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March 28: PTA Jog-a-Thon Fundraiser



JOG-A-THON
Help raise funds for our new playground blacktop!

**FRIDAY
MARCH 28, 2025**
During your child's PE class!

Use the QR Code to sign up your student and collect donations for the Joslin blacktop!

This year, Joslin Elementary is hosting a Jog-A-Thon to raise funds for a much-needed new blacktop! Our goal is to raise \$20,000 to give our students a safer, more enjoyable outdoor space for recess and activities.

Instead of our usual read-a-thon, we're inviting all students to participate in this fun event. It's easy to get started: simply register your child by scanning the QR code in the flyer, then share it with friends and family near and far to start fundraising. Every dollar counts toward our goal! All donations must be received by March 27th.

We also have a special way for you to support your runner! For just \$5, you can create a personalized sign to cheer on your child as they run. These signs will be displayed along the track during the event. We will have sign-making opportunities scheduled in March—more details to come!

Check out the an example of the blacktop we're raising funds for on the PTA website listed below—it's going to be an incredible upgrade for our school. If every student raises just \$80, we'll hit our \$20,000 target!

Grade-Level Run Schedule: The Jog-A-Thon runs will take place during each grade's PE class time. Here's when your child will be running:

- 7:55 AM - 8:40 AM: PreK & Kindergarten
- 8:45 AM - 9:30 AM: 4th Graders & Life Skills
- 9:35 AM - 10:20 AM: 2nd Graders
- 12:40 PM - 1:25 PM: 3rd Graders
- 1:30 PM - 2:15 PM: 1st Graders
- 2:15 PM - 3:00 PM: 5th Graders

There will be individual and class prizes for those who raise the most funds, so start planning your fundraising strategy now! We can't wait to see everyone at the Jog-A-Thon, and we'll keep you updated with more information as we get closer to the event. Let's work together to make this dream a reality for our students! Stay tuned for more details! You can find the latest updates on our website at <https://www.joslinpta.com/jog-a-thon>. **Shout out to Jen Craver for organizing this event!**

Austin ISD 2025-2026 Enrollment Registration Now Open!

It's that time of year—Austin ISD enrollment registration for the 2025-2026 school year is open and the deadline for Round 1 registration is approaching! We encourage all families to complete their child's registration as soon as possible to ensure a smooth transition into the next school year. To get started, simply scan the QR code below to access your Austin ISD portal and complete your registration. **The first round of registration closes on February 4, so please don't wait!**

Once you've completed your registration, call the front office and speak with Ms. Cris to confirm your registration. Due to some system requirements, Ms. Cris will need to confirm all registrations. It's essential to have this confirmation so we can accurately plan for staffing needs.

Why is it important to register now? Early registration helps us secure our teachers for the upcoming year and gives us ample time to hire new staff if necessary. By registering early, you're helping us ensure we have everything in place for a smooth start to the new school year. If we don't hear from you, you can expect a call from Mr. Chang or Ms. Cris to follow up on your registration.

Thank you for taking care of this important step early! Let's make sure we're ready for a fantastic 2025-2026 school year. **Scan the QR code and complete your registration today!**



AISD Portal

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

- **Kindness Challenge Month (February).** Throughout the month of February, students will participate in a Kindness Challenge. They will receive a Bingo card with kindness tasks to complete. Students will aim to circle 5 or more tasks and return their cards to the classroom. The cards will stay at school in folders, backpacks, or desks and will be displayed on the bulletin board. Some teachers may also incorporate the challenge as a class activity.
- **Celebrating Black History Month (Starting Monday, Feb. 3).** To learn and honor the rich history and contributions of Black Americans, everyone can access affirmation recordings at: <https://www.austinisd.org/respectforall/blackhistorymonth>.
- **Spirit Week for Attendance Challenge (March 10-13).** This year's attendance challenge will focus on improvement rather than just reaching perfect attendance. The challenge will highlight students who improve their attendance over time, encouraging everyone to keep striving! Classroom challenges will be based on percentage improvements. Keep an eye out for progress updates.
- **School Board Appreciation Month.** We celebrated School Board Appreciation Month in January, and we're proud to share that Joslin's picture was highlighted at the School Board Meeting. Way to represent Joslin!
- **Absence Notes.** Don't forget to complete an absence note for every absence. It's important to keep our records up to date!
- **2022 Bond Update - New Office Construction.** As part of the new security updates, Joslin will undergo construction this summer to build a new office. Additionally, an AISD police officer will be based at Joslin and shared with other campuses. The officer will begin training soon and will be on campus within the next few months.
 - **No Summer Programs at Joslin.** Due to building construction, there will be no summer programs at Joslin this year. Both Extend-A-Care and iKids will not be available during the summer break.
- **CONGRATULATIONS to Joslin's...**
 - Teacher of Promise - Adrian Marquez
 - Teacher of the Year - Lindsey Deleon
 - Staff of the Year - Joey Sisson



PTA Updates

Campus Beautification

You may have seen a new addition to our courtyard playground! A new playhouse kitchen was added in January for our PK students. Thank you to the Joslin Garden Club for maintaining our outdoor educational areas year round!



Dumpling Making Party FUN!

During the Joslin Science Fair, the PTA hosted a Dumpling Making Party. Families were introduced to the tasty Chinese tradition. THANK YOU to Beatrix's family for organizing and planning the event!



We need Career Day Volunteers! March 13 (8-10am)

If you are interested in sharing your career with our jaguars, please scan the QR code to volunteer!
THANK YOU!



ABSENCE NOTE?

SUBMIT WITH QR CODE!



<https://www.austinisd.org/attendance/report-absence>

Science Fair Winners

Good Luck at the Regional Science Fair

3rd Grade

Kasch P. - Painting with light
Liam M. - Which fruit or vegetable makes the best battery
Noah T. - Candy crumble
Yolmar S. - Respiratory system

4th Grade

Ruth C. - Strength of magnetic force
Valeria A. & Charlie J. - Dry ice
Daphne V. - Plant versus dairy protein
Maximo T. & Liam H. - Potential & kinetic energy

5th Grade

Cameron J. - Elect your magnet
Marlow G. - Crystal rating
Hannah C. - Avian influenza & backyard chickens
Carina T. - Salty solution



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Office DEPOT



PURE LIGHT
CHIROPRACTIC

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
*Hosted by Joslin PTA					31 5:15-6:15p: Lunar New Year Celebration Last day to order Buddy Gram	1 Kindness Challenge Month begins 
2	3 LAST DAY to register for 25/26 AISD School Year (Round 1)	4 8:30-9:15a: Chat with Chang (office) 7:30a & 5-6p: 2nd/3rd/Joslin Choir Music Performance	5 3-4p: Joslin Garden Club* Welcome all! 	6	7 3:15-4:15p: Silat	8
Book Fair / School Counselor Appreciation Week						
9	10 	11	12	13 3:30-4:30p: Campus Advisory Council Meeting (library)	14 3:15-4:15p: Silat 5:30-7:30p: Valentine's Day Dance (cafeteria)* 	15
26	17 Parent Teacher Conference	18	19 3-4p: Joslin Garden Club* Welcome all! PTA Meeting 5p Board 5:30p General (library)*	20	21 Academy 4 3:15-4:15p: Silat	22 Regional Science Fair for 3rd-5th (Palmer Event Center)
	Student Holiday					
23	24	25	26	27	28 Leaders 5 1:30-2:15p: Story Wranglers Show (Woodlawn) 3:15-4:15p: Silat	
Food Service Appreciation Week						



VALENTINE'S Dance

FRIDAY FEB. 14TH

5:30 - 7:30
Joslin cafeteria

Joslin PTA



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Create a Book Fair eWallet for cash-free shopping.

Convenient and secure, eWallet lets your child choose books they want to read.

Plus, you can share your eWallet link so friends and family can help your child find even more to read. **Unspent funds from a past Fair?** To transfer them to this Fair, log in to your Scholastic account and create a new eWallet—then your previous balance will be available to transfer as an eGift Card.

When you fund an eWallet, you can also contribute to **Share the Fair**, the giving program that **benefits kids in your school who need help buying new books.**

 Create account
  Add funds
  Share link
  Your child shops



School Counselor Appreciation Week

February 3-7

Mrs. Turner

You always know how to make us feel good!

Food Service Appreciation Week

February 24-28

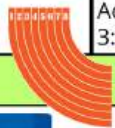
Julis Vanderzanden, Rubi Orduna, Amalia Vaga Orrosquieta

Y'all make nutritious delicious!



March



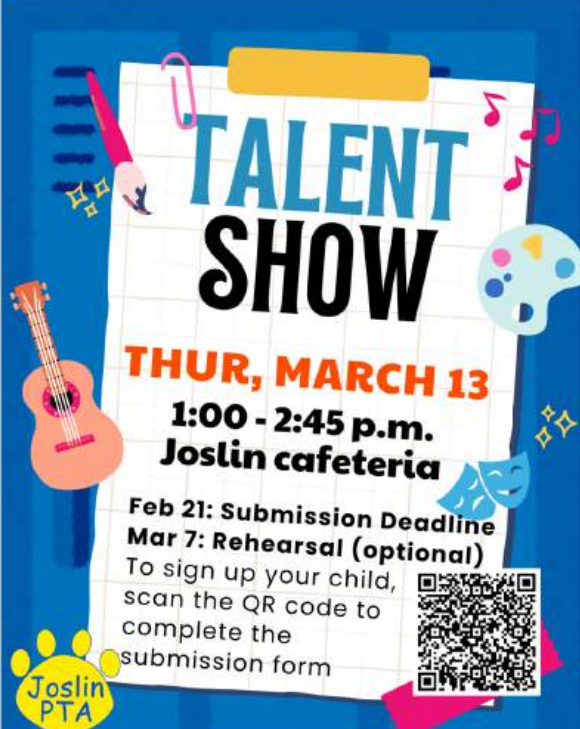
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2 Daylight Savings 	3 Young People's Concert (4th/5th) Field Trip	4 8:30-9:15a: Chat with Chang (office) 	5 3-4p: Joslin Garden Club* Welcome all! 	6 1:30-2:30p: Austin Jazz Workshop (3rd-5th)	7 Spring/Class Picture Day Leaders 5 3:15-4:15p: Silat 	8
9	10	11	12	13 8-10a: Career Day 1-2:45p: Talent Show* 3:30-4:30p: CAC Meeting (library)	14	15
	SPIRIT WEEK				STUDENT HOLIDAY	
16	17	18	19	20	21 Academy 4 3:15-4:15p: Silat	22
	SPRING BREAK					
23	24 STAAR Alt 2 Testing Window begins (ends 4/11)	25	26 PTA Meeting 5p Board 5:30p General (library)* 	27	28 Jog-a-thon* (all day during PE) Academy 4 3:15-4:15p: Silat 	29
	AISD PRIDE WEEK					
30	31 Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta Day & Eidul - Fitr SCHOOL HOLIDAY					

REMINDER: On STAAR test dates, no school visits or lunch visits

STAAR Reading
T, 4/08: 5th grade
W, 4/09: 4th grade
Th, 4/10: 3rd grade
F, 4/11: Make up

STAAR Science
T, 4/15: 5th grade
W, 4/16: Make up

STAAR Math
T, 4/22: 3rd grade
W, 4/23: 4th grade
Th, 4/24: 5th grade
F, 4/25: Make up



TALENT SHOW

THUR, MARCH 13
1:00 - 2:45 p.m.
Joslin cafeteria

Feb 21: Submission Deadline
Mar 7: Rehearsal (optional)

To sign up your child, scan the QR code to complete the submission form




JOG-A-THON FUNDRAISER QR CODE



JOSLIN HEROES IN ACTION SPIRIT WEEK

MONDAY SUPERHEROES SAVES THE DAY
SAVE THE SCHOOL DAY BY SCHEDULING APPOINTMENTS AFTER SCHOOL. DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVORITE HERO.

TUESDAY SUPER VILLAIN'S DAY
MISSING SCHOOL IS NO JOKE. DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVORITE SUPER VILLAIN.

WEDNESDAY CAPE DAY
YOU ARE "CAPABLE" TO COME TO SCHOOL EVERYDAY ON TIME. WEAR A CAPE OF YOUR FAVORITE SUPERHERO.

FRIDAY TACKY TIGHTS & SOCKS
TACKY IS OKAY WHEN YOU'RE TIGHT ON TIME. WEAR SILLY SOCKS OR TIGHTS.

NO MASKS OR ACCESSORIES

WEEK OF MARCH 10 - MARCH 12