



JKISA PTA

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**Welcome Back
JKSIA Families!**

Important Dates:

Mondays and Wednesdays- PAC meetings

2/2- Sandia HS 8th Grade visit
(make sure you have your transfers in)

2/11 - Spring Group Photos
& Movie Day & T-Shirt Day

2/12 - Family Explora Night 6-8pm
& Bring Your Favorite Movie Snack

2/13 - Valentine's Day Middle School Dance

2/13 - Valentine's Day Parties
& Dress your best and walk the red carpet

2/16 - President's Day- NO SCHOOL

2/17 - Pastries with the Principal (7:45am)

2/19- Roadrunner Scavenger Hunt (3-4:30)

2/23 - 2/26- First students to earn the Snoop Den



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Blurb from the PTA secretary - Veronica Lucero

Since becoming part of the JKSIA family, I've genuinely felt a strong sense of community. The welcoming, supportive, and inviting nature of this school has made a lasting impression on our family, and we're grateful to be a part of it.

I truly appreciate receiving positive feedback from my boys' teachers—it means so much to hear about their growth and to receive messages sharing their artwork and classroom accomplishments. Even when the boys are being not-so-great, the approach the faculty and administration take to address the issue is always with dignity and respect.

I've seen the change in my kids since they've started at JKSIA. They have an ENTHUSIASM to come to school, to participate after school events, and to share the things they've learned with me over dinner. I love hearing them discuss between themselves (when they think I can't hear) how they can't wait to be 7th and 8th graders at the school. Sounds like we're all looking forward future years here!!



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staff spotlight

MRS. Ann Jaramillo



Meet Ann Jaramillo. She is our onsite speech therapist at JKSIA. She has been in education for 3 years. She says her favorite thing about being part of the school community is when her students find their individual passions! **“I am happy to have an opportunity to support them along the way,”** she wrote. This support goes a long way as she has seen her students **“develop confidence in their skills”** and has witnessed **“the small victories as they reach new milestones towards their goals.”** When asked what advice she would give to her students, she adamantly stated, **“You are important, and you have unique things to offer the world. Always be kind!”** When she isn’t at school inspiring students, she loves to sip on iced tea while watching adventure and comedy movies. Once the weekend arrives, you can find Ann spending quality time with her family and friends, playing video games, hiking, or learning new cooking recipes.

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Staff Spotlight

Mr. Adam



Our beautiful school wouldn't look this amazing if it wasn't for our dedicated custodian Adam Marquez. Adam has been working for APS since 2000. As a 14-year-old high school student, he would get paid and earn credits by working alongside the custodians in the early mornings at Valley High. Adam felt he would love a job like this, so after graduating in 2004, his mentors, Larry and Fred offered him a full-time custodian position. He accepted and has been working at Janet Kahn since 2013. Adam treasures the time he spends with the students during lunch, and at times can be found playing his guitar for them while they chow down.

He loves working outside and has become a **"jack of all trades."** When he isn't beautifying school grounds, he can be found watching movies full of superheros, action, drama and "love stories too." He can also be found hitting the gym, eating healthy and playing his guitar "from his heart." Adam shares this advice to the students, **"I always tell them, drink your milk, eat vegetables and fruit every day, that's how superheroes get strong!"**



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Leaf Blower Donation!



A few months ago, the custodian Mr. Adam asked for PTA's support.

Some time ago, people broke into the storage container behind the school, stole a myriad of items including lawn care tools.

He asked if it was possible for PTA to purchase the school a leaf blower.

We talked with Kristen at the front desk and Principal Mondragon about the school's capacity to purchase these items.

The PTA board of directors agreed we would be able to make this purchase. This purchase was made from the teacher/staff reimbursement funds outlaid in our yearly budget.

Strong collaboration opens lines of communication and a consistent PTA presence on the ground continue to help us to achieve the PTA's mission and vision.



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An educator sent in this picture.

They observed three students
picking up trash on our playground
(without prompting!).

These young fellas are an
excellent example of taking care
of our shared spaces. They are
leading the way!

**Students
Leading the
Way!**

keep it up gentlemen!



(L→R: Elliot, Eli, & Oliver)
"the 3 Amigos"



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Sign up for PTA,
get a free
PTA T-shirt*!



We want more parents to sign up for the PTA. So, we are running a short promotion.

If you sign up for the PTA by the end of January 2026, you get to pick an *in-stock PTA shirt.

Membership is only \$6.50 a year.

Membership term is 7/1/25- 8/30/26.

Signing up does not commit you to anything except being a valued member of the PTA!



50 members

↑ 19% YTD vs. last year

2025 - 2026 memberships

YTD count

● Parent/Guardian	33
● Faculty/Staff	9
● Board Member	3
● Grandparent	3
● Community	2



We set a goal to recruit 50 paid members by the end of January 2026, and we achieved it!

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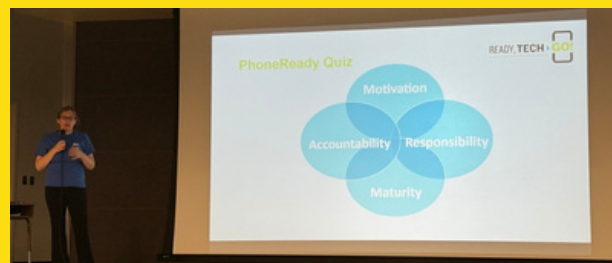
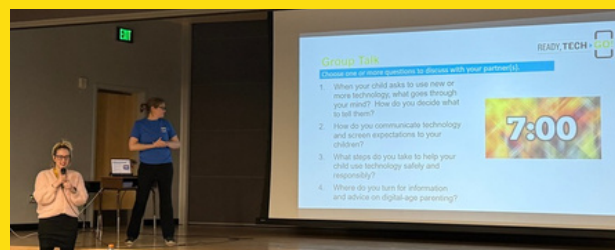
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Pics from
Ready, Tech,
GO!

We had an amazing turn out.
We want to thank all who came
to learn about safe and
developmentally appropriate
technology use.

We also want to thank our NMPTA
State Champ **Rachel Haight!** We
are so grateful, thank you for
sharing your knowledge with us!



[Link to the PowerPoint](#)
[CLICK HERE](#)



Food and drink
concessions will be
sold as a PTA
fundraiser

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY

VALENTINE'S DANCE

FRIDAY
FEBRUARY

13

6-8
PM

FOOD | MUSIC | DANCE

@ JKSIA GYM

THIS IS A DROP-OFF EVENT

(as in drop your middle schooler off at 6pm and pick them up at 8pm)



Hosted by the



STARTS 2/17 & ENDS 3/17

Does your kiddo want
to learn how to play
the piano?

The JKSA PTA will be using the
online fundraising platform
SNAP! RAISE to secure funds for the
music, theater and film programs.

FUNDRAISER TO CREATE A PIANO LAB

GOAL: \$4,500 to purchase 15 pianos and equipment



join.snap.app

Scan the QR code or go to
www.join.snap.app and sign up.
Your Participant join code is **460-254-410**.



Parents & Guardians

We are excited to announce that we are using Snap! Raise as our online fundraising platform for the music and theater programs.

Why did JKSIA PTA choose Snap! Raise?

Proven Results: Since 2014, Snap! Raise has helped groups in the U.S. raise more than \$1.1 billion dollars.

In New Mexico, they've helped schools like Tony Hillerman, Rio Rancho, Cleveland and more raise over \$500,000 in the last 4 years.

Safe & Secure:

Their online platform not only eliminates the need for door-to-door sales but also provides peace of mind by ensuring that all fundraising activities are secure and PCI compliant.

With Snap, your privacy and personal property are strictly safeguarded. You can easily connect with their network of supporters, all while keeping everyone's personal information secure.

For more details, please visit snapraise.com/privacy-policy.

What can you expect?

You will have access to a secure campaign page customized for our group, where you can easily set up and participate in our fundraiser. Here's how it works:

Gather Support: We ask you to enter 20 or more email addresses and 20 phone numbers from your students' top supporters (aunts, uncles, grandparents, cousins, church leaders, etc.)

Simplified Fundraising: Once you upload contacts, the Snap! Raise platform handles the rest. The only other work would be to share the link in your social media.

Two ways to Join

Scan the QR code or goto www.join.snap.app and sign up.

Your Participant join code is **460-254-410**.

Then, enter your contacts! It's that easy!



join.snap.app



Help Us Build the "Snoop Den" – A New Reward Space for Our Students!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are thrilled to announce the upcoming launch of our newest school initiative: **The Snoop Den!**

The Snoop Den is designed to be a high-energy, "rec room" style lounge where students can relax, socialize, and have fun. This space isn't just a room; it's a **positive incentive** that students can earn through hard work, kindness, and demonstrating our school families core values.

To make this space truly special for our kids, we are looking for donations to help bring it to life.

What We're Looking For

If you have items at home that are in good, clean condition and looking for a second life, we would love to have them! We are specifically looking for:

- **Games:** Board games, card games, puzzles, or table games (like foosball or air hockey).
- **Comfortable Seating:** Bean bags, floor cushions, gaming chairs, rugs etc.
- **Art Supplies:** Sketchbooks, markers, canvases, or craft kits for our creative students.
- **Entertainment:** Handheld games or appropriate decor to give the room a "chill" vibe.

How to Donate

If you have something you think would be a great fit for the Snoop Den, please **call the main office 505-299-4483** and ask about donations. We want to ensure all items meet our space and safety requirements before they are brought to the school.

Our goal is to create a space that students are genuinely excited to earn time in, and your generosity will play a huge part in making that happen. Donation collection will begin in January and we hope to have the Den running by February 1st!

Thank you for your continued support of our students and our school community!

Best regards,

Principal Mondragon and Asst Principal Aimee



Janet Kahn School of Integrated Arts

PRESENTS ROADRUNNER SCAVENGER HUNT

February 19th from 3:00-4:30

Hosted by our Roadrunner Family!

Free dinner and after school snacks



*If you have any questions feel free to contact Ms. Willa
willa.correiakuehn@aps.edu*



Valentine's Singing Grams

♥♥ SINGING GRAMS ARE BACK! ♥♥



Spread the love with a song
Surprise a friend, crush, bestie, or favorite teacher with a Singing Gram!
Our choir will deliver a live performance straight to their class
\$5 EACH, Return money and order form to JKSA front desk.
Includes a chocolate with every Singing Gram
Delivery Date: February 13th
Delivered during 5th & 6th periods, afternoon for Elementary Students

🎵 All proceeds support the JKSA Choir. Thank you for supporting the arts! 🎵

✂️ TEAR-OFF ORDER FORM ✂️

(Return with payment)

Student Name (Recipient): _____

Teacher: _____

Delivery Period: ☐ 5th ☐ 6th Elementary ☐

Song Choice (check one):

☐ L-O-V-E - Nat King Cole

☐ Count On Me - Bruno Mars

From (optional): _____

Message _____

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Pastries with the Principal



**COME GET (FREE!)
COFFEE AND PASTRIES
WITH PRINCIPAL
MONDRAGON,
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
SEWELL, AND OUR
COMMUNITY SCHOOL
IMPACT COORDINATOR
(CSIC) TO TALK ALL
THINGS JKSIA!**

**FEBRUARY 17TH AT 7:45AM
TEACHERS LOUNGE**

SCAN THE CODE BELOW TO BE REMINDED ABOUT OUR MEETINGS!

**QUESTIONS? CALL OR EMAIL JKSIA'S CSIC, MS.
WILLA
WILLA.CORREIAKUEHN@APS.EDU
(505) 299-4483 EXT. 31576**

