



S.Y. Jackson
Elementary School

Jaguar Times

September 2021

I want to begin by welcoming you to the new school year. It is great to be back with the students. Just to give you a little history about our school, I have been the principal of SY Jackson for 20 years. Both of my children went to school here, so I have been at the school as a parent or the principal for 25 years. The school opened in 1972 and this is the 50th anniversary of the school. We have close to 70 staff members and about 85% of the staff either had their children go to SY or they are currently enrolled here. There are 500 students. About 25% of our students are attending the school on a transfer. We currently have a waiting list of about 35 who we were not able to get in this year. There are 4 teachers at every grade level, which I feel is the ideal size. SY Jackson is named after Sherwin Young Jackson. He was on the APS school board for over 20 years, was on the Chamber of Commerce for many years, was a founder of the Lobo Club, and helped to create CNM. He owned a dry cleaners in Albuquerque for his business.

SY Jackson was recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School during the 2020 school year. This is based on 5 years worth of data and a school is nominated by the state's Public Education Department. There are specific criteria that have to be met and it is not easy to reach this designation. There are over 400,000 public, private, and charter schools in the United States. Only 467 of those schools were designated as a National Blue Ribbon School. You can be selected for closing the achievement gap or for Excellence in Education. We were designated for Excellence in Education. As a staff, we were really proud to be part of this distinguished group. We also know that this does not happen without a wonderful community. We are all part of the team working to educate the children and we could not do it without all you. Our school motto is "One Team, One Goal: Student Success". It really is a team effort and it takes the school and families to help the student be successful. Thank you for being part of our SY Family and our SY Team. It is a great place to be.

Looking forward to a great year ahead!!

Jack



SYJ PTA SPOTLIGHT



Sarah Krzyzanowski syj.president@gmail.com

I'm excited to serve as your PTA board President! My husband is an engineer at Sandia Labs, and we have two daughters at SYJ in 1st and 4th grade. The bond of teachers, students, parents, and staff working together to make our school the best it can be is a special role the PTA holds. Our PTA funds our classrooms with supplies and technology, provides our teachers with professional development and support, plans educational and social events for our students and families, and serves our community with volunteering and donations. We hope you can all feel a part of the amazing things our school does by joining the PTA here: <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/sy-jackson-elementary-school>

Everyone is welcome to our meetings, held online.

Our next meeting is **Thursday, September 16 at 7:30pm.**



Sara Robbins syj.vp.programs@gmail.com

It has been my honor to serve as the Vice President of Programs for the last two years. The SY Jackson community is a supportive and encouraging environment for the kids. I enjoy working with parents and teachers who give the extra effort to make sure our kids have an enriching learning experience. My husband and I have 2 kids in 5th and 1st grade. Being a part of this school has been a positive experience for us all. By giving time and more to the PTA our kids reap the rewards. We have a variety of leadership and supportive roles in the SY Jackson PTA activities and would welcome helping hands.



Lauren Moore syj.treasurer@gmail.com

I'm excited to start my second year as Treasurer for the SY Jackson PTA. The last year has shown what this school community can truly do in the face of any obstacle, and I'm honored to be a part of that mission. Our 2nd grade son is eager to be back at school, and I know the teachers and staff at SY feel the same way. Feel free to reach out with any creative ideas to help support our community, with questions about how to get involved, or to share your favorite family-friendly hiking spot around the state!

SYJ PTA SPOTLIGHT



Bettina Arpin syj.pta.secretary@gmail.com

It is a pleasure to be starting my second year as Secretary for the SY Jackson PTA! In this role I get to capture all the decisions made and information shared at our board and member meetings as well as maintaining upcoming agendas to keep us on track. I have a fondness for details so this role is particularly well suited for me. I was happy to volunteer after attending my very first PTA meeting a year ago when I was new to the school. Early on it was clear how this community really comes together to support one another and I wanted to be a bigger part of that. My husband and I have two loving children - one in first grade at SYJ and one in preschool. Even though most of his first year of school was virtual, my son loved being in Kindergarten at SYJ. If you have an interest in becoming a member of the SYJ PTA then not only will you learn more about what goes on at our school but you will have the rewarding opportunity to contribute to decisions being made as you will have voting privileges at all of our meetings. I hope to see you (virtually of course) at a future meeting!



Pauline Baca sy.jackson.jogathon@gmail.com

Hello, this is my second year being the Vice President for Fundraising. I have organized and helped with the Jog-A-Thon since 2017. The Jog-A-Thon is the ONLY fundraiser at SY Jackson has each year. I have also been helping with the Sock-Hop for the last few years and will take that on as well. I'm a native New Mexican and graduated from Moriarty High School. I have been with my husband Chris Baca for almost 17 years and we have two boys, Cruz in 4th grade and Eli in 3rd grade. As a family, we are huge soccer fans, but also enjoy all other sports, Nascar and going to the lake. I look forward to another wonderful school year here at SY Jackson. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Save the Date

**PTA MEETINGS 2021-2022
ONCE A MONTH THURSDAY 7:30PM, VIRTUAL**

**SEPTEMBER 16
OCTOBER 21
NOVEMBER 18
JANUARY 20
FEBRUARY 17
MARCH 10
APRIL 21
MAY 12**

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Upcoming Events

We have many fun and educational activities planned for you throughout the year. We hope you can join us for some of them. It's a great way to spend time with your kids and meet new friends.

September 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 Picture Day	2	3	4
5	6	7 Blood Drive 2-5pm	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 PTA meeting 7:30pm	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Jog-a- Thon	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Additional details about upcoming events can be found on the following pages.



Volunteer Opportunities

Due to COVID restrictions, there is limited access at the school. All must have a background check to volunteer at the school, so be sure to sign up now in order to be ready for later in the year, should things open up.

Instructions for obtaining your background check may be found on our website: <https://syjackson.aps.edu/pta>

Though in-school help is not possible at this time, there are other ways to get involved. Contact syj.president@gmail.com to get connected! We are seeking people for the following areas:

- Campus Beautification (helping with landscaping around the school)
- Attendance (help record tardies at the entrance of the school)
- Spring Events Coordination (50th anniversary, Picnic, Family Nights for Isotopes/United)



Donations

All students have the opportunity to explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (S.T.E.A.M.) at school in a specialty S.T.E.A.M. room designed with lots of hands-on activities! If you have donations of materials or ideas for our S.T.E.A.M. room contact syj.president@gmail.com

Thanks to all who organized and participated in the Cereal Drive for Meet the Teacher! These donations help our community in need and are much appreciated.



Jog-A-Thon



Jog-A-Thon is BACK!!!



This years Jog-A-Thon will be Friday, September 24, 2021. This is our school's **ONLY** FUNDRAISER for the entire school year!!! Therefore, it is very important to get donations from family, friends, and neighbors. We will be utilizing Pledge Star to gather most of our donations. This is an easy online link that is specially made for your child that you can send out to your family, friends or even on your social media account. We will also always accept cash or checks. More specific information about the Jog-A-Thon will be forthcoming.

We are hoping to raise over 40,000 thousand dollars for our PTA. If each family raises 100 dollars, that would 55,000 dollars for the school this year!!! The PTA supports all programs including science fair, math and reading programs, books for the classrooms, teacher supplies, the STEAM classroom, items for the teachers Promethean boards, equipment for recess and P.E, character counts and all other items that the school may need throughout the school year.

The Jog-A-Thon will look a little different than the years past but will be more fun than ever!! Due to the covid restrictions and making this fundraising run as safe as possible it will be a Fun Full Friday of Running.

How the days ahead will look....

- 5th Graders were entered into a contest to create the front of the t-shirts
- Dr. Fanning Orthodontists has kindly offered to be our main sponsor again this year!! This means that all money raised will go directly to S.Y. Jackson!!



Jog-A-Thon

- Rowan Apparel will be making our t-shirts.
- Running will take place all day Friday, September 24th
 - Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders will run before lunch
 - 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will run after lunch
- Wrist bands will be sent out soon

I am currently in the process of looking for donations to buy prizes or prizes from organizations for our students as incentives to raise money. The more money you raise, the higher you get on the list to pick a prize first. We have prizes from tablets, bikes, scooters, Scentsy items, dojo gift certificates, gift certificates, and many other items. If you know anyone who would like to donate to this cause, it would be greatly appreciated.

More information about the Jog-A-Thon will coming home with your kiddos in the coming days. Please be on the lookout for those!

Volunteers are always welcome! Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to help

Pauline Baca
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Chair of the Jog-A-Thon
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Jog-A-Thon

Thanks so much to all of the talented 5th graders for their designs for the Jog-a-Thon t-shirts!



"Back on Track 2021" by Mastin Lovato will be our t-shirt design this year! We will also feature our contest winners in our yearbook.

Congratulations!
1st: Mastin Lovato
2nd: Madison Wafer
3rd: Payton Oliver





Greetings From The Health Office



The Health Office is receiving many questions from parents about whether they should send their students to school if they aren't feeling well. If your student has **any** of the following symptoms they should be kept home and tested for COVID-19 before returning to school **OR** if they develop any of the following symptoms while at school, they will be sent home from school:

- Temperature 100.4 degrees or higher, chills
- Sore throat, runny nose or congestion
- New frequent, dry cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Diarrhea, vomiting or nausea
- Loss of taste or smell
- Headache
- Fatigue or muscle or body aches

Testing for COVID-19 is highly recommended even if a person has only one symptom. For new onset symptoms, a negative PCR test (not rapid antigen test) is now required for return to school. PCR testing is done through Vault, Curative and the NMDOH.

If a student's PCR test result is negative, and they have no known exposure to a positive case, then they may return to school (with proof of negative test) when they have been fever-free for 24 hours and symptoms are improving.

If the student doesn't test or tests positive for COVID-19, the student can return to school after 10 days from initial symptoms (with improving symptoms and fever-free for 24 hours).

If a student is a close contact of a confirmed positive case (including family members), their quarantine time is 10-20 days depending on the individual circumstances. Do not send your student to school if they are a close contact of a confirmed positive case regardless of the student's test results.

If your student is sent home from school with any of the above symptoms, the same criteria for COVID-19 testing apply.

The above guidelines are from the NMPED's "School Staff and Student Decision Tree" pictured below and provides a visual reference of the above information.

Guidelines are subject to change per direction of NMPED, NMDOH & APS.

Thank you for working with us to keep our students and community safe,
Lynne, School Nurse & Margaret, Health Assistant

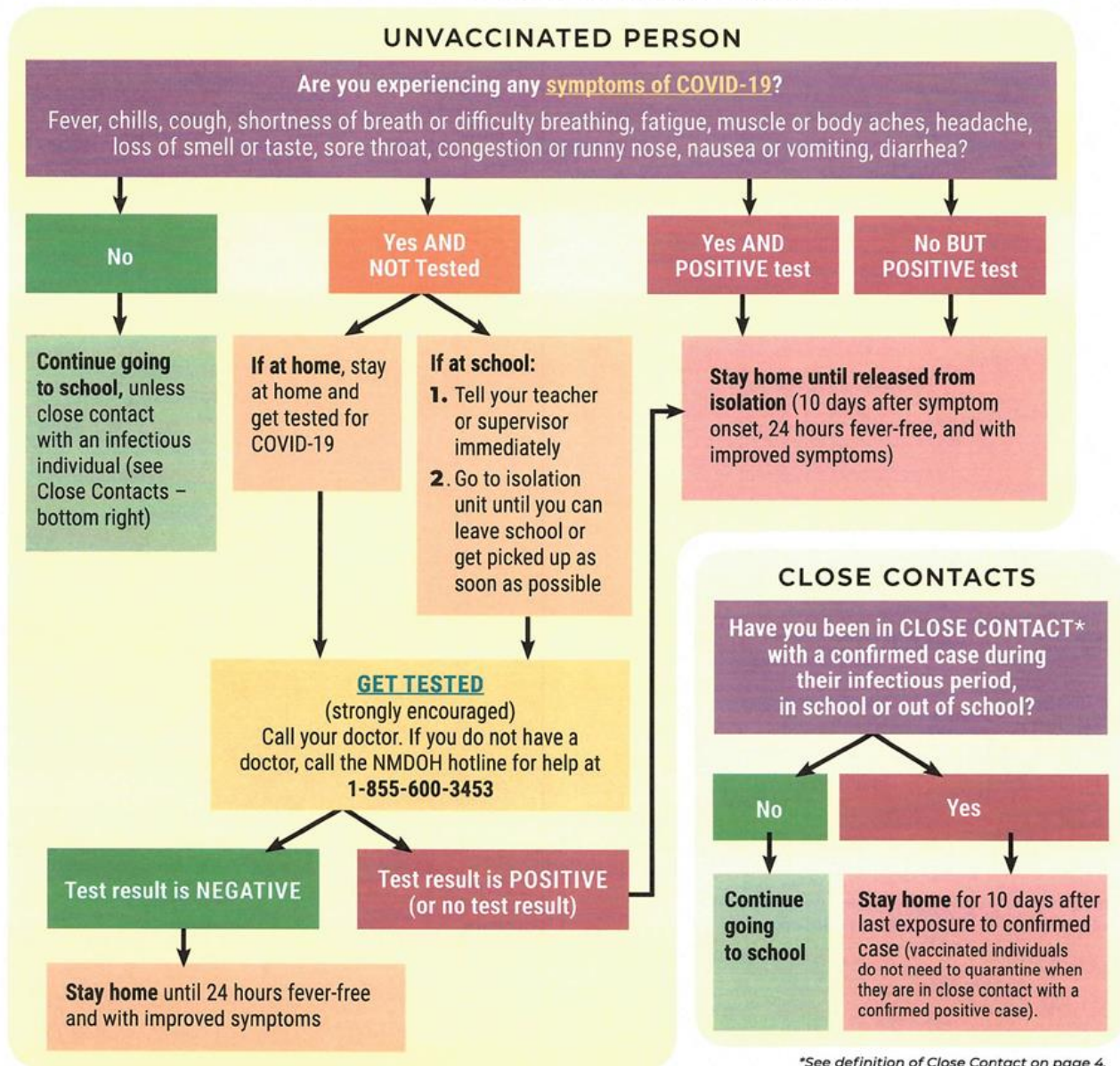


Greetings From The Health Office

COVID-19 RESPONSE TOOLKIT FOR NEW MEXICO'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Staff and Student Decision Tree

The following decision tree was created for families, students, and staff to better understand the steps that should be taken if an individual develops symptoms. Testing of close contacts (strongly encouraged) should happen five days into quarantine, or at onset of symptoms. A negative test for an unvaccinated close contact of a COVID-19 positive individual does not end the quarantine period.



Symptoms in a Recovered Individual: If a person is positive for COVID-19, completes their self-isolation, recovers, and then develops new COVID-like symptoms within 90 days of their first infection, they should stay home until fever-free for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication and with improvement in symptoms. They may consider consulting their healthcare provider for additional guidance. If a person who was positive for COVID-19 more than 90 days ago develops new COVID-like symptoms, they should follow the same guidance as for someone who was never previously a case.



General Information

SY Jackson Yearbook - Order Early and Save!

Right now you can purchase your yearbook early and save 10% on your order until September 30th. Yearbooks contain 2 customizable pages that you are able to create specifically for YOUR child. These pages are FREE and printed ONLY in your book. To purchase your yearbook, visit:

www.treering.com/validate

Enter the school's passcode: 101533675805141

The price for the yearbook is \$20.77 + tax

Please send any questions and/or pictures for yearbook to robinrini@comcast.net



Box Tops News



Box tops for Education is now digital. Rather than clipping and turning in your paper box tops from participating grocery items, you will now download the Box tops for Education App. It just takes a few minutes to create an account and designate SY Jackson as the recipient for the money. We receive \$0.10 for each box top submitted.

Receipts need to be scanned within 2 weeks of purchase date to get credit. Please email me with any questions, or if you need help setting up the app.

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Yvonne Corcoran
Box tops PTA Chair





Library News

Greetings from the S.Y. Jackson Library!

My name is Susan Bowdoin, and I'm your School Librarian. I'm very excited to welcome students back to the library, and look forward to encouraging them to be wide readers this year. Library classes began Monday, August 15. Your student will participate in weekly library classes. The goals for these visits include:

- developing a love of reading
- learning how to access, evaluate, and use library resources of all kinds (print books, digital books, online databases, etc.)
- practicing being responsible library patrons

Responsibility takes time, consistency, and focus to grow. All students who visit our library are taught how to care for library books, and how to take responsibility for accidents and mishaps if they occur. If books are damaged or lost, please contact me (via email is best- bowdoin@aps.edu) to clear your students' account so they are able to continue checking out books.

There are lots of ways to connect with what's happening in the S.Y. Jackson library. If you'd like to know more about our K-5 library program, see what we're up to, or volunteer (once we're able to have volunteers on campus), please visit the library website:

<https://syjackson.aps.edu/library> or follow the library on social media:

- Facebook: (Search for the S.Y. Jackson Library Group)
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/330579394673026>
- Twitter and Instagram: @SYJLibrary

Susan Bowdoin
Teacher-Librarian





Teacher Feature

Meet Lisa Burrell



We would like to welcome Lisa Burrell to S. Y. Jackson! She assists our students and is overseeing the PAWS program, where students are rewarded for positive behavior during recess and classroom time for positive things like being kind and respectful, and helping other students. When they have collected 5 PAWS slips, they get a necklace and charms. They can continue collecting charms every time they earn 5 PAW slips.

I am the mother of 3 beautiful daughters all of whom attended Osuna Elementary, another great APS school. The youngest, Caroline, is a senior at Eldorado. I came to SY Jackson after having retired from a few other careers, the most important of which was being a full time mom. I chose this school because of the wonderful community it serves, and my desire to work with children in a positive setting.

Some of my goals include helping to create a positive student environment for the children by providing lots of recognition for good behavior. SY Jackson promotes many things which I personally instilled in my own kids to include: be kind, be responsible, be safe and be respectful. I believe that recognizing and rewarding little things our children do will produce big results.

I'm available to help children in a one on one setting, or in the classroom, when they need additional help. We have started morning trivia questions and are working on other ideas! I'd welcome any suggestions, so please reach out to me at any time. lisa.burrell@aps.edu

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