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BEAUTY AND THE PIRATE BEAST

TAKING CENTER STAGE: OUR FIRST EVER MIDDLE SCHOOL PLAY!

Our middle school's first-ever play, led by the talented Mr. Harden, was an absolute smash hit! Over two incredible days, each cast and crew delivered outstanding performances that left the audience in awe.

Adding to the excitement, our amazing performers also participated in the George Nason Drama Festival, gaining valuable experience and showcasing their hard work and creativity.

A huge congratulations to all our performers, crew members, and, of course, Mr. Harden for making this such an unforgettable experience for everyone involved. Bravo!

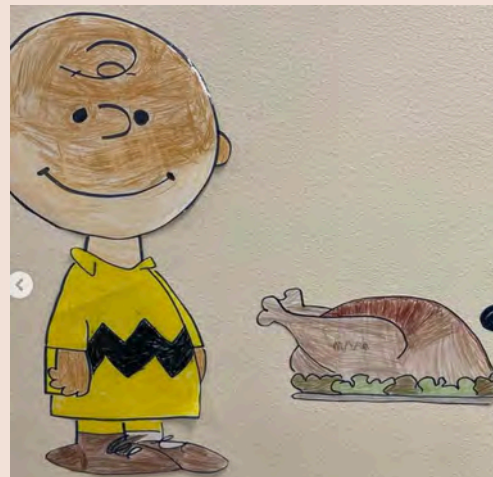


FAMILY THANKSGIVING LUNCH

A HEARTWARMING CELEBRATION

Our Thanksgiving lunch for families was a wonderful success! It was such a joy to come together, share a delicious meal, and reflect on all we're grateful for.

A huge round of applause goes to our incredible cafeteria staff, who truly rocked the show with their hard work and delicious dishes. Thank you for making this event so special for everyone!



SPELLING BEE

BUZZING WITH EXCITEMENT: OUR FIRST-EVER SPELLING BEE!

What an incredible day! Thanks to the workings of our wonderful Mr. Ramirez and the PTA paying the entry fees we were able to host our first-ever Spelling Bee! It was a huge success, and we couldn't be prouder of our students. They all gave it their best, showing courage, focus, and impressive spelling skills. Congratulations to the winner Aaliyah Madrid in Mrs. Farhana's 5th grade class! Our runner-up was Katya Nixon in Mr. Henderson's 3rd-grade classroom –amazing job, both of you!



A big shoutout to Royale Da from KOAT for serving as our pronouncer and to our wonderful teachers who worked to make this event so special. Thank you for creating a memorable day for our school community!



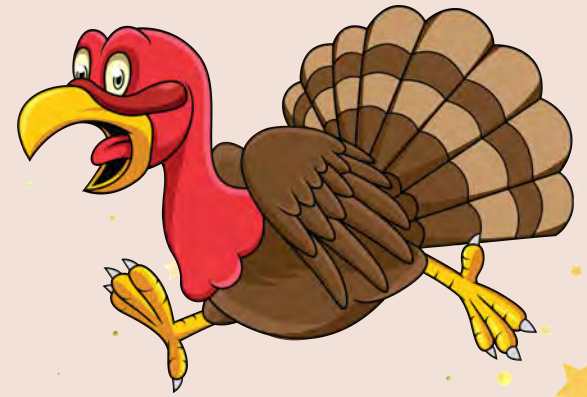
TURKEY TROT

THANK YOU FOR MAKING OUR TURKEY TROT A SUCCESS!

We had an incredible time at this year's Turkey Trot! The event was full of smiles, laughter, and community spirit as families and friends came together to enjoy the fun. A huge thank you to all the families who contributed canned goods—your generosity will help support those in need this season.

A special shoutout goes to our phenomenal Coach Poole for **RUNNING** the show! We also want to extend our gratitude to our amazing specials teachers, whose hard work and dedication made this event possible. From planning to cheering everyone on, they made it an unforgettable day for all.

We can't wait to see you at next year's trot!



EDUCATOR & STAFF APPRECIATION

THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL EDUCATOR & STAFF APPRECIATION BREAKFAST!

We are thrilled to share that our Educator and Staff Appreciation Breakfast was ate up! It was a heartwarming opportunity to come together and celebrate the incredible dedication and hard work of our educators and staff who make such lasting impacts in the lives of our students every day.

A big thank-you to everyone who contributed to this event—whether by donating food, setting up, or simply showing your support. Your generosity and thoughtfulness helped create a warm and welcoming atmosphere that was truly enjoyed by all.

We've heard so many positive comments from the educators and staff, and it's clear how much they appreciated the gesture. Moments like these remind us of the strong sense of community we have here at JKSI A.

We look forward to planning more events like this in the future. If you have ideas or would like to volunteer for upcoming activities, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Thank you again for helping us show our appreciation in such a fulFILLING way.

Warm regards,
Nikita Garcia
JKSI A PTA Event Coordinator Chair



WE VALUE OUR COMMUNITY!

Shout Outs!

A Huge Shout-Out to LaToya and Kristen!

We want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to LaToya and Kristen for being the heart and soul of our school community. Their unwavering love, support, and tireless efforts for our families make all the difference. Through their own personal challenges they never fail to support our families. Without them, our school simply wouldn't function the same. You are both truly appreciated, and your impact is immeasurable!

Endless thank you's for everything you do! We **ADORE** you!



Volunteers in the Classroom Initiative

Parents, Guardians, and community members:

The PTA is excited to launch a new initiative to enhance in-class support for our dedicated teachers this school year. Having an extra adult in the classroom can significantly benefit both educators and students by:

Redirecting off-task behavior
Encouraging and praising students
Modeling positive behavior

Providing additional supervision
Fostering a sense of community

We invite all parents, guardians, and friends of JKSA to participate. Whether you can spare one or two hours a week or one hour a month, your involvement can make a lasting difference!

Volunteer Requirements:

To ensure a safe and supportive environment, all classroom volunteers must complete the following:

Background Check

Brief Orientation

Our PTA officers and members are here to provide ongoing support and guidance as you integrate into the classroom.

If you're interested in joining this initiative or want to learn more, we invite your feedback and involvement!

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS UPDATES

Community Schools Updates From Willa,

Join us for the Janet Kahn School of Integrated Arts Wellness Fair on Monday, January 15th, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM! This family-friendly event is open to the public and will feature a variety of resources, activities, and information to support health and wellness for all ages.

Explore booths from local organizations and connect with community partners dedicated to fostering well-being. We will have vaccines available to families and a blood donation drive going on as well! Don't miss this opportunity to start the new year on a healthy note—we can't wait to see you there!

Spring 2025 Event Schedule

1/14 Spirit Day- Dress as your favorite staff member

1/23 Spirit Day: 100th day- Dress as a 100 year old

1/25 Tentative 2nd PTA Meeting *

2/11 Spirit Day:

Elementary: Bring a stuffed animal

Middle School: Anything but a backpack

3/11 Spirit Day: Mixed Matched Sock Day

3/14 Kindie 500

4/04 Tentative Spring Fling *

4/08 Spirit Day- Friendship is Blue, Autism Awareness

4/10 Art Night

4/19 Tentative 3rd PTA Meeting/ Officer Elections *

5/06-5/10 Educator Appreciation Week *

5/13 Spirit Day- Luau and Tropical Hawaiian Day

5/28 Field Day

EVENTS WITH ASTERISK * WILL BE RUN BY JKSI A PTA.

UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED FOOD PURCHASES WILL BE CASHLESS.

PURCHASES CAN BE MADE VIA GIVEBACKS.

RESOURCES

Childcare

New Mexico Child Care Assistance Programs

CYFD Child Care Assistance Program

Financial Support for Before and After School Programs

Christmas

Toys for Tots: Request toys at Toys for Tots Albuquerque

Salvation Army: Food boxes and toys for children (up to age 12)

Apply at 4301 Bryn Mawr Dr. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107

Required documents: Birth certificate/Medicaid card, photo ID, proof of residency (utility bill).

Housing

Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Supportive Housing Coalition of New Mexico

Albuquerque Coordinated Resource Guide

Food

City of Albuquerque Food Assistance

Roadrunner Food Bank

The Food Depot

Meals on Wheels New Mexico

Miscellaneous

Together for Brothers builds the capacity of young boys and men of color to be leaders in their communities.

City of ABQ Job Mentoring Program offers Summer Internships for students 14-18 to explore career options and opportunities and students are able to earn money for their work.

Parents Reaching Out provides support, training and tools for families and youth with disabilities or complex medical needs.

Wellness

Agora Crisis Center 505-277-3013
Toll-free outside of ABQ: 855-505-4505

As trained crisis hotline specialists, our volunteers are ready to provide compassionate, non-judgmental help for anyone in need of emotional support.

JOIN OUR PTA!

Support our teachers, parents and students

There are many ways to support our PTA. One way is to voice your opinions and concerns on the JKSI A PTA Discord Server. Send an email to JKSIAPTA@gmail.com or scan the Dino QR above. Note that Non-paid members are not allowed to vote or debate items of action. Become a voting member by joining the PTA. Fees are \$6 for a yearly membership.

Purchase a membership by scanning the QR Code on the right. Membership term starts July 1 of the current year and expires June 30 of the following year. Paid members get automatically added to our Discord and have access to both our public and private servers. Paid membership comes with voting rights at the general meetings related to business items.

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JKSIA PTA Discord
Channel!



Become a voting member
today!

We are voting in officers at our January meeting and holding elections for the year in April.