

NEWSLETTER

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4th Annual 'Character Matters' Play

The 1st-grade students, along with their dedicated teachers, Mrs. Chan, Mrs. Chavez, and Mrs. Smith, put on a spectacular performance of the 4th Annual Character Matters play! This absolutely heartwarming show emphasized the importance of strong character and the students brought these essential values to life on stage.

Our young performers impressed their peers and families with their dedication, rehearsing tirelessly to perfect their roles. They delivered multiple performances for the school community, culminating in a special show for families on January 30th. Their hard work and enthusiasm truly made them exemplars of character!

A huge round of applause to our talented students and enthusiastic teachers for making this event a resounding success. Thank you to everyone who attended and cheered on our young stars!

*Character Matters
as a matter of fact!*



SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Program Goals and Focus Areas

Based on the community feedback we gathered from the School of Excellence survey, we as the PTA, have chose to focus on family engagement specifically through Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, to concentrate on in the upcoming school year:

National Standard and Goal

Standard 5- Sharing power

Goal 1: Strengthen the Family's Voice in Shared Decision Making

When families from every neighborhood feel they have a say and when they feel included, they are more open with the administration, the staff and educators. This openness impacts the school staff and educators to be open as well. This domino effect is positive in both directions. For example, educators ask for more support whether it be for volunteers, supplies, or help inside their classroom.

Increased presence of families from every neighborhood helps students to see the value that differences make us stronger and in the value of a diverse education, as well as reinforcing an overall positive outlook on attending school. Increased access to positive relationships and role models directly impacts academic success, SEL, and prosocial behaviors.

Our goals include encouraging parents from every neighborhood to have a presence at the school. This could be as simple as attending school events, attending parent teacher conferences, or joining the PTA. We strive to be a school where ALL families feel welcomed on campus. We strive to positively increase the fluidity of the school to home dynamic.

When children are aware their family is in regular communication with their teachers, there is an increase in school success. We aim to shift the paradigm, for families from every neighborhood to deeply know that it's healthy when their parents are highly involved and engaged. When ALL families feel welcome and included, they are more likely to find their voice and effectively speak their truth.

Gilber Valdez, PTA President

WE VALUE OUR COMMUNITY!

Volunteers in the Classroom Initiative: Jennifer Beeman



PTA Classroom Volunteer 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
- Providing additional supervision
- Encouraging and praising students
- Fostering a sense of community
- Modeling positive behavior

We invite all parents, guardians, and friends of JKsIA 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!

Interested parents, guardians and community members can reach us at jksiapta@gmail.com

As a special offer, the first 15 guardians to sign up will have the \$12 cost of the background check covered by the PTA or JKsIA. 



JANET KAHN SCHOOL OF INTEGRATED ARTS

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We invite and encourage you to actively engage as volunteers on campus, contributing your time and skills to support our students and school community.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Okay to Text? Yes: ___ No: ___

Email: _____

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP:

- WORK IN SMALL GROUPS
- WORK WITH INDIVIDUALS
- READ TO A CLASS
- HELP WITH CLASS PARTIES
- FIELD TRIP CHAPRONE
- GENERAL CLASSROOM HELP
- CLASSROOM ART PROJECTS

DAYS THAT WORK BEST FOR ME:

- MONDAY
- TUESDAY
- WEDNESDAY
- THURSDAY
- FRIDAY

TIME THAT WORKS BEST FOR ME:

- MORNING
- AFTERNOON

Background Checks are required for all classroom volunteers. Please email for more information and if help is needed for paying for background checks (limited help available)

PTA will offer brief training and continuing support for all classroom volunteers!

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE JKSA OFFICE OR EMAIL TO JKSIAPTA@GMAIL.COM

Janet Kahn School of Integrated Arts



COMMUNITY SCHOOLS UPDATES

Hi all! The community school council is putting together a school store for the kids to shop at! They are going to earn "money" from their teachers for good behavior, homework, helping their classmates, etc. But we need items to sell! I'm attaching a pretty long list but don't be intimidated, it's a hopeful list of all the items we might be able to sell one day! I'm posting it so we can look for some donations from families or if you know any local businesses that would like to donate that would be amazing too! Also, if you see something missing from the list that you know your kid would love to buy feel free to let me know! Thanks everyone!

Community Schools Meetings

Moving forward, our council meetings will now take place at 2:45 PM every other Wednesday. Our next meeting will be February 5th.

We hope this earlier time will be more convenient and allow for increased attendance. Please let me know if you have any concerns or questions about this change. As always, I value each and every one of you and your commitment and input as we work together to make our council effective in this first year.

Thank you for your understanding, and I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting!

In community,
Willa

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SPRING 2025 EVENT SCHEDULE

2/05-2/07 Movie Spirt Week

2/05 Dress like a movie character or wear a movie themed t-shirt

2/06 Bring your favorite movie theater snack

2/07 Dress your best to walk the red carpet

2/11 Spirit Day:

Elementary: Bring a stuffed animal

Middle School: Anything but a backpack

2/13 Explora Night 6-8 PM

3/11 Spirit Day: Mixed Matched Sock Day

3/14 Kindie 500

4/04 Spring Fling *

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

4/10 Art Night (Expo)

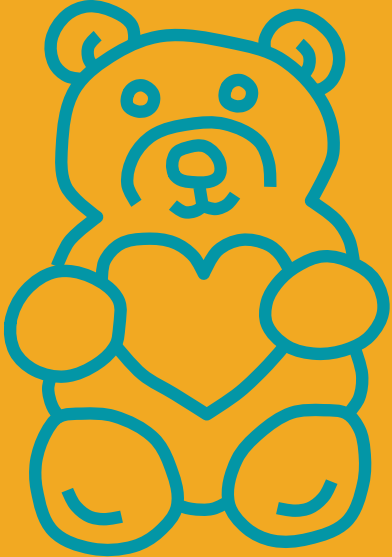
4/19 Tentative 3rd PTA Meeting/ Officer Elections *

5/06-5/10 Educator Appreciation Week *

5/13 Spirit Day- Luau and Tropical Hawaiian Day

5/28 Field Day

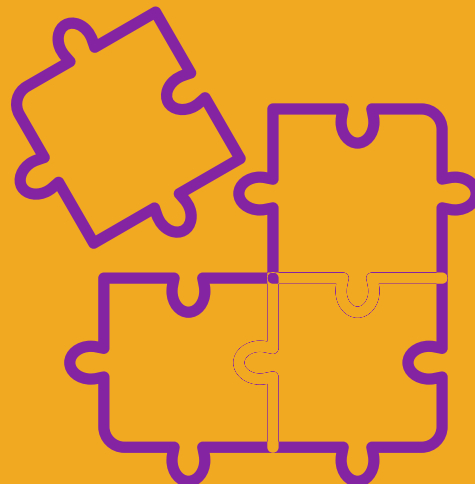
6/06 Tentative Movie on the Field*



EVENTS WITH ASTERISK * WILL BE RUN BY JKSIPTA.

UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED FOOD PURCHASES WILL BE CASHLESS.

PURCHASES CAN BE MADE VIA GIVEBACKS.



RECIPE FOR FEBRUARY

Sopa de Albondigas

Tasting New Mexico by Cheryl Alters
Jamison and Bill Jamison



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.

Stay connected,
JKSIA PTA
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<https://www.instagram.com/jksiapta>



Voice your opinion on the
JKSIA PTA Discord
Channel!



Become a voting member
today!

RESOURCES

Childcare

[New Mexico Child Care Assistance Programs](#)

[CYFD Child Care Assistance Program](#)

[Financial Support for Before and After School Programs](#)

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.

[APS Families Connected Page](#)

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.



RESOURCES

Safety

Responding to Immigration Concerns

The shared values and beliefs of Albuquerque Public Schools is to ensure access for ALL students. APS insists that our schools are equitable and that students thrive academically, socially, emotionally, physically, and with humanity. Responding to Immigration Concerns.

New Materials: Resources for Protecting Students from ICE Enforcement

15 Things Educators Can Do to Support Immigrant Youth & Families, English and Spanish

If you or someone you know needs a resource not included in this newsletter, please contact Willa at willa.correiakuehn.aps.edu or Nikita at nikitagarcia0720@gmail.com

