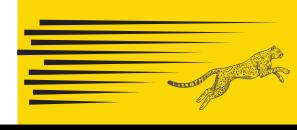


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S.Y. JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL





UPCOMING EVENTS



WED. OCT. 4TH 8AM
ART FROM THE HEART MEETING



FRI. OCT. 6TH BEFORE SCHOOL BALLOONS & BURRITOS



WED. OCT. 11TH

JOG-A-THON DONATIONS DUE



THURS. OCT. 26TH 7PM PTA MEETING ON ZOOM



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A Message from the Principal

PRINCIPAL JACK VERMILLION

I know that I have said this many times over the years, but I am always so thankful to be part of this community. We have amazing students who come to school ready to learn and they do so well academically. The reading scores of our students make a lot of other schools very envious. Overall, our students are well behaved and respectful of the adults and their fellow students. We also have such a strong group of teachers who want to make a difference in the lives of the children. They really do care about the students and want to see them do well.

As a staff, we have over 750 years of experience.

The teachers have also gone through a lot of training recently in the Science of Reading. This is like a college course that is very heavily phonics based and is being used all across the country. It is making a huge difference with our students as our staff is doing a great job implementing it.

We also have an amazing community supporting our school. I have been at schools all over the city and I have worked in many different environments. There is no school that is better supported than our school. The parents are helping the students at home, supporting us in the Jog A Thon, and so supportive whenever we call and have an issue at school. We also have a wonderful PTA that is always there to help pay for field trips, classroom expenses, the STEAM lab, and numerous other things. It really is a team effort and our students are the ones who benefit from it.

Thanks for all of the support and I look forward to a great rest of the year.



A Message from the Assistant Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL BUCKNER CREEL

Greetings, Jaguar family.

I'm Buckner Creel, in my second year with SY Jackson as half-time assistant principal. I'm at SYJ Mondays and Tuesdays, and the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. My academic background is a MS Physics. My wife is a staff lecturer in Computer Science at UNM, and I have a three year old daughter in early Pre-K at UNM's Children's Campus. Outside of SYJ, I'm taking more Ed Leadership courses at UNM and I do minor woodworking and home repair at my house. Feel free to reach me at buckner.creel@aps.edu with any needs or questions.

I enjoy being a Jaguar; everyone here is eager to support student learning every day.

A minor project of mine is the Lost and Found. I daily gather items left on the playground, or around school, and reunite items that have names with their owners. Some days it feels like I'm the lunch box fairy. Unnamed items go to the Lost and Found. It's located in the hallway by the cafeteria. Jackets and coats are arranged on the coat hooks, with newer clothing items on the left. Lunchboxes, water bottles and misc. items are grouped on the floor to the right of the hooks. Every month, or six weeks, I lay out the items, take pictures, put them into a Google Slides and link that out to families so that you can check if your student's item is there. Three takeaways from this process:

- 1) Work with your student to remember to pick up items they've left during lunch/recess.
- 2) Put your student's *name* on all lunchboxes, water bottles and jackets/sweatshirts. In my experience, First Initial Last Name is concise and works very well. (B Creel for me).

Sharpies on clothing tags, label maker labels or sharpies on water bottles and lunch boxes work well.

3) If your student is missing something, tell them to look in the Lost and Found.

This helps foster independence in problem-solving.



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PTA MEETINGS THURS. 7PM ON ZOOM

NEXT MEETING: OCT 26

NOV 30 JAN 18 FEB 29

MAR 21 APR 25 MAY 23

Hello SY Jackson Elementary! My name is Kristin Taylor and I am excited to serve as the new PTA President.



KRISTIN TAYLOR

This is my first year joining the PTA board but have served as the cochair for the yearbook committee for the school for the past two years. I have two daughters who attend SY Jackson, Mila who is in 4th grade and Ariana who is in 2nd grade. My family came to the school as an out of district transfer 5 years ago. We feel truly blessed to be part of this amazing community. I love being involved in my children's school because aside from being home this is where they spend the majority of their time. I am a native New Mexican, growing up in Tome and now living in Albuquerque. I attended UNM for my Bachelors and Masters degrees and did a remote Masters with the University of New Haven. In my career, I work as an IT Engineering Project Manager at Sandia Labs. I have worked there for 23 years, starting in High School. I have volunteered for 1st and 2nd grade reading programs at Manzano Mesa Elementary and more recently helping with reading groups in my daughter's classroom at SYJ last year.

There are so many ways we can be involved at our amazing school. The PTA Board will have two positions, Treasurer and Vice President, that will need to be filled in the 24/25 school year and we are looking for shadows to train this year. If you have an interest, please reach out. We also have many different committee coordinators that help with so many of SYJs programs and events. Part of what makes serving on the board so much fun is getting to meet all of the wonderful families and volunteers. It is a very inclusive environment, and all are welcome! Be sure to join and attend PTA meetings to find out all of the awesome things we have in store for this year!

PTA membership is just \$6 Join here, or scan QR code: https://my.cheddarup.com/c/sy-jackson-elementary-school



Hello, my name is Pauline Baca, and I am the VP of the PTA, and Chair for the Jog-A-Thon and Sock Hop. I was born and raised in New Mexico and a graduate of Moriarty High school. I have been with my husband Chris for 19 years and we have two boys, Cruz and Eli. This will be my final year at S.Y. Jackson. I am looking forward to this school year and all the amazing things that SY Jackson has planned. PAULINE BACA

As a transfer family to the SY Jackson community, we are so happy to be here. This is my third year being secretary. My husband teaches the Wampler math program and is running the technology club this year. Our oldest is in fourth grade, and our youngest just started kindergarten. If you have any questions, I am happy to share any information I know, including how to find porcupines in Albuquerque. We have found volunteering to be a great way to be part of the SY Jackson family, and we hope that you will feel the same.



If you are curious how to volunteer at SY Jackson, just look for the signup geniuses in your email inbox. They usually appear a few days before a PTA event like "Balloons and Burritos." If you are interested in certain programs like "Art from the heart," or "Our school our book," you can contact the respective PTA coordinators. Lastly, the library could always use help, especially with the book fairs that occur twice a school year. Sign up for an event and meet more of the SY Jackson community.



I'm excited to start my fourth year as Treasurer for the SY Jackson PTA. The last few years have 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. This year our daughter *finally* gets to start Kindergarten at the school she's been visiting since her (now) 4th grade brother started years ago — the excitement our kids have to be at this school is proof of its amazing staff! This is my final year as Treasurer, and I am eager to hear your creative ideas to help support our community! LAUREN MOORE





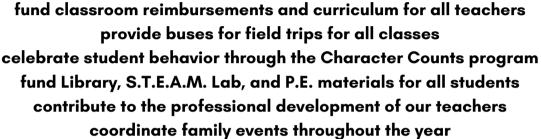
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF S.Y. JACKSON



THROUGH YOUR DONATIONS, THE SYJ PTA IS ABLE TO:









purchase supplies for our health office, Clothing Closet, and Food Pantry support our Science Fair, Art from the Heart, and Literacy programs





https://pledgestar.com/syjackson/

THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE! ALL DONATIONS GO DIRECTLY TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL DONATION DEADLINE FOR PRIZES IS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

The top earners from the Jog-A-Thon will have the opportunity to choose a prize soon! Examples of prizes are Scooters, Bikes, Tablets, Blocks, Family passes, and MANY more!

For every 10,000 dollars we raise, Mr. Vermillion will get ONE pie to the face!

Keep checking the leader board to see how much your class has earned in donations—
the winner gets a class party!

Also, the class that sends the most PledgeStar emails for donations gets a prize.

THANKS TO Dr. Fanning Orthodontics, our generous sponsor for the SY Jackson Jog-A-Thon for many years now. If your child needs braces, this is the place to go:

https://www.fanningorthodontics.com

HUGE THANKS TO OUR JOG-A-THON COORDINATOR and PTA V.P, PAULINE BACA!!

This is her final year at S.Y. Jackson, and we need coordinators for next year.

Contact SYJ.President@gmail.com



BALLOONS & BURRITOS

FRIDAY, OCT. 6TH BEFORE SCHOOL STARTING AT 5:30

> PURCHASE BREAKFAST HERE

> > preorders end 5pm OCT 3rd





SY Jackson

is excited to welcome a hot air balloon to our campus on

Friday, October 6th during the return of our

Balloons and Burritos event starting at 6:30 am.

This year we are once again partnering with local favorites Weck's and Two Boys Donuts for a delicious start to the morning.

Breakfast burritos, donuts, coffee, and hot chocolate

are available for pre-purchase until
Tuesday, October 3rd at 5:00 pm.
A LIMITED quantity of items will be
available for purchase at the event
(cash only), but we highly
recommend pre-purchasing.
A portion of your purchase will help
us provide free burritos to the
amazing teachers and staff!
If you would like to volunteer or have
questions, contact Amy Lavender at
amychambellan@hotmail.com

S.9. JACKSON FOOD PANTRY

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Supporting our S.Y. Jackson Community



Food insecurity is a lack of consistent access to enough food for every person in a household to live an active, healthy life. This can be a temporary situation for a family or can last a long time.

Though many of us may not realize, kids and families face hunger in every community in New Mexico, including ours. The S.Y. Jackson Food Pantry provides supplemental food (snacks, easy to prepare meals, breakfast items, etc.) to families who need a little extra support during the school year. Be a part of helping strengthen our S.Y. Jackson community by donating to the food pantry.

What We Need

- Cereal
- Oatmeal (single serving packs)
- · Canned vegetables, beans, and fruit
- Healthy non-perishable snacks like granola bars, nutrition bars, apple sauce/fruit pouches, cracker packages, etc.
- Macaroni and cheese
- Pasta
- Canned pasta sauce (no glass please)
- Packaged non-perishable meals like rice dishes, canned pasta, or other options that require limited preparation
- Peanut butter
- Canned chicken or canned tuna

For More Information or to Volunteer

kimberann.sabo@gmail.com

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Ways to Donate

1. Direct donations:

bit.ly/SYJ_FoodPantryDonation

- 2. Grocery store gift cards so we can purchase food for families.
- 3. Each time you go to the store for your family consider grabbing one item from the list for our school family as well:
- Kindergarten Mac & Cheese or Pasta
- First Cereal or Oatmeal
- Second Non-Perishable Snacks
- Third Peanut Butter
- Fourth Canned Fruit/Veggies/Beans
- Fifth Packaged meals
- *Food can be dropped off in the yellow bin at the front of the school

What to Avoid

- Expired or nearing expired foods
- Food not on the above list
- Anything in a glass container (students have to transport food home and it is too much of a risk to send them with glass)



NURSE'S NEWS

LYNNE THOMAS, SCHOOL NURSE LYNNE.THOMAS @APS.EDU SHAYNA SALVINO, HEALTH ASSISTANT

BREAKFAST FOR LEARNING

In the Health Office we get a few visitors most mornings reporting that their stomachs hurt. On further investigation, we often discover that the stomachache is often due to hunger. It is important that everyone, especially young students, eat a healthy breakfast. Studies show that eating breakfast positively affects school performance. Students who eat breakfast have better concentration and more energy. Research findings include:

- Kids who eat breakfast the morning before a standardized test have significantly higher scores in math, spelling and reading than those who don't.
- Breakfast eaters have better brain function, memory and attention.
- Eating breakfast improves kids' performance on vocabulary tests, math problems and challenging mental tasks. It also helps them deal better with frustration. Source

One of the biggest barriers to eating breakfast is lack of time in the mornings. Preparing or setting out nonperishable breakfast items the night before can help avoid a morning time crunch. Having grab and go foods that can be eaten while riding or walking to school is also helpful. This includes items such as protein bars, fruit, granola bars, yogurt, cheese sticks and muffins or bagels. APS is also offering free breakfast in all school cafeterias this school year!

UPCOMING SHOT CLINIC OCT 17 3:30-6PM @ GEORGIA O'KEEFFE ES

Are you interested in getting a flu shot or Covid-19 booster? Have you been notified that your student is missing required school immunizations?

FREE FLU & COVID and SCHOOL REQUIRED VACCINES

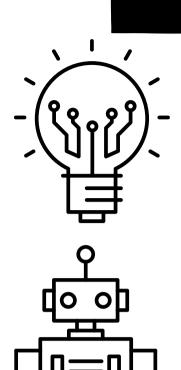
Georgia O'Keeffe Elementary School, located at 11701 San Victorio Ave NE, will be having a vaccine clinic on Tuesday October 17th from 3:30 pm to 6pm.

FREE COVID-19 TESTS ARE BEING OFFERED AGAIN BY THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AT HTTPS://WWW.COVID.GOV/TESTS

The New Mexico Department of Health recommends everyone 6 months and older get an updated COVID-19 vaccine to protect against the potentially serious outcomes of COVID-19 illness this fall and winter. In addition, everyone is eligible for and should get the flu vaccine, especially adults 65 and older and pregnant people in their first and second trimesters, according to the CDC. Co-infections of COVID-19 and the flu can be severe. Vaccination is your best protection from respiratory viruses, and it's important to get the flu vaccine before the height of flu season. Getting your vaccine in September or October is highly recommended. Source

Thank you for helping us keep our community healthy!

TECH CLUB

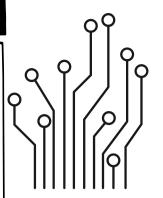


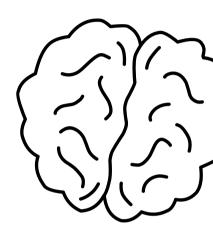
SYJ TECHNOLOGY CLUB

CHERYL KERBY, TEACHER
TIM KOEHLER, COORDINATOR

The SYJ Tech Club kicked off on September 20 with 20 students! In a very short time, the students learned how to log onto computers provided and connect their robots. Then they began programming the robot to flash the onboard LED's. In the coming weeks, the members of the Tech Club will learn to make the robots move, sense and follow lines, and use the ultrasonic sensor so the robot can autonomously objects. Students will be competing with each other in robotic jousting and robotic Sumo wrestling.







ART FROM THE HEART

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DEEANNA CHERRY, TEACHER
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VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

HELP BRING ART LESSONS TO OUR STUDENTS' CLASSES!

WE TEACH 3 LESSONS PER YEAR; COMMITMENT OF ABOUT 6 DAYS TO WORK WITH OUR CLASSES CREATING AWESOME ART!

MUST HAVE APS BACKGROUND CHECK

THANKS TO THE SYJ PTA FOR SUPPORTING ART FROM THE HEART

VOLUNTEER MEETING

WED. OCT 48AM TEACHERS' LOUNGE



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If you have any questions or concerns about the program, please email.

I will try to respond as soon as possible.



WHAT WE HAVE WORKED ON!

The focus for September was to expose the students to some big wordy concept about physical fitness. As you may or may not know physical fitness is broken down into 5 parts (we only go over 4 of them).

The 4 parts that we discuss are:

We track this

cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, muscular endurance, and flexibility.

Big words for an elementary student, so we break it down into smaller more understandable words. We then go over the whys and hows of each component (testing each to find out our strengths and our areas we need to work on).





through a "My Fitness Plan"
worksheet then set SMART
goals to establish a plan for
improving our scores.
The last part of September we
touched on Nutrition and
Hydration where we looked at how
food and water effect
our body.

WHAT WE WILL WORK ON!

The focus for October is tossing and throwing. A toss or a throw is a movement swiftly through space by a propulsive movement or propelling force. Although I don't get this technical with them, we do examine the use of force when throwing or tossing.

We start (mainly with the younger group) by talking about "opposite" and how it applies to tossing. I want them to understand the importance of stepping with the opposite foot to their throwing hand.

I explain this is important for balance and accuracy. If they can get this, it will apply to many other things we do. For the older students we go over everything and then apply it to games (authentic game play). I want to see how they apply the concepts to situations that cause them to react rather than think, so that this concept or movement becomes natural in application. The last part of October we will have our fun Halloween Fitness Week. Not scary, just fun.

COMING UP IN OCTOBER

UNDERHAND TOSS
OVERHAND THROW
HALLOWEEN FITNESS

IN NOVEMBER

KICKING
COMIC BOWLING
JUMP ROPE!

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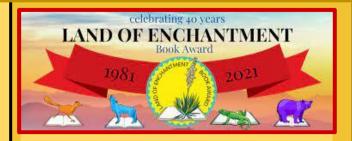
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<u>CHECK IT OUT - new to</u> our collection

Recommended by SYJ Bookworms!

4th grader Landon Jones recommends the <u>I Survived Series</u> (F TAR). These books are based on True stories. Landon thinks the characters are super cool & author Lauren Tarshis uses easy to understand vocabulary to tell the stories. Our library has multiple titles of these wonderful books that tell the stories of young people, their resilience and strength facing unimaginable disasters. Select I Survived books can also be found in the graphic novel section.



Land of Enchantment Books are ready for checkout!

The Land of Enchantment Book Award is designed to encourage the youth of New Mexico to read outstanding books of literary quality. A committee sponsored by the New Mexico Library Association and the New Mexico Literary Association selects two lists of books for elementary students: (K-3) The Roadrunner category and (3-5) Coyote category.

LOE Book Award

Landon's mom, 1st Grade teacher Ms. Jones, recommends *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. This is an exploration of friendship, reckoning, and hope, tracing a widow's unlikely connection with a giant Pacific octopus. (check your local public library for a copy)

Ms. Bailey recommends any book written by the American author Louis Sachar. Some of his more popular books include: *Holes, The WaySide School* series and Ms. Bailey's favorite, *There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom* (F SAC). The main character Bradley, acts like a monster, but...is he really a monster? Why does he act the way he does?

"If you don't like to read, you haven't found the right book." -J. K. Rowling

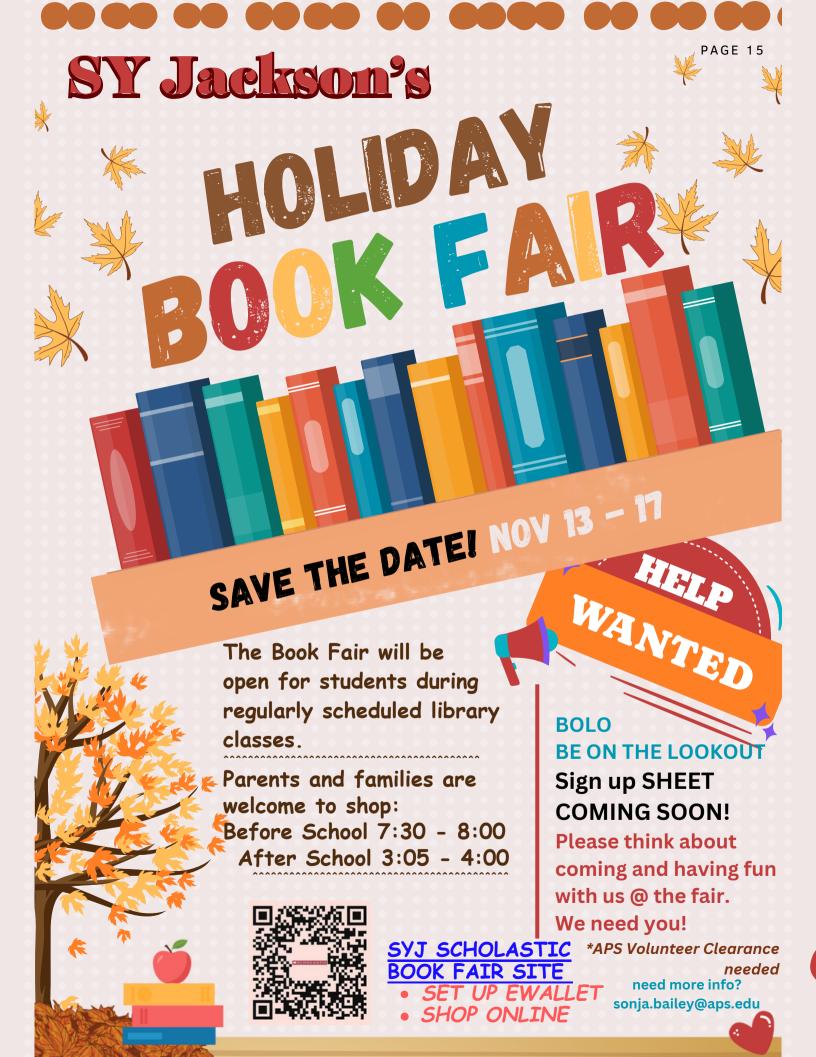






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TEACHER FEATURE



KIM JONES
SYJ FIRST GRADE
TEACHER

PART OF THIS AMAZING SCHOOL!

MY GOALS THIS YEAR INCLUDE:

BUILDING MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS WITH MY STUDENTS,

CREATING A POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT,

DEVELOPING WELL-ROUNDED STUDENTS,

AND IMPROVING STUDENTS' ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE.

Hello! My name is Kim Jones, and I am the new first grade teacher at S.Y. Jackson! Please allow me to introduce myself. I grew up in the east mountains of Albuquerque and went to college at New Mexico State University (go Aggies!). I earned a Bachelor of Business Administration with an emphasis in marketing and a Master of Business Administration. I started my business career in Boulder, Colorado. I worked for an awesome start-up software company that allowed you to bring your dog to work, ride scooters around the office and enjoy social gatherings on Fridays. It was so fun! After a year and a half in Boulder, I moved to Albuquerque. I worked many years for a construction company doing business development and marketing. I really enjoyed my job, but after having kids my priorities shifted. I was a stay-at-home mom for several years, then became a substitute teacher at my children's preschool, Kids Express at Hoffmantown Church. I appreciated getting experience in all the age groups, and I thoroughly enjoyed each grade level. That is where my love for teaching began. I quickly became a permanent teacher at Kids Express and taught there for five years. I was inspired to join the Alternative Teacher Licensure program at Central New Mexico Community College to continue my journey as an educator. My desire was to become a first-grade teacher at S.Y. Jackson Elementary School, and here I am!

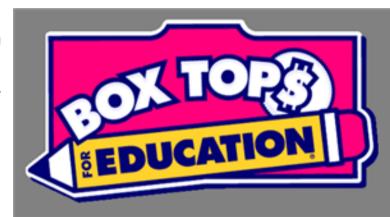
My husband, JJ and I just celebrated 17 years of marriage. Wahoo! Fun fact: we met in 5th grade! He is a senior manager at Sandia National Laboratories and just hit his 20-year mark. We have two wonderful children who attend SY. Landon (10) is in fourth grade and Ava (8) is in third grade. As a family, we love spending the summers at our family lake house at Conchas. We enjoy wake surfing, swimming, walking by the water, and catching horny toads, lizards, and snakes!

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Boxtops for education is an easy way we can earn money for the school using the groceries we already buy. When you're shopping, please keep a lookout for the box tops for education logo on packaging. Each item is worth \$.10 for our school.

Simply download the Box Tops app, create an account designating SYJackson as the recipient school. Scan your receipts within two weeks of purchase date and Boxtops will send us a check twice a year. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at ycorcoraneme.com



SYJ CLOTHING CLOSET

YVONNE CORCORAN, SYJ PTA CLOTHING CLOSET CHAIR YCORCORAN@ME.COM

Hi families!

If you have any clothes to donate (of any size appropriate for elementary kids) there is a black bin just inside the front entrance doors under the table.

You're also welcome to send me an email to arrange pick up.

All clothes that we cannot use at our clothing closet will be donated to locker 505 which serves all of APS.



No used socks or underwear please.
Thank you.

WE COULD USE SOME GIRLS SIZES 10-12 AND 14-16 SHIRTS AND PANTS





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