5th grade students, adults and students that are able to participate without distracting others. Coach Gary, Joslin parent, is hosting the classes. All parents must be present for kids to participate. All participants must sign a waiver.

**Picture Day:** Make up day is pending, Check your email or Joslin PTA FB group for class times.

**Coffee with the Principal:** This month's topic is "Leader in Me"

**Halloween costumes are allowed during Spooktacular and on Halloween Day.**

**November highlights...**  
Nov. 9: Board Game Night  
Nov. 10: Veteran's Day Assembly Concert  
Nov. 13: Student Holiday / Staff Development  
Nov. 15: PTA Meeting  
Nov. 20-24: Fall Break

Many school programs and events are funded by the Joslin PTA. Become a member of the Joslin PTA by scanning the QR Code!

