



S.Y. Jackson
Elementary School

Jaguar Times

October 2021

Greetings S.Y. Jackson Community,

Happy October! Can you believe we are already halfway through the first trimester of school? Oh how time flies! I just wanted to take a moment to brag about our staff and students. Jack and I go into classrooms each day only to see amazing things happening! Our students are demonstrating the character counts traits, learning, and growing. This is all because of our stellar teachers and the support from all the families.

Here is a glance of what to look forward to this month. We have Fall break from the 7th-8th. I hope you all do something fun with your families! Speaking of Fall, now that we are in October, the weather will begin to get a little cooler. Please be sure to send your child with a sweater as we will continue to eat outdoors, weather permitting. At the end of the month, we will be doing the storybook parade! We surely missed out last year, but I am excited to be a part of it this year! More details will be sent out once we get closer to the date.

Lastly, I wanted to introduce myself as your Assistant Principal. This is my second year here at S.Y Jackson, and it has been such an honor to work with our students, staff, and community! If there is anything I can do to support you or answer any questions, please reach out to me at crystal.avalos@aps.edu or 296-9536 ext.36852.

Stay Safe,
Crystal A.P.



SYJ PTA SPOTLIGHT

We are so fortunate to have all of your support for our PTA and school! We are blown away by the generosity, dedication, and passion of our school community. It is clear how SYJ was awarded the Blue Ribbon status in 2020! Through the excellence of teachers and staff and volunteer involvement, the SYJ community is able to provide the best education and programming. The PTA serves a crucial role in coordinating and funding programs for our school, and we are grateful for the time, talents, and resources that you give. Each month, the PTA board is working to communicate with our teachers, staff, principal, and parents to identify needs and ways we can help. We think of the long-range impacts we can make, being fiscally responsible, and involving our members in the decision-making processes that benefit our school. Even though our meetings are virtual, the connection we share is deep in purpose and relationship. Our smiling faces here from our last board meeting show what a pleasure it is to make a difference in the lives of our students and school.



Join us at our **next PTA meeting Thursday, October 21 at 7:30pm**, where we'll be talking about the Reflections Program, Science Night, Jog-a-thon results, and more! All are welcome to attend our meetings and share your ideas for how to support SYJ! PTA membership allows you to vote on important funding and programs and stay on top of the latest news. Sign up here to become a PTA member: <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/sy-jackson-elementary-school> Thank you for your participation and all that you do for our school!

SYJ PTA SPOTLIGHT

Financial Update

A quick update from the financial side of PTA: This month we funded a phonics program for the whole school (previously only used by lower grades) called Heggerty; we've also begun to reimburse teachers for their classroom purchases to help make our kids' experiences fun, enriching, and safe!

We voted at the last PTA meeting to fund an additional two items: document cameras for all classrooms and a 3-year renewal for the popular Lexia reading program.

We're excited to help staff and students continue to make the most of the great education here at SY Jackson. For input on future PTA budget decisions, join the PTA and attend our upcoming meetings!



Let us know if you have any questions or comments:

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Save the Date

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

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



Volunteer Opportunities

Thank you to all of our committee chairs for volunteering their time and efforts to help our school! If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, please contact

syj.president@gmail.com



The PTA appreciates your service!

SERVICE:

Room Parents / Blood Drive: Aubry Jones
Campus Beautification: Anne Aragon
Clothing Bank: Yvonne Corcoran
Food Pantry: Ida Kelly
School Supplies: Crystal Duquette
Student Recognition: Brittany Anderson
Teacher Appreciation: Keri Payne



LITERACY:

Library: Sarah Wozniak
One School One Book: Victoria Garcia



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

Art from the Heart: DeeAnna Cherry
Geography Bee / Reflections: Rachel Brunton
Science & Math Nights / Wampler Math: Tim Koehler
Science Fair: Henry Pang

COMMUNICATIONS:

Membership: Thao Le
Newsletter: Sarah Lindblom
PTA Teacher Representative: Karen Mayo
T-shirts / Attendance: Lindsey Heisler
Website: Kris Webb
Yearbook: Robin Ellis





Special Thanks!

PAULINE BACA

Special thanks to our V.P. of Fundraising, Pauline Baca, for her amazing job organizing the Jog-a-Thon!! Stay tuned for fun family events we're hoping to hold in the Spring!

DONATIONS

The PTA is so grateful to have such a supportive school community!! Thanks to your donations for the Jog-a-Thon this year, we are able to fund supplies, programs, and technology for our teachers and students and provide support for our community.

THANK YOU!

CAMPUS CLEANUP

Thank you so much for having you and your families come up with the campus cleanup on Saturday, September 25th! The schoolgrounds look so much better due to your hard work!

Carlos and Anne Aragon and Family, Campus Beautification Chair

Tim and Caroline Blada and Family

Brenda Nieto

Vanessa Molina and Family

Anton Lo

Joelle Altamirano and Family

Shannon and George Gonzales and Family

Lara Sabo

Ezekiel and Kayla Merriam and Family

David and Sarah Krzyzanowski and Family





Spirit Days

Are you ready for some First Friday Fun?

Classes will be voting on themed days for the first Friday of each month!

LIFT YOUR SPIRIT DAY

Friday, October 1, we will celebrate "Lift Your Spirit Day" wearing bright colors for the Balloon Fiesta! The teachers and staff and balloon crews will be treated to breakfast in the lounge from the PTA as a thank you for being so uplifting to our students and families! There will be two hot air balloons for families to enjoy beginning at 7am on our grass field on campus before school from the Albuquerque Aloft program: MISS SHENANIGANS, Pilot Steven Adams; PLOT TWIST, Pilot Derek Grassbaugh. Masks are required to keep everyone safe.

We've also kicked off our online Fall Spiritwear Sale celebrating the school's 50th anniversary! Order here: <https://www.spiritgeardirect.com/GearDrive/Store.aspx?guid=cd2e858d-51d5-44d6-926f-c18bf630e538>

Apparel is being sold at-cost, as this is not considered a fundraiser. We are truly blown away by your generosity and support for our school!
Enjoy a fun day to Lift Your Spirit together!!

Mark your calendars for future First Friday Spirit Days:

Friday, November 5, 2021

Friday, December 3, 2021

Friday, January 7, 2021

Friday, February 4, 2022

Friday, March 4, 2022

Friday, April 1, 2022

Friday, May 6, 2022



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Support

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Upcoming Events



Wampler Math Class
5th Grade Advanced Math
Fridays, 7:45 - 8:20 am
SYJ Library
Begins September 24th, 2021



Wampler Math is once again being offered to 5th grade students. The Wampler Math class teaches students advanced math concepts like mathematical operations with negative numbers and fractions leading all the way into beginning algebra. If your 5th grader is excited about math, this class offers the opportunity to challenge themselves.

This year's classes will meet in the SYJ Library every Friday morning at 7:45 AM beginning Sept. 24th, 2021. There is no charge for this class. For more information, please contact Tim Koehler (wamplermath@yahoo.com)

Virtual Science Night by Explora

November 4th, 2021
6:00 – 7:30 PM

Join in the fun of exploring how science can explain how the world works even when something is unexpected or surprising. Explora will provide a virtual guide to exciting science-based activities that will offer opportunities for families to work together to understand how amazing science can be.

Required materials, activity sheets, and additional meeting information will be made available closer to the event. Please contact Tim Koehler (tpkoehler@yahoo.com) with any questions.





Teacher Feature

Meet Brandee Houlihan



My name is Brandee Houlihan. I am a 1st grade teacher at SYJ. This is my 14th year teaching. I am so honored to be working at SY Jackson. I have always heard amazing things about the school, the staff, and the families. I got married in March and I am expecting my first baby in December. Some of the goals for this year are to get my students to love coming to school everyday. I also want them to love reading and to

know that they are amazing readers. A goal outside of school is to have a healthy baby!

Congratulations to Mrs. Houlihan! We're happy to have you here as part of our SYJ Family and wish you the best with your growing family, too!



Food Drive



SY Jackson will be having a food drive for the food pantry October 4th - October 15th.

Each class will be assigned a specific food. Keep an eye out for more information from your child's teacher and Mr. Vermillion.



Jog-A-Thon



I wanted to say thank you to all the volunteers who came out to the field at 6:00am to help me set up the field. It was completed in the dark in record breaking time. Thank you also to those who helped count all the money that was turned in.

This Jog-A-Thon has been truly amazing! Thank you to all the families, friends and community who came out to watch the children run. The kids did an amazing job running! As of September 29, we have raised, \$64,033 dollars on pledgestar and over seven thousand dollars in cash/check. Our goal was to raise 40 thousand dollars and you all have gone over and beyond this! Thank you again for supporting our school!

For those runners who are the top runners for each grade and classroom, I will be handing out your rewards on Wednesday October 6th, 2021.

Children can still raise money to go towards prizes until October 1, 2021, at 11:59. I will be running a report during this time to ensure that I capture all the money each child has earned. I believe that I will be ready to hand out prizes on Wednesday, October 20th.

The prizes currently are

*guitar*art set*scooters*bikes*hoover board*castle set*puzzle*
*mini arcade games*Main Event*Trolly ride*Top Golf*Remote control*
*Rocket Set*Magnet tiles*telescope*ukulele*puzzle*drawing set*
*avengers picture" jaguar picture*box set of harry potter books*
*science microscope*soccer set*tablets*3 wheeled cruiser*and many more*

Thank you again for all your help and raising money for our School!

Thank you to our sponsors: Main sponsor Dr. Fanning orthodontist and other sponsors Dr. Robert Lucero DDS, AC&R, RT 66 Emergency and Veterinarian hospital, First Resort Intervention.





Greetings From The Health Office

SY Jackson ES is one of many APS schools that has joined Kinsa's School Health Program **FLUency™**



Back to School with
Kinsa's **FLUency** program!

We've been selected for Kinsa's FLUency™ school health program!

Sign up now to get a FREE smart thermometer!

1. **Download the Kinsa app:** Text **JOIN** to **24020** OR search for **Kinsa** in your app store.*
2. **Create an account and join our school.**
3. **Fill in the order form for a FREE thermometer!** *Thermometers will be shipped to our school.*

*Messages and data rates may apply. You can always text **STOP** to end messages.



By signing up, our school also has a chance to win **free Lysol® Wipes** for our classrooms!



WHAT IS KINSA'S FLUENCY PROGRAM?

FLUency has been helping schools stop the spread of illness for over 7 years! Families and school staff get free smart thermometers and health tools to stay healthy. You'll know what illness symptoms are going around school to help keep you and your kiddos informed and prepared.



Know what's going
around your school



Get alerts & messages
from your school nurse

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Greetings From The Health Office

Kinsa's School Health Program FLUency™ is a voluntary Free Program to Reduce the Spread of Illness and Prevent Outbreaks in Schools. All families that sign up will receive a free smart thermometer. The app uses anonymized data and doesn't single out students who are ill. Instead, it alerts the school and parents of illness trends within grade levels.

For more information visit: [Kinsa Health \(https://kinsahealth.com/kinsa-for-schools\)](https://kinsahealth.com/kinsa-for-schools) and watch for brochures coming home with students next week.

Covid: For APS's most up-to-date Covid information, please visit <https://www.aps.edu/news/news-from-2021-2022/covid-symptoms-in-schools>.

For the NMPED Toolkit: https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/NMPED_COVID19ResponseToolkit_PublicSch0914_PublicVersion.pdf

Thank you for helping us keep our community healthy!

Lynne, RN & Margaret, HA





Library News

What a joy it is to see your students visiting the library! I see many of them stopping by throughout the day, not just when their class is scheduled to come. I'm glad our library is well-stocked with books they love to read. Thank you for continuing to help your students be responsible library patrons. Returning books every week ensures that they are able to continue checking out books.

We've had quite a few wet books returned to the library recently. Leaky water bottles seem to be the most common problem. Please let me know as soon as possible if your child has a water-damaged book so we don't end up spreading mold or mildew to other books in the library.

I'm excited to launch the Caldecott Club (K-2nd) and a brand new Distinguished Books Club (3rd-5th), both of which are designed to encourage your young readers to be wide readers and explore all the library has to offer. You should have seen information about these come home with your student, but just in case it didn't make it, visit the SY Jackson Library website for more information.

https://syjackson.aps.edu/library?utm_source=schoolloop&utm_medium=badge&utm_content=library

Upcoming Events:

Scholastic Bookfair is TENTATIVELY scheduled for November 15-19. Stay tuned for more information in October.

Questions? Please contact me (email is best) at bowdoin@aps.edu

Susan Bowdoin
Teacher-Librarian





Reflections

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Each year, the National PTA Reflections Program challenges students to create art inspired by a specific theme. Themes are selected from hundreds of ideas submitted by students to the PTA Reflections Program Theme Search. Like last school year, the Reflections program will still happen, but with some modifications. **The 2021–2022 theme is “I Will Change the World By...”.**

Students participate in the Reflections Program by submitting entries to their local PTA. Nationally, the program has six arts areas—dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, and visual arts—and four grade divisions—primary, intermediate, middle/junior, and senior.

When children express themselves through words, pictures, music, dance, and other art forms, they grow intellectually and socially. They learn to analyze their thoughts, feelings, and ideas; learn to look at things, people, and experiences in a fresh and exciting way; and become more interested in the ideas and works of others.

The PTA Reflections Program is designed to enhance a quality arts education by providing an opportunity for students to explore their artistic talents and receive positive recognition for their efforts.

Please note that:

- All entries submitted must be original works and must relate to the current year's Reflections Program theme.
- It is also required that all entries have a title and an artist statement.
- Each entry must be the work of only one student.

As with any student activity, parent involvement and support are very important. But parents must remember that student artists need to be responsible for their own work. Children must make their own decisions about what to create and what to enter in the Reflections Program. By producing their own literature, musical compositions, photographs, films, dance routines, and visual artwork, children learn about the arts and, more importantly, they learn about themselves. Students should simply do their best; crooked lines, incorrect musical notes, or misspelled words do not disqualify anyone.

PTA's Reflections Program helps parents encourage the creativity and continuous self-discovery process of their children. Supporting the Reflections Program is one way you can support the arts in your home, school, and community.

Each category (see attached document) lists two email addresses that entries will be submitted to electronically. If your child is doing a Photography, or Visual Arts piece, a picture will need to be taken of the piece and then sent electronically to the respective email address. All projects **MUST** have an entry form submitted as well. **Entries need to be submitted to the child's teacher. NO LATER than Friday, Nov. 12.** How and when the winners will be announced is still yet to be determined.

If you have any question please do not hesitate to ask!!

Thank you,

PTA Reflections Chair

Rachel Brunton

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(505) 710-8900



Entry Form

How to Enter

Use the arts to share your personal Reflections on this year's theme: I Will Change the World By...

Submissions are due to teacher by Friday, Nov. 12.

Experienced artists will review your work for interpretation of theme, creativity and technique. We look forward to celebrating your artistry and achievement in the arts! Save the date for this year's Reflections Celebration TBD.

Dance Choreography

Solo and ensemble works of all dance styles are accepted. Entrant must be the choreographer and may also be the performer, or one of the performers. If background music is used, cite it on the entry form. **Video file must not exceed 5 minutes** in length and 1,000 MB (1,000 megabyte) in file size and be in MP4 or AVI format.

Film Production

Accepted short film styles include: Animation, narrative, documentary, experimental or media presentation. Use of PowerPoint is prohibited. Entrant must be the screenwriter, cinematographer, editor and producer. If background music is used, cite it on the entry form. **Video file must not exceed 5 minutes** in length and 1,000 MB (1,000 megabyte) in file size and be in MP4 or AVI format.

Literature

Accepted forms of fiction and nonfiction include: Prose, poetry, reflective essay, screen play and play script, narrative, and short story. Entrants may write in their primary language as long as an interpretive English translation is also attached. Use of copyrighted material is prohibited. **Writing must not exceed 2,000 words** and may be handwritten or typed. Accepted formats: Single-sided print on 8 1/2x11" paper, PDF file.

Music Composition

All music styles and combinations of instrumentation are accepted. Entrant must be the composer and may also be the performer, or one of the performers. Use of copyrighted material is prohibited. **Audio recording must not exceed 5 minutes** in length and 1,000 MB (1,000 megabyte) in file size. Accepted audio file formats include: MP3 and WAV. Notation (score/tabature) in PDF format is only required for middle and high school divisions.

Photography

Photo must be a single print/digital image. Collages and collections of photos are not accepted. Entrant must be the photographer and may use a variety of digital editing techniques including but not limited to, multiple exposure, negative sandwich and photogram. Use of copyrighted material is prohibited. **Print image dimensions must be no smaller than 3x5 inches and no larger than 8x10 inches.** Accepted print formats: Mounted on mat or poster board no larger than 11x14 inches. Framed prints are not accepted. **Digital image dimensions must be at least 640x960 (pixels) and 300 dpi (resolution).** Accepted file formats: JPEG, JPG, and PNG.

Visual Arts

Works of both fine and design arts are accepted, including but not limited to: architectural drawing and models, ceramics, collage, computer generated images and graphics, crafts, drawing, fashion clothes and jewelry, fiber work, mixed media, painting, printmaking and sculpture. Use of copyrighted material is prohibited. **2D artworks must be mounted on sturdy material and no larger than 24x30 inches with matting.** Framed entries are not accepted. Include one digital image of artwork with your submission. **3D artwork submissions must contain 3 digital images of artwork at different angles.** Image(s) are used for artwork identification, judging and exhibition purposes. Accepted file formats: JPEG, JPG, and PNG.

Special Artist

Students who identify as having a disability and may receive services under IDEA or ADA: Section 504 may enter in the Special Artist Division **OR** grade division most closely aligned to their functional abilities. **See Official Rules for details.**



Entry Form

Official Rules

By submitting an artwork to the "National PTA Reflections Program," entrants accept and agree to be bound by the official rules for participation as well as the entry requirements for their specific arts category and division. Additional state program requirements may apply. Any violation of these rules may, at PTA's discretion, result in disqualification. All decisions of the reviewers regarding this program are final and binding in all respects. (The "PTA" referred to in these rules include all PTAs reviewing the submission).

1. **ELIGIBILITY.** Students must participate through a local PTA/PTSA. Each student's eligibility is determined by the state and local PTA/PTSA. A student may develop an entry inside or outside of school.
2. **ARTS CATEGORIES.** There are six arts categories—dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts. Students may enter the National PTA Reflections Program in one or more arts categories. See each arts category rules for additional entry requirements.
3. **GRADE DIVISIONS.** Students may enter in the appropriate division for their grade (Primary: Preschool-Grade 2; Intermediate: Grades 3-5; Middle School: Grades 6-8; High School: Grades 9-12; Special Artist: All grades welcome).

The Special Artist Division welcomes students from all grades and abilities and offers non-artistic accommodations (e.g. adaptive technology; transcribing; holding a camera) for students to participate fully in PTA Reflections. Assistants must refrain from being involved in the artistic process (e.g. developing an artist statement, choreography, music lyrics, storyboards, etc.) Student recognition and awards are announced as part of the Special Artist Division.
4. **HOW TO ENTER.** Entrants must submit their artwork and student entry form to their local PTA/PTSA program according to local and state PTA procedures. Entrants must follow requirements and instructions specific to each arts category and division. Contact local PTA programs for deadlines and additional information.
5. **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS.** (All participants must also follow arts category and if applicable, Special Artist Division rules)
 - Only new pieces of artwork inspired by the current year's theme may be submitted.
 - Each entry must be the original work of one student only. An adult may not alter the creative integrity of a student's work. Because the program is designed to encourage and recognize each student's individual creativity, help from an adult or collaboration with other students is not allowed except in the Special Artist Division. Other individuals may appear in or perform a student's work, but the work itself must be the creative product of one student only. Only one student may be recognized as the award recipient for each entry. See the specific arts category rules and special artist division rules for details.
 - Each entry must contain a title and all entries must include an artist statement. The artist statement communicates what inspired the work, how it relates to the theme, and the content of the work. The statement must include at least 10 words and not exceed 100 words.
 - Use of copyrighted material is prohibited, except for background music in dance choreography and film production entries. If used in dance choreography and film production entries, background music must be cited on the entry form. Plagiarized entries will be disqualified. Use of PowerPoint templates are prohibited.
6. **FINALIST SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION.** Entries are reviewed at local, regional, state and national levels. Each PTA determines its own reviewers for the program. Entries will be reviewed primarily on how well the student uses their artistic vision to portray the theme, their originality and creativity. The National PTA Reflections® program makes no restrictions on content or subject matter in artwork submitted by the local, regional or state levels. National PTA reserves the right to use its sole discretion in selecting the submissions to be recognized at the national level. Under no condition may parents or students contact a reviewer to dispute the status/score of any entry. Each PTA in its sole discretion will select finalists for exhibition and provide awards/prizes. Awards are announced per local and state procedures. National awards and events are announced May 1, 2021 at PTA.org/Reflections.
7. **OWNERSHIP AND LICENSE.** Ownership in any submission shall remain the property of the entrant, but entry into this program constitutes entrant's irrevocable permission and consent that PTA may display, copy, reproduce, enhance, print, sublicense, publish, distribute and create derivative works for PTA purposes. PTA is not responsible for lost or damaged entries. Submission of entry into the PTA Reflections program constitutes acceptance of all rules and conditions.
8. **PARTICIPATING ENTITIES.** This program is administered by the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and PTA affiliates. Parent groups not affiliated with National PTA are not eligible to sponsor this program.



Entry Form

To be completed by PTA before distribution.

Local PTA SY Jackson Elementary PTA Local PTA ID 00016507
Local Program Chair Rachel Brunton Email brunton_r@aps.edu Phone 505-710-8900
Council PTA N/A District PTA N/A Region PTA N/A State PTA NM
Member Dues Paid Date 09/20/2021 Insurance Paid Date 08/19/2021 Bylaws Approval Date 08/22/2019

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Age _____ Classroom Teacher _____
Parent/Guardian Name _____ Email _____ Phone _____
Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Student Signature _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Grade Division (Check One)

- ☐ Primary (Pre-K-Grade 2)
- ☐ Intermediate (Grades 3-5)
- ☐ Middle School (Grades 6-8)
- ☐ High School (Grades 9-12)
- ☐ Special Artist (All Grades)

Arts Category (Check One)

- ☐ Dance Choreography
- ☐ Film Production
- ☐ Literature
- ☐ Music Composition
- ☐ Photography
- ☐ Visual Arts

Title of Work _____ Details _____

If background music is used in dance/film, citation is required. Include word count for literature. List musician(s) or instrumentation for music. List dimensions for photography/visual arts.

Artist Statement (In 10 to 100 words, describe your work and how it relates to the theme)