



S.Y. Jackson
Elementary School

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We have made it all the way to December already and it is hard to believe how long we have already been in school. This has been an unusual year with all of the masks, limited school functions, and eating outside every day. I have been so proud of the staff and students for how well they have adapted and for the job that they are doing. Being together and in person is so important and it is great to have them all here again on a daily basis.

I am looking forward to the spring and hopefully getting things a little more back to normal. We are going to do everything that we can do to keep the children safe in the mean time and focus on keeping the children as our highest priority. I appreciate the patience and cooperation from the community. I know that it is tough adapting to the new system of not being allowed into the school and not getting to visit your child's classroom. We will get through this and we will do it together.

I hope you all have a wonderful December and a restful winter break. I think we all need one this year.

Jack



SYJ PTA SPOTLIGHT



A Recipe for Success

Measures of success include:

**a spoonful of sugar,
sweetness in attitude,
an overflowing heart
of service and care,
being open to needs,
willing to share.**

**Shaping minds,
kneading the dough,
working in the yeast
with knowledge to grow,
Add in some spice
with joy to spread,
slices abounding for all
with this bread.**

**Education, the foundation
of our making,
with all hands in,
let's get to baking!**

**With gratitude
for your service to SYJ,
We hope you have
a cheery holiday!
~SYJ PTA**

Star Twisted Bread

Makes 16 servings

Total Time Prep: 45 min. + rising Bake: 20 min. + cooling

1 package (1/4 ounce) active dry yeast
1/4 cup warm water (110° to 115°)
3/4 cup warm 2% milk (110° to 115°)
1 large egg, room temperature
1/4 cup butter, softened
1/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon salt
3-1/4 to 3-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
3/4 cup seedless raspberry jam
2 tablespoons butter, melted
Confectioners' sugar



Directions from Taste of Home

1. Dissolve yeast in warm water until foamy. In another bowl, combine milk, egg, butter, sugar and salt; add yeast mixture and 3 cups flour. Beat on medium speed until smooth, about 1 minute. Stir in enough remaining flour to form a soft dough.
2. Turn onto a floured surface; knead until smooth and elastic, 6-8 minutes. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease top. Cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 1 hour.
3. Punch down dough. Turn onto a lightly floured surface; divide into 4 portions. Roll 1 portion into a 12-in. circle. Place on a greased 14-in. pizza pan. Spread with one-third of the jam to within 1/2 in. of edge. Repeat twice, layering dough and jam, and ending with final portion of dough.
4. Place a 2-1/2-in. round cutter on top of the dough in center of circle (do not press down). With a sharp knife, make 16 evenly spaced cuts from round cutter to edge of dough, forming a starburst. Remove cutter; grasp 2 adjacent strips and rotate twice outward. Pinch ends together. Repeat with remaining strips.
5. Cover and let rise until almost doubled, about 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 375°. Bake until golden brown, 18-22 minutes. (Watch during final 5 minutes for any dripping.) Remove from oven; brush with melted butter, avoiding areas where jam is visible. Cool completely on a wire rack. Dust with confectioners' sugar.

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SYJ PTA SPOTLIGHT

Financial Report

As we wrap up this semester, there's much to be grateful for – including a robust PTA budget! We've finalized funding on an additional 3 Promethean Boards so that all classrooms (including the Library) can have updated equipment, and the document cameras that pair with each Board should be on their way soon!

We were happy to help fund snacks for teachers working during the Parent-Teacher Conference days, the Scholastic Reader subscription for 1st grade, and a selection of Professional Development books for a core committee of teachers working on the reading curriculum. As we head into the holidays, remember that you can support the PTA by choosing to shop through Amazon Smile and selecting "SY Jackson Elementary School PTA" as your charity – we get 0.5% of your purchase!

Save the Date

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

JANUARY 20
FEBRUARY 17
MARCH 10
APRIL 21
MAY 12



Special Thanks!

Thank you to our
amazing health staff
here at SYJ

Lynne Thomas and
Margaret Vittitow





Upcoming Events

Shake, rattle and roll on over to

SY Jackson's

★ PLACE ★

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Stay tuned!



**SYJ will be celebrating its big
50th anniversary
with a '50's Sock Hop in the Spring.**

**If you are interested in planning
this fun event or looking into
SYJ through the decades,
contact**

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Teacher Feature

Meet Juliana Hagel



This is my first year at SY as an art teacher. I used to live in the neighborhood and my three children attended here for a few years. When they were younger, I volunteered for Art in the School, TOTAL preschool program, Girl Scouts, and the PTA. I also was an EA and a Behavior Redirector. As my career took off, I taught 4th grade for 12 years, and obtained my Masters in Education. Art has always been my passion. I also enjoy hiking, kayaking, and skiing. This is my 8th year, teaching art, in APS. My lessons are based on developmental levels and New Mexico Standards. I've developed an art curriculum, which builds on skills taught in the art classroom.

Students have also begun to work on clay projects, for an outdoor display around the school, this spring. I'm glad to be back and part of the SY Jackson community.

Ms. Hagel aids in the art stations for the S.T.E.A.M. Lab at school, too. Next semester, students will be constructing small robot sculptures, similar to Leonardo da Vinci's mechanical inventions. We're looking forward to seeing the students build these art robots. Thank you to Ms. Hagel for providing this opportunity for students to use their imagination and creativity.

If you have any of these supplies to donate for this project, Ms. Hagel hagel_j@aps.edu is collecting them now:

- buttons
- small boxes (under 5 inches)
- bottle caps or clean lids (lids shouldn't have sharp edges)
- corks
- coated wire or twist ties
- plastic rhinestones
- small wood blocks or scraps
- pipe cleaners
- aluminum foil or metallic paper
- assorted small cardboard pieces



Pieces should be relatively small since the final sculptures will be about a foot tall. They can be freestanding or lay flat. (see picture)



Food Pantry

A Big Thank You to Our SY Community from
the Food Pantry



As the school year progressed, our families needing help doubled and our recent food drive helped us meet that need. We are always impressed and thankful for the wide participation we receive each year to restock our shelves....thanks so much. The gathering of donations and stocking the shelves has been made much easier with the wheeled cart made by our own Scout Pack 409...take a look when you are in the building...sits right at the front hallway.

Ida and Channing Kelly



Yearbook

We are looking for pictures from the Jog-A-Thon, Spirit Day with the hot air balloons, the storybook parade, or classroom events.

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

Website to order a yearbook:

<https://www.treering.com/validate?PassCode=101533675805141>





Character Counts

Below are the Character Counts names for the pillar of RESPECT.

Kindergarten

Natalie Kraus
Anthony Renfro
Hayden Cooksey
Autumn Smolensky
Wyatt Douglas
Elle Lo
Gwendolyn Rule
Emmett Graff

2nd Grade

Ethan Hauserman
Rylie Lujan
Chloe Arnold
Aiden Dunn
Scott Newberry
Katelyn Edwards
Nathan Gricius
Molly Gonzales

4th Grade

Carmelia Garcia
Nathan Marquez
Logan Sinclair
Lilly Holmes
Addison Nolz
Annaliese Gonzales
Ryan Westbrook
Julia Krzyzanowski

1st Grade

Mila Mutidjo
Jack Thornton
Parker Holmes
Emma Martinez
Cailee Ngo
Nadia Merriam
Mia Gil
Zach Taylor

3rd Grade

Kimber McInturff
Elijah Parra
Liam Underwood
Megan Wiseman
Liam Wilson
Zoe Reed
Mila Hinkle
Paige Brothers

5th Grade

Kyle Brunton
Giuliana Phillips
Cayla Ngo
Jaxon Escobedo
Julia Merrill
Gerardo Fraire
Collin KonKolics
Finn McGlumphy





Greetings From The Health Office

Kinsa's FLUency School Health Program

Our school was selected to participate in Kinsa's FLUency school health program sponsored by Lysol. This program allows us to give FREE smart thermometers to all school families & staff. Ordering yours is easy! Text JOIN to 24020 to get started.

COVID-19 Vaccines

COVID-19 vaccines are now available for all New Mexicans ages 5 and above. You can register online for a vaccination at <https://goodtimes.vaccinenm.org/stay-ahead-nm/> Fully vaccinated students do not have to quarantine if they are identified as a close contact as long as they are asymptomatic!

Test to Stay

In December, APS will be rolling out a new “**Test to Stay**” in school program for students who are identified as a close contact of a positive case in their school. This program **does not** apply to unvaccinated or partially vaccinated students who live with a COVID-19 positive household member or who are a close contact to a COVID-19 positive individual outside of school.

Posted on APS.edu on November 19, 2021

Beginning in December, unvaccinated and partially vaccinated students exposed to COVID can take a test to stay at school.

Albuquerque Public Schools is doing all it can to keep students safe and in school even as the number of COVID cases in New Mexico remains high.



Starting in December, APS will offer the **Test to Stay** program, which allows unvaccinated and partially vaccinated students exposed to COVID-19 to stay at school as long as they test negative in the days that

follow. They can ride the bus, participate in extracurricular activities including athletics, and attend before- and after-school programs. Outside of school and school-related activities, students would still be expected to quarantine.

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Greetings From The Health Office

Students who opt in to the Test to Stay program will take a rapid, shallow, nasal swab test at their school on days 1, 3, and 5 following exposure to COVID. As long as they test negative, they can stay at school. The Test to Stay program is only available to students exposed at school or school-related activities.

The tests are free for families. The New Mexico Department of Health is using federal funding to cover costs. The Test to Stay program will also be available to APS employees.

Register for the Test to Stay Program

APS families may register their children in advance for the Test to Stay program:

[Register online: https://pmg.app.perseus.id/?redirect=%2Fpersonal%2Fdashboard](https://pmg.app.perseus.id/?redirect=%2Fpersonal%2Fdashboard)

- Scan the QR code below or
- Fill out a registration form at your child's school.
- Families also have the option of registering if and when the school identifies their child as a close contact.

Registered students are eligible for surveillance testing.

Scan the QR code to register for Test to Stay:



Choosing Not to Test

Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated students who are exposed to COVID but choose not to participate in the Test to Stay program will be required to quarantine for up to 10 days. Please remember that quarantining means avoiding all public contact, not just school and school-related activities.

Thank you for working with us to keep our community healthy. We wish you all health and happiness this holiday season and in the coming year!

Lynne, RN & Margaret, HA





Library News

We were thrilled to welcome the Scholastic Book Fair back to the S.Y. Jackson library in November. It was a very fun and successful event, and I'm excited that more than 1,600 great books went home in the hands of some very excited students. I'm looking forward to future events where we can have visitors join us and feel the power of our students and their enthusiasm for reading and learning!

HUGE appreciations to the entire S.Y. Jackson community, including:

- the volunteers who gave their time and expertise to help set up, run, and clean up the book fair. Sarah Wozniak, Victoria Garcia, Thao Le, Jenna Shafer, Sarah Krzyzanowski, Erica Reed, Alison Rowan, Tim Koehler, Lisa Sinclair, Ed Gricius, Pauline Baca, Bella Chandler, Debbie Sleeter, Karen Mayo, Brenda McCallon, Laura Flynn, Lisa Burrell, Rachel Brunton, Stefani Michaud, Juliana Hagel, Nicole Jones, and other staff members who pitched in as they could: thank you!
- **the families who understood the constraints of our current situation and trusted kids to shop on their own**
- the staff who supported and were flexible with time, schedules, and a week-long event that was very exciting and infused the entire school with an electric energy every day!

Winter Break is quickly approaching. A long break is often a great time to enjoy reading a book or two. Over the past year our school, and our district, have acquired some excellent eBook selections. Students can access them through Classlink. Have them go to <http://my.aps.edu> and login with their APS credentials. Navigate to the Library Services folder and then into the Follett Library Catalog. eBooks can be opened on tablets, Chromebooks, and home computers. While logged in, students are also able to find out the status of their S.Y. Jackson library checkouts.

Happy New Year to all the Jaguar readers out there!

Mrs. Bowdoin

