

San Jose Elementary School Newsletter

A Publication for Parents & Students



Hawk Talk

October 5, 2015
United We Soar!

Help keep our recycling efforts strong each and every day! Continue to bring in your paper, metal and plastic water bottles to support our programming all year long!

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We are on the web!

<http://www.pcsb.org/sanjoses>

Interested in volunteering?

Please call or email
Bridget Harper at
harperbr@pcsb.org.

We welcome your help working
with students, at an event or
In a classroom

Upcoming Events

- ◆ 10/7 Walk to School Day
- ◆ 10/12 McTeacher Night
- ◆ 10/13 Enterprise Village Trip for 5th Grade
- ◆ 10/13 PTA/SAC 2:45pm
- ◆ 10/19 NO SCHOOL
- ◆ 10/27 PreK Pumpkin Patch
- ◆ 10/29 Gifted trip to SPIFFS
- ◆ 10/29 Trunk or Treat Fun
- ◆ 10/29 Student of the Month

Principal's News...

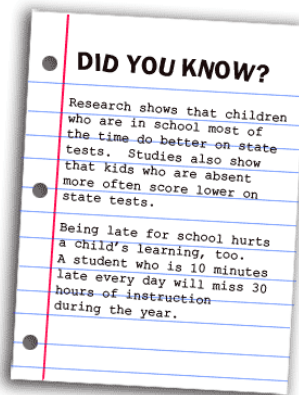
Dear San Jose Families,



As we settle into October, teaching and learning is in full swing. Many teachers will be inviting families to attend conferences and share your child's progress. Teachers and students are working on rating learning progress on "Learning Scales". Teachers have Learning Scales posted in their rooms with ratings from 1-4. Level 3 on the learning scale is the target or standard to achieve. Students should be able to explain where they are on the learning scale and provide evidence or an explanation of why they rate themselves as they did. Training on implementing learning goals and scales will be ongoing this year. This is one tool that teachers and students can use to monitor their ongoing progress.

Thanks to our fabulous PTA and gardening volunteers who came to school on Saturday in September to help clean up the grounds. It was a fun day working side by side with students to help beautify San Jose. We also want to thank families for joining us for "Walk to School" day. Events like these are fine examples of parents and educators working together to help our children continue to grow.

Sincerely, Mrs. Brown, Principal



Attendance at school is very important. When students arrive late or are picked up before dismissal, teaching and learning are disrupted.

Please make every effort to have your child in school from 8:35-2:35 each day.



FUEL UP TO PLAY 60



Fuel Up To Play 60 is a program sponsored by the NFL and the National Dairy Council. The purpose of this program is to encourage 60 minutes of activity every day and healthy eating habits.

Over the last few years, San Jose has been awarded over \$11,000.00 for funding. We have used this money to purchase equipment, development and maintain our garden, increasing our breakfast participation, providing instructional materials, incentives and much more.

This year we will kick off our Fuel Up To Play 60 program the second week in October. The students will be given opportunity to sign our huge pledge banner and we will give away some cool prizes. Starting Thursday, October 15th we will begin our "Before school Activity Time." Students may join us at the PE area for a time of activity before they start their school day. Then on Wednesday, October 21st, we will start our running club. Students may come out to the PE field and run or walk laps to earn tokens.

Both of these activities begin at 8:05 and end at the first bell.

(Please remember students should not be on campus before 8:05 unless they are registered in the before care program) If students are eating breakfast at school, they must eat in the cafeteria BEFORE coming out to play or run.



PE the Place to BE



We have finished our physical fitness test "Being Fit Matters". You will be receiving a *Being Fit Matters* report showing your child's fitness assessment. The target area is the healthy fitness zone. Along with the scores will be information giving strategies for improvement in each area. Our goal is to have our students in, maintaining or improving their fitness in each area. They should be able to explain this assessment to you as well. Please look carefully at this report. If you have any questions please contact the PE department. Should you have any concerns about your child's physical fitness trends, we encourage you to discuss these with your family physician.

Again we remind everyone of the importance of children wearing proper athletic shoes to PE. Shoes should be closed toe, with a back, like tennis shoes. Please do not allow your child to wear sandals, boots, or dress shoes on their PE days. The safety of all children is important to us. We also encourage students to bring a water bottle out for PE with plain clear water. We are also fortunate to have water fountains outside so the students are able to get water during their PE class time.

We are planning to resume our Fuel Up To Play 60 program beginning in October. Please remember that our before school activity time and our running club start at 8:05. Children are not supposed to be on school grounds before this time. We will send home notification when these activities will begin. We look forward and welcome students and their families to participate in this program.



Trunk or Treat is back!!

Join us on October 29 for a night Halloween fun!
Come in costume and be prepared to fill your treat bags with goodies galore!

Candy, costumes, petting zoos and ponies...what could be more fun?

Be sure to be there to see all the fun we have in store for you and your families!



Get the latest PTA news on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/sanjosepta



San Jose Elementary School
is participating in Walk to School Day on
Wednesday, October 7th at 7:30am

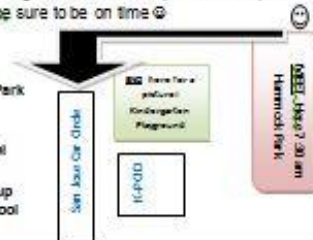
Join children and adults around the world to celebrate the benefits of walking and bicycling.

About our event:

Bring your family and join the San Jose staff and community friends as we walk to school safely together! The fun starts bright and early at right down the street at Hammock Park at 7:30am. There will be special guests, fun and surprises at the park before we start our walk so be sure to be on time!

Remember...

- ❖ Please meet at Hammock Park
- ❖ The fun starts at 7:30 am
- ❖ Wear comfy shoes
- ❖ We will be walking to school Along San Mateo Dr.
- ❖ We will be posing for a group Picture when we get to school



Learn more at

walkbiketoschool.org

Walk to School Day is coordinated in the U.S. by the National Center for Safe Routes to School.



Our first Jet's Pizza night was a HUGE success! Thanks to our families, our PTA earned \$85! So many of you ate out that night that it was tough to say which class won. But, **this month's FREE pizza party goes to... Mrs. Davis's 4th grade class!!**

BLAST OFF WITH BOX TOPS!!!

Help us rocket past our goal this year!!

Send in your Boxtops and be sure to label them with your child's name AND teacher because the classroom with the **MOST** Box Tops turned in at the end of the month wins our **Travelling Trophy** and a special treat for the class!

SO WHO ARE SEPTEMBER'S BOXTOPS SUPERSTARS?

Congrats to Miss Baker's class! They brought in a whopping 423 !!! Way to go!



San Jose is so incredibly grateful for the generous financial support & in-kind donations from our families, community organizations and business partners. Working together allows us opportunities to give our students the very best of everything. Thanks to you, San Jose is proud to continue its tradition of teaching excellence!

Adopt-A-Class Sponsors:

The Nguyen Family, The Purcell Family, Lynn Keaton, The Miller Family, The Beaty Family, The Reilly Family, The Hurst Family, The Wooten Family, Episcopal Church Women, Barbara O'Connell with Knot On Main, Allyn and Debbie Ramker with Team Oink, The Silverest Family, The Dunedin Kiwanis, Deborah A Bushnell, Attorney, The Calvert Family, Total Building Integrations, The Jacob and Preiato Family, The Machler Family, The Regan Family, Jet's Pizza, Linda Hagerman, and Diane Bracy...

THANK YOU for your generous heart!

For more information on how to adopt your child's class, please contact Bridget Harper at harperbr@pcsb.org

Paper Partners are needed as well!

Copy paper remains a vital school supply for teaching, learning and communicating. Please consider being a Paper Partner by either dropping off a case of paper to the front office or sending in a donation of \$29.

Thanks to our Paper Partners, The Irby Family and The McGee Family!!!

Community and Business Partnerships

Thank you to Terri Davis and Huntington Learning Center for providing bottled water for all our Walk to School participants!

A special thank you to Dora Pearl and the Dunedin Fire Department for all their help with our Walk to School day! Big surprises in store for our students ☺

Thank you to our local Jet' Pizza for hosting our Spirit nights and to McDonalds for our upcoming McTeacher Night!

Parents and Friends in our Community...

Please join us for

The Great American Teach-In

Sponsored By Duke Energy

Wednesday, November 18,

The Teach-In is a fun and exciting day of "Show and Tell"! You can...

Have a good time

Read a story

Talk about your work

Plan an activity

Share your hobby

Set an example

Fifth Grade parents we NEED you!

We have big plans this year and we need to raise money. Here are few fun ways you can help...

Our first **McTeacher Night** of the year is coming on October 12 from 5-7pm.

We NEED 10 fifth grade parents to lend a hand at McDonalds that night.

We need parents and students to help out at the Fall Festival on October 29. We will be selling hamburger and hot dogs as well as snacks and drinks and need plenty of hands helping.

Interested? Please contact Bridget Harper at harperbr@pcsb.org or 727-469-5956

October 5, 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Florida law requires that Pinellas County School Board notify a parent or guardian if they have an ESOL student placed in a classroom in which the teacher is not ESOL certified.

Although Angela Corell, Robert Gore, and Karen Stewart are not ESOL certified, they do have the educational background, a teaching certificate and are highly qualified to deliver instructional services to your child. At this time, Ms. Corell, Mr. Gore and Mrs. Stewart are working towards their ESOL certification.

Your child will receive the assistance, support and accommodations they require to ensure an educational experience that is both positive and successful. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions at 727-469-5956.

Sincerely, Mrs. Brown, Principal

Every Friday is School Spirit Day!

Wear your San Jose tshirt to celebrate being a San Jose Hawk! We have a new tshirt design available as well as some old favorites. Tshirt order forms are available in the front hall by the PTA board or email sjepta2013@gmail.com

SAC NEWS

Our next School Advisory Council meeting is on the calendar for Tuesday, October 13 right after school and childcare is available.

Please join us if you are interested in being a part of this important team.

Rita Sinn, SAC Chairperson

Congratulations to Pinellas County Schools and San Jose Elementary for being awarded accreditation. We have joined The AdvanceED global network of over 32,000 schools in more than 70 countries that are committed to continuous improvement through accreditation. Thank you to families who participated in surveys during the 2014-15 school year. Your input will be requested again this year as we maintain our commitment to continuous improvement

Art Room News

This year, 3rd and 4th graders are participating in a pilot program, partnering with the Pinellas County Tax Collector's office, designing a vanity tag. I want to thank those of you that have turned in your permission slips. Kids Tag Art

Pinellas is a community partnership program that will bring businesses, students, families, government and the public school system together to increase awareness about the importance of the arts in our community. It is an elementary art curriculum that teaches children how art is used in commerce while raising funds to support arts education throughout Pinellas County. For each tag sold, \$1 will go to the St. Petersburg College Foundation's "I AM 4 ART, U CAN B 2" Scholarship Fund. The remaining proceeds will go to Pinellas County Schools Visual Arts Dept. to be used for art enrichment and supplies for participating schools. What's really cool about this, is, as long as you've given permission for your child's tag to be posted on the website, anyone can buy it! Your child's first name only, is posted.

I'm beginning to post some pictures on Artsonia, so be on the lookout for your fabulous artists' masterpieces.

That's all for now!
Artfully, Ms. Stacie Little, Art K-5



Our office staff is at their most busy at arrival (from 8:30 to 9:00 am) and at dismissal (from 2:25 to 2:55pm) So that can focus on students coming and going, please try to keep any calls to the school during these times to emergencies only



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

SAN JOSE ELEMENTARY

San Jose will be hosting a Jump Rope For Heart event on October 29th and 30th. We have been helping raise money for the American Heart Association for many years here at San Jose; so we continue to have a part in raising money for heart research, medications, and education. We dedicate the month of October as "Healthy Heart Month" each year and use this as an opportunity to teach our students about the heart.

Soon parents will be receiving a collection envelope for this cause. There is of course no pressure or expectation, however we would encourage everyone to donate as you are able. On line contributions are a great way to reach out to friends and family. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn to give in order to help others.

Most families have been touched in some way by heart disease unfortunately. We honor those who have had this experience but rejoice in all the new research and medical advances that have been made. We will send home a paper heart for you to write the name of someone you know who has dealt with heart disease. Then we will use these for a special bulletin board.

The Jump Rope For Heart actual event will take place during your child's regular Physical Education class on those days. We will set up different jump rope activities for the students to enjoy. As always, parents are welcome to come and join us for this event!

Just Take 20 Reading Campaign

The Florida Department of Education launched the *Just Take 20* literacy campaign to support K-12 Florida families with practical, easy-to-implement activities to add 20 minutes of reading to their day. Research says that children who read at least 20 minutes a day outside of the classroom do better in school and in life. *Just Take 20* gives families tips and activities to integrate reading easily into daily life.

The *Just Take 20* campaign is available free to all Florida families and K-12 public schools.

Improve your child's family support system by creating a custom, family literacy plan to learn effective at-home reading and writing activities. Better yet—build a plan that works for your family on the go, finding those teachable moments to put the activities into practice in your everyday, busy lives

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For more information about the *Just Take 20* family literacy campaign, visit JustTake20.org.

