



# THE JAG

Joslin Activities and Greetings  
A collaboration of Joslin Elementary and Joslin PTA



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## A FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM TINA WALKER

For the last two years at Joslin, I had the best job!

As PTA President, I got to come up with fun ideas, work with a great group of people and see which of those ideas worked and made kids smile. But my two years are up, and it's been a great ride! I was lucky enough to have the best PTA Board and the support of Principal Chang, teachers, staff and families. We got to try new ideas, create new outdoor spaces and enjoy some long-standing traditions.



I feel confident that the PTA will be in great hands next year. Moving forward, I do hope that the Joslin community will continue to support the PTA and understand that we are only as strong as our members and volunteers. If those do not continue then some of what make us special here at Joslin, will not thrive. We also need people who can step into leadership positions. So, if you have ever had an idea for an event, school space or a have a special skill, please share these with the school and help us continue to grow.

Now, you are not completely rid of me yet. With my youngest son in 2nd grade, I still have a few years left at Joslin. But it is time for me to step aside and pass the torch. One of my proudest moments with the Joslin PTA was when we won PTA of the Year for 2022-2023. I was very honored to say a few words at our AISD Salute Awards last year. Since it is fitting to this goodbye, I would like to share a small part of my Thank You speech with you all. It somewhat explains my strong feelings on how a PTA can really make a true difference at a school, whether it is in big or small ways. Either way, it is making a difference.

"To be in a PTA, especially at a close-knit school like Joslin is to be very fortunate. We are very lucky. Where else can you find a rag-tag group of kindhearted but overly tired parents and teachers who come together with one common goal - to make our school special.

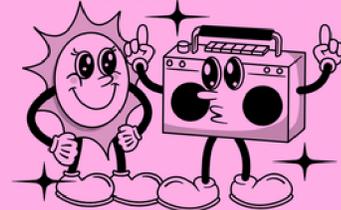
A place where we get to see the kid's eyes light up as new decorations are hung or dance at our Spring Fling or discover their love of reading during a literacy program. As a parent, we don't have to sit on the sidelines but can help create the school environment we know our children will thrive in and where are teachers will feel supported and appreciated. We get to help make a difference Thank you to everyone who has supported us. Especially the students, the Joslin Jaguars, who reward us with smiles and appreciation and for whom we do all of this for. So remember us at Joslin Elementary, a Trilingual school (Spanish, English, and Mandarin) tucked away in South Austin, we are doing new and great things. Thank you."

**JOSLIN ELEMENTARY PTA PRESENTS**

**THE 3RD ANNUAL**  
**SPRING**  
**FLING**  
**& RAFFLE!**

[HTTPS://GO.RALLYUPSCHOOLS.COM/JOSLIN2024](https://go.rallyupschools.com/joslin2024)

**JOSLIN BLACKTOP**  
**MAY 03 5:30-7:30PM**



- EPIC DANCE PARTY - WE'LL TEACH YOU THE MOVES!
- TAYLOR SWIFT DANCE & SING-A-LONG
- DANCE GAMES!
- CONCESSIONS FOR PURCHASE
- RAFFLE DRAWING - YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!



← VOLUNTEER

RAFFLE TICKETS (PURCHASE NOW!) →



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## SPRING FLING, MAY 3

Our 3rd Annual Spring Fling is almost here! Join us on Friday May 3 from 5:30 to 7:30pm on the Joslin Blacktop for epic fun and music. Jaguars both big and small look forward to this event each year... let's keep the tradition going!

**Can't dance?** Join moms Rachel Breeding and Sabrina Joy for a fun dance party.

**Hungry?** Enjoy pizza and drinks for purchase!

**Prefer to sing?** Party during our \*new\* segment -- a Taylor Swift Sing-a-long!

**Two left feet?** Join Joslin mom Elizabeth Tsui for some fun games that require no dance talent at all!

**Just there for the vibes?** Chill with Joslin dad and DJ Paul Tidwell as he spins your favorite elementary school-appropriate hits!

Additionally, our yearly Spring raffle will be drawn at the dance! Please visit [go.rallyupschools.com/joslin2024](https://go.rallyupschools.com/joslin2024) to purchase raffle tickets for our exciting prizes. Huge thank you to Joslin moms Nikki Tuggle, Josephine Tidwell, and Sabrina Joy for sourcing these items! Money raised by the spring raffle benefits our PTA budget which funds all of our classroom grants, teacher appreciation events, movie nights...and so much more! See you on the dance floor!

# PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

- **Thank you Joslin PTA!** Shout out to Tina Walker for your leadership as PTA President for the past two years. The Joslin PTA is responsible for numerous indoor and outdoor improvements, delicious treats for our teachers and staff, newsletters, the yearbook, the Joslin Talent Show, and many educational programs such as Story Wranglers, PEAS, and Leader in Me. This would not be possible without your dedication to make Joslin a special place for all! Thank you to our Vice President & Fundraising Chair, Sabrina Joy, who endlessly fundraises and plans all fundraising events such as Spooktacular, Read-a-thon, and Spring Fling. We were PTA of the year last year for more than one reason and we worked hard for it. We are ready for the next group of parents to continue this momentum next year and serve on the PTA Board or join as a chair or volunteer. THANK YOU!
- **iKids.** Starting on the first day of school iKids will start paid child care. Next school year Prime Time will last longer and language classes may become available. Stay tuned for more information. Scan QR Code to learn more and register for Fall classes.



[iKids Registration Link](#)

## JAG MINI GRANTS

14 JAG Mini Grants were given this year to Joslin teachers and staff. Mini grants are 100% funded by Joslin PTA and available to all teachers and staff at Joslin. Teachers and staff are able to apply for mini grants once a school year. These grants have been used for field trips, school supplies, and educational programs. We hope to give even more mini grants next year!

Thanks to all who participated in the solar eclipse on April 8th! We had a blast!



## Teacher Appreciation Week

May 6-10

Y'all are the BEST!!!!

## Did you miss pre-ordering your yearbook?

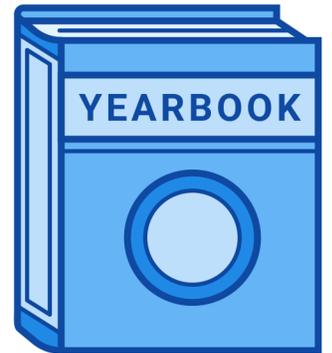
Don't worry! We got you covered. Extra yearbooks were ordered but there are a limited number. So don't wait!

If you would like to order a yearbook, go to the front office or send \$20 via Venmo to Joslin PTA (QR code below). Be sure to include your child's name, teacher, and grade.

Yearbooks will be distributed before school ends.



[Joslin PTA Venmo @Joslin-PTA](#)



# TALENT SHOW

## MAY 10

### 1:00 - 2:45 PM

## JOSLIN CAFETERIA



On Wednesday, May 8 (5:30-8:15p), Austin ISD will host "Salute", an annual celebration to recognize some of the district's outstanding team members for their continued dedication to student excellence and achievement in our schools. All are welcome at the AISD Performing Arts Center to join in on the celebration. Appetizers will be served. This year, four Joslin staff members will be recognized!

**Ms. Higgins**  
**Campus Teacher of the Year**

**Ms. Aranha**  
**Joslin Teach of Promise**

**Mrs. Gibbs**  
**District Finalist Librarian of the Year**

**Rubi Orduna**  
**Finalist for Food Service/Warehouse Staff of the Year**



★★★★★ **Jaguar of the Week** ★★★★★

4/29-5/3 - Habit 5: Models "Seek First to Understand, Then Be Understood"

5/6-5/10 - Habit 6: Synergize

5/13-5/17 - Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw

5/20-5/23 - Jaguar



THANK YOU to all our volunteers for spending Earth Day with us. Our Monarch Garden is slowly transforming into an outdoor learning space!



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
Please scan code below to sign up!

JOSLIN PRESENTS

**FIELD DAY 2024**

9:00-10:00 DANCING IN THE CAFETERIA  
10:30-2:00 STATIONS AROUND JOSLIN  
2:00-3:00 REST /WRAP-UP IN CLASS

CLICK THE SIGN-UP LINK BELOW TO VOLUNTEER

**FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024**

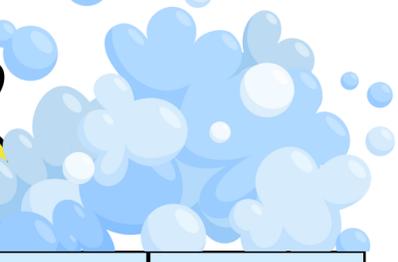
✓ STATIONS ✓ SNACKS ✓ DANCING

jamie.herman@austinisd.org Sign-Up Genius Link

**Next month's issue:**  
PTA Summer Movie nights  
2024/25 School Supply List  
Back to School events



# May



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	*Hosted by Joslin PTA		1	2 3:15-4:15p: Silat Martial Arts	3 Academy 4 5:30-7:30p: Spring Fling*	4
5 	6 Leaders 5	7  8:15-9a: Meeting with the Principal (master schedule)	8  Bike to School Day with Coach Herman 5:30-8:15p: AISD Salute	9 Cain Realty Volunteer Day* 3:15-4:15p: Silat Martial Arts 3:30p: CAC	10 1-2:45p: Talent Show* (cafeteria)	11
Teacher Appreciation Week						
12	13	14 Spring Concert 5:30p: PK/K 6:30p: 1st/2nd	15 Spring Concert 5:30p: 3rd/4th 6:00p: Joslin Choir 6:30p: 5th	16 3:15-4:15p: Silat Martial Arts LAST DAY TO ORDER YEARBOOK	17 FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 	18
19	20	21 Promotion Ceremony 12p: Kindergarten (in front of gym) 6p: 5th Grade (cafeteria)	22 1st gr Promotion Ceremony: 12:45p PTA Elections & Meeting* 5p: Board 5:30p: General	23 3:15-4:30p: Foam Party* LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	24	25
26	27  MEMORIAL DAY	28	29	30	31	
Hello Summer						

JOSLIN PTA PRESENTS...  
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

# FOAM PARTY

MAY 23 | 3:15-4:30

Joslin Elementary School Backtop

**SNOW CONES - FREE FOR STUDENTS!**

Volunteer

\*\*Parents must be present\*\*  
Please bring a towel, goggles, and change of clothes

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ALL HANDS ON DECK!!

# PTA Election & Meeting

Joslin Library - May 22, 2024

Board Meeting 5:00pm  
General Meeting 5:30pm

All are welcome!  
We want to hear from you!

www.joslinpta.com  
joslinpta@gmail.com

Kids welcome