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Joslin Activities and Greetings

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SPOOKTACULAR!

Friday, Oct. 28 @ 5:30 pm

Join us for our biggest event of the year! Celebrate with costumes, a bounce house, activities, a haunted hallway, a trunk or treat 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 Committee meets every other Wednesday. Check the joslinpta.com website for Zoom link and times or to sign up to volunteer.

Remember, if you, your company, or if you know of any local businesses that would like to sponsor a booth, please let us know. The cost to sponsor a booth is \$100. Sponsors can run a booth or fund an activity. Email joslinpta@gmail.com.

MESSAGE FROM THE JOSLIN PTA PRESIDENT



TINA WALKER
JOSLIN PTA PRESIDENT

Hello Joslin families,

As President of the Joslin Elementary PTA, I would like to officially welcome you to the 2022 -2023 school year. We are a month into the new school year and it has been wonderful to see new and familiar faces again.

Every year is a fresh start especially for the PTA. It's a chance to start from scratch on a new year of events, new ideas, new teachers and students and create a whole new experience for the families. For

some students, especially those in PreK and Kinder, who have never been in school, it is our chance to let them see what a new school can bring and for those that are leaving and moving onto middle school, a chance to leave with the best of memories.

A little about me. I have two boys in 1st and 4th grade and this will be my 5th year in the PTA. I started as a Room Parent, Hospitality and eventually as a Treasurer. I love to meet new families so please feel free to say "hello" if we ever pass in the hallways or playground. To me the PTA has always been a chance to help shape the atmosphere of our school. To play a part in the place that educates and cares for my boys a large part of their childhood. Most importantly, to help create fun and memorable events for the students, teachers and families to enjoy. We also want to make sure our hardworking teachers feel supported and appreciated.

We hope you have enjoyed a few of our recent events including our PTA Picnic or the "Encanto" Movie night. We have plenty more planned for the school year. Joslin is a special place and we do our best to take care of our little community. So please join us, in making our school year a great one. We may be small but it doesn't mean we cannot have BIG ideas and do BIG things.

Sincerely,
Tina Walker, Joslin Elementary PTA President

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

- Security update: AISD has approved the cost to upgrade the back gate door to a push bar.
- Meetings with Ann Kitchen (Council Member District 5): We continue to have routine collaborative meetings with Sunrise Church. A Crisis Intervention Specialist (CIS) will be hired to support the services and community Sunrise serves.
- Student Success Guide: The new Student Success Guide has been released. You can find a copy on the school website (joslin.austinschools.org). Please reach out to me if you have any questions.



RACHEL BOURRAGE
PARENT SUPPORT SPECIALIST

You may have seen a new face in the front office or seen a new name in your inbox, **Rachel Bourrage**. She is new to Joslin this year and filling the role as the Parent Support Specialist (PSS). Her role is to serve as a resource to parents. Her goal is to help parents bridge school, home, and community.

A proud member of the LGBTQ+ community, retired military who served in the Army Reserves, holds a Masters in Psychology, and currently working towards a Doctorate in Education Leadership, Rachel is a strong advocate for those who are underrepresented. She believes parents are a vital part of the school system. As a parent of two, Rachel understands being a parent is challenging. She is here to work with parents to not only empower them but also assist with any support they may need from health insurance to school work to community engagement.

Starting next week, she will host "PSS and Parent Walks" at 8 am every Monday at the playground. Come and join Rachel for a walk or chat to learn more about what she can do to help you while getting some steps in. Check out the calendar for more PSS hosted activities for you to join. You can contact Rachel by calling the front office or email rachel.bourrage@austinisd.org.



The Joslin PTA will be partnering with Safe Kids Austin to bring our Joslin families important resources. Safe Kids Austin is led by Dell Children's Medical Center and provides dedicated staff that work with the community to provide much needed programs such as car seat inspections and safety workshops. Look for them at our Lotería Night on 10/13 as they will be handing out information. We would also like to offer a private, by reservation only, car seat inspection for a later date. If you are interested please email the PTA (joslinPTA@gmail.com) and we will be in touch.

Please learn more about this wonderful coalition and all the wonderful resources they provide. <https://www.safekids.org/coalition/safe-kids-austin>

CUSTODIAN APPRECIATION WEEK
OCTOBER 3-7
Joel Guerrero Maritza Mendoza
Ramiro Tamayo
THANK YOU FOR MAKING OUR SCHOOL SPARKLE!

Word of the Month
PERSERVERANCE
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SCHOOL COUNSELOR UPDATE By Stephanie Turner

Hello Joslin Families! This is my 6th year as the Joslin school counselor. My own children attended Joslin (now in 6th and 11th grade at Ann Richards and Austin High). Joslin is my second home, and my community school (I live right here in Western Trails). I see all classes at Joslin every 2 weeks in counselor lessons, and I am available to help all students with big feelings so they can get back to learning in the classroom. I have been getting to know all of the students in my very short Counselor Mini Meetings. More information can be found on my website:

<https://sites.google.com/austinisd.org/joslin-sel-counselor-page/mini-meetings-with-the-counselor>). This month in my counselor lessons:

PK: Skills for learning and identifying feelings

K-1: Using our BIG voice (assertiveness) and Tattling vs Warning, Kelso's Conflict Resolution Skills

2nd: Friendship/social skills, Kelso's Choices for Conflict Resolution

3rd-4th: Friendship/social skills, Kelso's Choices for Conflict Resolution

5th: Transitioning to Middle School (preparing for applications to Magnet schools starting Oct.1)



Did you miss buying a child's tie dye shirt? Order one today for \$20! Pick up and pay at Spooktacular!

Email joslinpta@gmail.com by 10/5 with your request. Also selling Adult Blue and Purple for \$18.

All proceeds support programs at Joslin.



Correction from last newsletter: Support us through Amazon Smile Charity "Joslin PTA (Austin, TX)".

PTA Updates

New PTA Chair

Welcome the newest member of our team, Jessica Sanders, as our Teacher Appreciation Committee Chair. She has a child in Kindergarten and 2nd grade. Her main objectives for the committee will be to organize staff lunches, Teacher Appreciation events (ex. Custodian Appreciation Week), and Teacher Appreciation week in May.

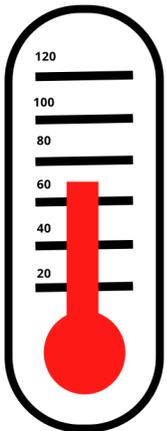
There are open positions available for you to volunteer!

- Treasurer
- Programs Chair
- Tshirt Committee
- Hospitality Chair
- Membership Co-Chair
- Decorating Committee
- Yearbook Committee

We can't make this happen without you! Help us fill these positions. If interested, email joslinpta@gmail.com

Lotería Bingo Night - Thursday, Oct. 13

We continue to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with our first ever *Lotería Night* in the cafeteria! Open to all families! Join us for prizes, music and food. Look for a flyer in your child's take home folder for more details. Contact PTA to donate prizes. Visit the Joslin PTA website to volunteer (joslinpta.com/volunteer)



Help us reach our membership goal of 120 members!

Only \$10 to be a member and this goes back into the school.

Did you know the PTA is a non-profit organization ran 100% by volunteers? All are welcome! To join, scan the QR code above!



Campus Beautification

Starting, 9/22, we will meet every Thursday @ 2pm to maintain the gardens. Please check in at the front office for a visitor pass. All help is appreciated!

Join us **Saturday, October 8 @ 10 am to 1 pm** for Gardening Day! Let's revive our gardens! No RSVP needed. Bring your friends, family, and neighbors! If you have gardening tools, bring them along! If not, we will have some to share. No green thumbs required.

We are accepting donations of soil, native plants, native seeds, and natural wood mulch. Drop off your donations near the fenced "Monarch Garden". Look out for the sign. Our largest purchase is soil for the gardens. If you would like to make a donation towards soil go to joslinpta.com/donate.



During the 9/21 PTA Meeting, guest speaker Michael Needham from AISD presented information about the bond proposal up for vote on the Nov. 8 ballot. He reviewed the why, what, and how the funds will be distributed across AISD.

If you would like a copy of the presentation, email us at joslinpta@gmail.com or for any further questions email Mr. Chang as chaolin.chang@austinisd.org.

OCTOBER



*Hosted by Joslin PTA

^Hosted by Parent Support Specialist (PSS)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3 8-8:25 am: PPS/Parent Walk^	4	5 4 pm: Prime Time registration opens	6 2 pm: Campus Beautification Garden* 3:15 pm: Family Board Game Night*	7 8 am - 12 pm: Picture Day 8 a/2 p: GT Info 1:30 pm: EARLY RELEASE	8 10 am - 1 pm: Gardening Day*
Custodian Appreciation Week						
9	10 <i>Indigenous People's Day / Columbus Day</i> 8-8:25 am: PPS/Parent Walk^	11	12	13 10:30-2pm: PSS/Parent Bring a Dish Day^ 2 pm: Campus Beautification Garden* 3:15 pm: CAC Meeting 5:30 pm: Loteria Night*	14 STAFF HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL	15
16	17 8-8:25 am: PPS/Parent Walk^	18 8:15-9 am: Coffee with the Principal	19 PTA Meeting* @ 5 pm: Board @ 5:30 pm: General	20 PSS/Parent Share a Recipe Day^ 2 pm: Campus Beautification Garden*	21 Academy 4: Listen	22
Prime Time begins						
23	24 8-8:25 am: PPS/Parent Walk^	25	26	27 2 pm: Campus Beautification Garden*	28 Regular school clothes during day SPOOKTACULAR! 5:30 pm* (costumes welcome)	29
Red Ribbon Week						
30	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN Costumes welcome 8-8:25 am: PPS/Parent Walk" Family Lunch Day					

Mondays: Join our PPS, Rachel, for a walk and talk at the playground. Learn more about how she is a valuable resource for Joslin parents.

Thursdays: The PTA Campus Beautification Committee will be meeting every Thursday to tend the gardens. Check in at the front office for a badge and our location.

Oct. 6: Board Game Night @ 3:15 pm will be in the gym

Oct. 7:

Picture Day: Arrive any time before 12 pm to have your picture taken.

GT Info Session: Gifted & Talented (GT) Information Session will be held in the library for parent's whose students are no currently identified as GT

EARLY RELEASE at 1:30 pm. This is a new AISD mandate to allow teachers additional planning time. Look out for another early release next semester. Note: YMCA after care students will not be effected.

Academy 4: A 4th grade program sponsored by Woodlawn Church. Each student meets monthly with a mentor. The discussion topic is listed by month.

Campus Advisory Council (CAC) Meeting: Campus Advisory Councils are committees of parents, students, business and community representatives, teachers, principals, and other campus staff. We want to hear your voice. All are welcome to join.

Coffee with the Principal: An opportunity to learn about Joslin news and ask questions (cafeteria)

Loteria Night: To continue the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration, join us for Mexican Bingo (cafeteria)

Prime Time: A Joslin afterschool program available to K-5 Joslin students funded by an AISD grant

Red Ribbon Week: Drug Abuse Prevention Campaign, Mrs. Turner has daily events planned for the week.

**MORE
INFO**

NOVEMBER

S, Nov. 6 @ 3:30 pm: Holiday Picture & Coat Swap*

Th, Nov. 10 @ 3:30 pm: CAC Meeting

W, Nov. 16: PTA Meeting
@ 5:00 pm Board Members

@ 5:30 pm General Meeting

W, Nov. 9 @ 5:30 pm: Healthy Livings Week Celebration

T, Nov. 15 @ 4-8 pm: Spirit Night at Chipotle Brodie

F, Nov. 18 @ 3:30 pm: Academy 4 "Encourage"

M-F, Nov. 21-25: Fall Break - NO SCHOOL

*Stay
tuned!*

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