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Joslin Activities and Greetings

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MONARCH GARDEN VOLUNTEER WORK DAY - APRIL 20

The Joslin PTA Campus Beautification Committee needs all hands on deck to help transform our Monarch Garden into a usable educational space for all to enjoy.



In celebration of Earth Day, the Joslin community will have the chance to come together on April 20th to rebuild the school's Monarch Garden. First built by Mrs. Branch and her kindergarten class to create a layover for the migratory and vulnerable monarch butterfly, the garden became overgrown with weeds due to lack of use and maintenance during the coronavirus pandemic. The PTA has been active in the last two years to recreate this important asset for our school community.

In order to fund the restoration of the garden, the PTA secured the Monarch Heroes Butterfly Grant from the National Wildlife Federation in the 2022/2023 school year and the Bright Green Futures Grant from the City of Austin Office of Sustainability this year. Between these two grants, and some additional funding provided by the PTA, the Monarch Garden can now be planted with native, low-water perennials, shrubs and ornamental trees, specifically selected for their benefit to monarch butterflies and other pollinator species.

To make the garden accessible and comfortable for school-wide use, an outdoor classroom will be located in the center of the garden. Salvaged log seating, a shade sail, an outdoor blackboard and a picnic table will allow teachers to take their classes outside for fresh air and first hand scientific observation. Research has shown that outdoor learning can have a huge impact on student mental health, creativity, and academic performance with teachers reporting fewer behavioral issues and increased focus both inside and outside of the classroom when children are able to spend more time outdoors (Children in Nature Network, North American Association for Environmental Education). We are excited and proud to provide a setting for outdoor education for our Joslin Jaguars and our amazing teachers and staff!

Please join us on April 20th to create this important space for our community and for wildlife. A range of tasks will be available for all different skills and abilities. Work gloves, bottled water and sun protection are recommended. Students are encouraged to join. We hope to see you there! Shout out to Allison Cassel for leading the initiative!

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Solar Eclipse, April 8. School will be in session. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to make this a learning experience for all of our students. Eclipse-safe glasses will be provided to all students and staff. Younger grades will practice using the glasses. You are welcome to join us for the eclipse viewing. If you plan to join your student for the eclipse viewing, please bring your own glasses and arrive prior to 1:15 pm as our front office will promptly be closed from 1:25-1:40 pm.

STAAR Testing begins. The STAAR test is an opportunity to evaluate what students learned this year. As a reminder, during the testing period, no visitors are allowed past the front office (unless pre-scheduled meetings). Please keep in mind that STAAR ALT 2 are in session near the front entrance 3/25-4/19. Please pay attention to testing signs in the front entrance and be quiet when testing is in session.

PTA Updates

TALENT SHOW!

Did you miss the application deadline?

No problem!

There are a few more spots to join the Joslin Talent Show (May 10). Scan the the QR code to submit your act!



Talent show application

YEARBOOKS!!!

The Yearbook Committee, led by Ting-Yi Chen and Josephine Tidwell, are diligently working on the Joslin 2023/24 Yearbook. Yearbooks will go on sale soon and plan to be distributed at the end of May. Look out for an order form in the near future. If you are interested in helping with the yearbook, please email us at joslinpta@gmail.com!



WE DID IT! WE MET OUR READ-A-THON GOAL! THANK YOU TO ALL OUR PARTICIPANTS.



Thank you for another successful Read-a-thon and encouraging your friends and family to support our special school! Fundraising is a vital part of our Read-a-thon and Joslin families really came through! We raised a total of \$13,012.15 to spend on a new laminator for our teachers, upgrades to our monarch garden including a blackboard, and new PE equipment. Our goal is to fund all of these improvements before the end of the school year.

Every student who signed up for Read-a-thon received a coupon for a free snow cone donated by Shaved Ice Island! Each week during lunch time, we rewarded the top readers in each class with a chance to dive into our ball pit to retrieve tickets and exchange them for prizes from our prize store. We also rewarded any child who fundraised with the same ball pit experience when the Read-a-thon was over. Additionally, over 25 students filled out Book Bingo cards and also received tickets to spend in our prize store.

What did you think about Read-a-thon? Do you have ideas for next year? How would you feel about a Jog-a-thon? Please send feedback to joslinpta@gmail.com or attend our PTA meeting in April! Thank you to our Fundraising Chair, Sabrina Joy!

Congratulations!

Top Readers (They won passes to Blazertag, a special lunch, and their names on the front marquee.)

1. Sage - 4th
2. Marlowe - 4th
3. Ray/Jhaune - 5th
4. Bishop - 3rd
5. Hannah - 4th
6. Josie - 5th
7. Beatrix - 3rd
8. Lena - 3rd
9. Eston - 3rd
10. Julian - 2nd



Most Minutes Read by Class Average

Mrs. Wang (4th grade)

They won a fun pizza, arcade, and lazertag party donated by Blazertag!

Most Funds by Class

Ms. Sandra (1st grade)

They won an epic ice cream sundae party.

Top Fundraisers

1. Brooklyn- 5th (\$1000) (Winner of a family night at the movies sponsored by Regal Cinema and Dot Rocks! Austin Properties)
2. Pearl - Kinder (\$646)
3. Manu - 1st (\$570)
4. Charlie - 3rd (\$570)
5. Audrey - Kinder (\$490)
6. Liam M - 2nd (\$400)
7. Evalyn - 2nd (\$398)
8. Theodore - 2nd (\$397)
9. Harper - 5th (\$350)
10. Sam - 1st (\$335)



**Assistant Principal
Appreciation Week**

April 1-5

Mrs. Tanner

You made such a difference
your first year here!

Librarian Appreciation Week

April 1-5

Mrs. Gibbs

Thank you for all that you do!

**Administrative Professional
Appreciation Week**

April 22-26

Ms. Joey & Ms. CRISMAR

Y'all keep us going!



**Austin Regional
Science Fair
RIBBON WINNERS**

Great job JAGUARS!

1st Place

Daniel Delgado
Cameron Joy
Kylie Kirk
Josie Markaverich
Christian Moore
Aleutian Peck
Carina Tatsch

2nd Place

Leo Dragicevic
Marlowe Grzinich
Harper Sariti
Daniel Zamora Flores and Derek Diaz
Beatrix Guenther and Ruth Chen

Austin Parks Foundation Young Environmentalists Award

Beatrix Guenther and Ruth Chen



Spelling (3rd Grade)

1st Eston Brueckner
2nd Cylas Peck
3rd Daniel Delgado
4th Cass Poranski

Writing (4th Grade)

1st Christian Moore
2nd Natalia Gil-Nardecchia
3rd Daniel Zamora-Flores
4th Cameron Joy

Social Studies (5th Grade)

1st Aleutian Peck
2nd Kylie Kirk
3rd William Thompson
4th Brooklyn Christman-Jones
5th Josie Markaverich Writing

Number Sense (4th Grade)

1st Ann Huang
2nd Christian Moore
3rd Elliott Demse
4th Sage Breeding

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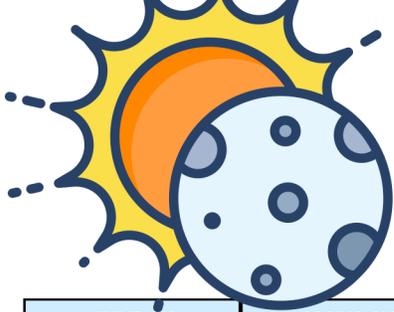
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**DOT
ROCKS!
AUSTIN PROPERTIES**





APRIL



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 8:15-9a: Meeting with the Principal (STAAR, master schedule)	3	4 Mother Goose Visit (Life Skills, PK-1st) 3:15-4:15p: Silat Martial Arts	5 Academy 4 CAREER DAY	6
Assistant Principal & School Librarian Appreciation Week						
7	8 STAAR Pep rally SOLAR ECLIPSE	9	10 STAFF DEVELOPMENT / STUDENT HOLIDAY	11 3:15-4:15p: Silat Martial Arts 3:30p: CAC	12 End of 3rd Quarter	13 9a-12p: AISD Job Fair (Palmer Events Center)
14	15	16	17 PTA Meeting* 5p: Board 5:30p: General	18 3:15-4:15p: Silat Martial Arts	19 Graduation Picture Day (K and 5th)	20 Monarch Garden Volunteer Day* 9am - 12pm EARTH DAY
21	22 1:30p: Trashion Fashion Show (2nd)	23	24	25 3:15-4:15p: Silat Martial Arts	26	27
Administrative Professional Appreciation Week						
28	29 Leaders 5	30 Día de los Niños*				
*Hosted by Joslin PTA						

MONARCH GARDEN VOLUNTEER DAY
SAT, APRIL 20, 2024
9AM - 12PM

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED.
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May Highlights

- 5/03: Spring Fling
- 5/10: Talent Show
- 5/14-15: Spring Concert
- 5/08: PTA Meeting
- 5/17: Field Day
- 5/23: PTA Foam Party
- Last day of School

★★★★★★ **Jaguar of the Week** ★★★★★★

- 4/1-4/5 - Habit 1: Being in Proactive
- 4/8-4/12 - Habit 2: Demonstrates "Begin with the End in Mind"
- 4/15-4/19 - Habit 3: Practices "Put the First Things First"
- 4/22-4/26 - Habit 4: Showed "Win-win" Thinking
- 4/29-5/3 - Habit 5: Models "Seek First to Understand, Then Be Understood"

STAAR Reading

- T, 4/09: 3rd grade
- Th, 4/11: 4th grade
- F, 4/12: 5th grade
- M, 4/15: Reading ma

STAAR Science

- Th, 4/18: 5th grade
- F, 4/19: Make up

STAAR Math

- T, 4/23: 3rd grade
- W, 4/24: 4th grade
- Th, 4/25: 5th grade
- F, 4/26: Make up tes

