



S.Y. Jackson
Elementary School

Jaguar Times

November 2021

It is hard to believe that we are already heading into the month of November. The year is really flying by and it is so good to be at school with the students on a daily basis. I think that they are really happy to be here as well.

November is a month to reflect on how Thankful we are and how fortunate we are. I am blessed to be at SY Jackson and to be a part of this amazing school and community. I am completely convinced that there is not a better school in the district. We have an amazing staff who really cares about the children and wants the best for them. We have wonderful students who come to school every day ready to learn and have a positive attitude. The third factor is the awesome parental support. This is an unbeatable combination and I am so proud to be part of it. I am in my 20th year at the school and still love coming to work every day. It is so nice to be part of the SY Family.

The other thing I want to mention are the upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences. They will be on November 22nd and 23rd. They will be held virtually this year due to the Covid Guidelines. This is really an important event every year and I hope you will make sure that you attend. It is a chance for the school and home to communicate and to make sure that we are all working together to provide the best for our students. The teachers will contact you to set up a time that works for you and the teacher.

Thanks again for all of your support to our school. We are truly blessed to have so much support.

Jack



SYJ PTA SPOTLIGHT

As a PTA, the thought of having nearly doubled our goal for fundraising would have been pie in the sky! Oh, and speaking of pies—Mr. Vermillion got so many! The excitement of the kids during the Jog-a-Thon, Lift Your Spirit Day, pizza parties, prizes, and pie-throwing was worth every penny. Now comes more fun for us—decisions for what is possible with the fundraising total. If you haven't already, please do consider joining the PTA in order to vote on budget amendments at our meetings, held once a month. We are looking forward to planning for upcoming events, including the 50th anniversary celebration of our school and its Blue Ribbon status, One School One Book, STEAM activities, and more. Contact us for questions or ideas—we love your involvement and input! THANK YOU!!!



The SYJ PTA would like to welcome Thao Le as our new PTA Secretary!

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be part of a great PTA program. My husband and I have been active members since our daughter started at SYJ. I was previously a library helper and also assisted with the One School One book program each year. Our oldest daughter is now in second grade, and our youngest is eager to start in a couple years. We love being a part of this wonderful community. I look forward to taking notes at all the meetings and relaying it back to the families at SYJ. Please feel free to join us in continuing to make our school an engaging and enriching environment for all our kids.



Let us know if you have any questions or comments:

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SYJ PTA SPOTLIGHT

Your financial support to the PTA has made these purchases possible, totaling over \$25,000:

Join the PTA

PTA membership: <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/sy-jackson-elementary-school>

- Thanks to a generous donation to our gifted program, a new Promethean board will be funded for that classroom.
- The PTA will be purchasing a new Promethean board for the SYJ library and another classroom so that all classes can upgrade to new equipment, the remainder funded by APS.
- Document cameras for all teachers will be purchased by the PTA for use in conjunction with the new Promethean boards.
- The PTA will be paying for food and refreshments for staff for teacher conferences and in the lounge. Refreshments are no longer covered as an expense through the school district, and the PTA is happy to support our teachers in this and many other ways, including:
 - \$150 reimbursements for supplies for every teacher
 - paid professional development for conferences and curriculum studies
 - literacy and S.T.E.A.M. programs
 - special classroom events
 - playground and P.E. equipment, and much more!

We are so grateful for your generosity to give SYJ the best in education!

Save the Date

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

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





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.

November 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2 NO SCHOOL	3	4 6 - 6:30 Science Night	5 Spirit Day	6
7	8	9 7pm STEAM Team meeting	10	11 NO SCHOOL	12 Reflections Due	13
14	15	16	17	18 7:30pm PTA meeting	19	20
Book Fair (In-person for Students / Online for Parents)						
21	22 Parent / Teacher Conferences	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Break	26	27
28	29	30				



Volunteer Opportunities

Contact syj.president@gmail.com if you are able to help with these Programs. The PTA appreciates your service!

S.T.E.A.M. (Science Technology Engineering Art Math):

- Tuesday, November 9, 7pm virtual session for S.T.E.A.M. Team to brainstorm ideas for the S.T.E.A.M. Lab
- Volunteers are needed for the S.T.E.A.M. Lab putting together a wind tunnel machine (January)
- Expertise needed in coding, robotics, 3D printing for possible clubs for students (Spring)

Family Activities:

- One School One Book planning will be underway for this week-long event (early 2022)
- SYJ'S 50th anniversary/Blue Ribbon celebration (Spring)

Button, button...who's got the button?

If you've got buttons, we have need of them for an upcoming sewing station for the S.T.E.A.M. Lab. Also, we need volunteers to cut holes in fabric that has already been donated. Contact Mrs. Weeks for more information: weeks_l@aps.edu



Special Thanks!

Look at this boo-tiful birthday board in the hallway at SYJ! Thanks to Celina Crouse treating our students!!

Be sure to contact her at celinacrouse@gmail.com at the end of the month before your student's birthday to be recognized.





Science Night

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Sandia National Laboratories



Virtual Sandia Family Science by Explora Fizzing and Foaming

Thursday, November 4, 2021

6:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Held via Google Meet

<https://meet.google.com/rtr-gxpz-kbj>

Chemistry is everywhere! We'll draw with invisible ink, make chemical reactions that fizz and foam, and "toothpaste" for an elephant in this fun chemistry demo. Below is a list of the materials that the Explora host will use - try to gather as many of these as possible to follow along with the Explora host.

paper
straw
plastic grocery bag
disposable plastic water bottle with lid

If you don't have all the materials, don't worry, it's not required. Take it all in so you can try it out at a later time! You'll still be able to follow along and enjoy the program.





S.T.E.A.M. Lab

The SYJ PTA is happy to support the S.T.E.A.M. Lab (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) with materials and advanced technology, which all of our students are able to access during the school day, and the student S.T.E.A.M. Club will utilize. The PTA will be purchasing new tablets for the Lab to use in conjunction with OSMO mirrors for robotics! If you are interested in coming up with activities or have materials to donate to the S.T.E.A.M. Lab, fill out the following form with how you can help:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mDEjC7cIE_h35ZBEXAn_e1REhQxfAfiNwYu5ikCXrDw/edit#gid=0

Thanks to Mrs. Weeks (weeks_l@aps.edu), Mrs. Smith, and all of the faculty and volunteer support we receive for SYJ's incredible S.T.E.A.M. programs!



Rube Goldberg/Chain Reaction - This station has a QR code so a student can watch a music video "This Too Shall Pass", which is one huge Rube Goldberg machine: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qybUFnY7Y8w> After watching, students can create their own series of machines to ding the bell on the table. One student in the group will need to bring their chromebook or iPad to view the video. There are specific tasks students can choose from to build, ranging from easy to difficult.

ActivTable - This table has tons of great activities for students to use including Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, Math, Life Skills, and more.

Cubelets - Students build a robot using the color-coded cubes and the information provided.



Mobile Cart – Available for checkout to classes, the cart has K'Nex, Snap Circuits, paper building activities, log stacking, and many other activities.

STEAM Library books are available for the students to read, too.



Box creations, Magnetic Tiles, Geo Boards, 2D Pattern Art, Jigsaw Puzzles, Workbench, Knot Tying, Art station, LEGOS – Students use their imagination to put creations together, or use task cards to build or complete a puzzle. A calendar gives daily challenges.



Teacher Feature

Meet Christine Martinez

Hi! My name is Christine Martinez and I am 27 years old. I enjoy playing sports and spending time with my friends and family. I am a first-grade teacher and this is my third year teaching. I was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico. I attended Onate Elementary School and graduated from Eldorado high school. I went on to play college soccer at the University of Southern Illinois Edwardsville before deciding to return to New Mexico. I received my Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education from the University of New Mexico in 2019. GO LOBOS! In my free time I play recreational and competitive kickball as well as indoor soccer. I enjoy watching movies and having game nights with my family.

I am very excited to be a new teacher here at SY Jackson! I grew up in this community and when I became a teacher I knew that I wanted to give back to this community and teach in the Eldorado district where I grew up. My goal this year is to create a learning environment within my classroom that fosters positivity and a love of learning.



Yearbook

We are looking for pictures from the Jog-A-Thon and Spirit Day with the hot air balloons.

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 TRUSTWORTHINESS.

Kindergarten

Calvin Juarez
Aryiana Olivares
Kaden Vincent
Mila Smith
Sam Newton
Alanzo Baca
Leo Wiseman
Serena Carlton

2nd Grade

Bo McKnight
Claire Bryant
Sawyer Brandenburg
Anson Paul
Dominique Molina
Silas Walton
Nora Kraus
Jaxon Willis

4th Grade

Liam Thomas
Ava Tenorio
Audrey Taylor
Caleb Dearman
Andre Aragon
Carson Graff
Vivian Damron
Baylor Cook

1st Grade

Ethan Beisner
Sloane Widner
Emily Krzyzanowski
Oliver Marvin
Nathan Martinez
Deven Salazar
Dylan Sanchez
Xylie Gallegos

3rd Grade

Jazmine Lugo
Colin Broaddus
Owen McDermott
Amy Martinez
Lucas Rector
Frankie Sipe
Uday Arcot
Garrison Parker

5th Grade

Jonathan Little
Maddison Wafer
Aaron Edwards
Brooklynn Brennan
Saer Mall
Ella Montoya
Gabriel Anderson
Amelie Mutidjo



Trustworthiness

Respect

Responsibility

Fairness

Caring

Citizenship



Greetings From The Health Office

NEW APS is now offering COVID-19 PCR testing for APS students at the Berna Facio Professional Development Complex at 3315 Louisiana Blvd NE, located at the NW corner of Louisiana and Comanche.

Tests are administered by Premier Medical Group and are available for all APS students experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and for APS students who are identified as close contacts. Registration can be completed online at <https://pmg.app.perseus.id/div/aps>. Forms are available on site for those who are unable to register online.

Registration process (one-time registration):

- Create a health ID
- Complete the intake form
- Present QR code at time of test if registering online

Tests for symptomatic (experiencing COVID-19 symptoms) students will be administered curbside on the northwest side of the facility (refer to map). Symptomatic individuals shall park alongside the curb on the northwest side of the facility; testing staff will be monitoring the designated area for patients to be tested curbside. Symptomatic individuals are to remain in the vehicle.

Tests for asymptomatic (not experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms) employees students will be administered inside the facility; employees shall enter at the main entrance (southwest side of the facility).

Reminders:

It is important to continue to do daily screenings of your students and keep them home if they display any symptoms of illness, including:

- Temperature 100.4 or greater
- Chills
- Headache
- Sore throat, congestion or runny nose
- Cough (dry or productive). For students with chronic allergies or asthma, a change in baseline cough.
- Vomiting, nausea and/or diarrhea
- Fatigue, muscle or body aches
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Loss of taste or smell

It is highly encouraged that symptomatic students have a COVID-19 PCR test and wait until receiving a negative test result before returning to school. If your student is sent home from school with these symptoms (one or two depending on specific symptoms), you will be required to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test or they will need to quarantine at home for 10 days. Please email all test results to Lynne.Thomas@aps.edu.

It is looking like vaccines to prevent COVID-19 will soon be offered to children ages 5-11, perhaps starting in November. Current information on vaccine and vaccine booster eligibility for all ages in New Mexico can be found at Vaccinenm.org

Thank you for all your help keeping our students and community healthy!
Lynne, School Nurse and Margaret, Health Assistant