



Andrew Jackson Language Academy

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October 18, 2020

Dear AJLA Families,

As you may be aware, CPS announced second quarter remote learning plans. **Please note that Andrew Jackson Language Academy will begin the second quarter, November 9, learning at home.** CPS will be reopening school buildings only for pre-k and students enrolled in moderate and intensive cluster programs later in the second quarter. Please refer to this family letter in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) for more information. We will be sure to communicate additional school reopening information as they come.

Please note this week's school updates and important dates. We will be conducting a school-wide Presidential Mock Election on Monday, November 2 during Social Studies classes. All AJLA students in Kindergarten through 8th grade will be eligible to vote. Results will be shared at the end of the day once all ballots are counted.

This coming Friday, October 23 is School Spirit Day! Show your AJLA pride by wearing your favorite Spiritwear or school colors [navy blue](#)/[gold](#)/[yellow](#). Send a picture to msrebolledo@cps.edu so we can share on our school social media.

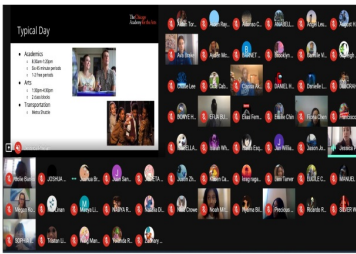
Don't forget to visit our [school website](#) at www.andrewjackson.cps.edu for important information and updates. You can also follow us on Twitter [@AJLamsrebolledo](#) and school Facebook [@JacksonLanguageAcademy](#) for school highlights and events.

Wishing everyone a safe fall season. As the COVID-19 positivity rate continues to increase and the flu season approaching, please take care of yourself and wear your mask.

Be well and safe.

Best,
Dr. Rebolledo
Principal

Celebrations!



We had our first Virtual High School Fair this past Friday. Thank you to Northside College Prep, Chicago Academy for the Arts, and Christ the King Jesuit College Prep for joining our first session. There will be 3-4 high school fair representatives each Friday from 1:30-2:30 PM. Special thanks to our Counselor, Ms. Kordas, for planning this event for our 7th & 8th grade students.



Congratulations to Mr. Okamura who was awarded the Japanese Language Education Grant by the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Chicago. The funds will be used for Japanese class.

Way to go AJLA students, parents, teachers, and staff! You are starting the school year stronger than ever. Congratulations on achieving the following at week 5:

Attendance rate: 98.6%
Google Meet rate: 98.8%
On-track rate: 85%

Remote Learning Updates



Don't forget to complete your Remote Learning Survey by October 20. Please email your child's teacher if you did not receive the survey. We want to hear from you. Your feedback matters. We will review the survey results and use the information to help us further support our students and families during remote learning. Thank you in advance for your

feedback and support.

Parent Engagement Opportunities

Local School Election Meeting & Forum

Please join us for our regular LSC meeting on Monday, October 19 at 5:30 PM. Click [here](#) for the Agenda. A Virtual Candidate Forum for our parent and community candidates will be held during our regular meeting. The meeting link can be found below.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/97967823470?pwd=blpheUNjcGV4MFdLUTNTOHZ3Vnp2dz09>

Meeting ID: 979 6782 3470

Passcode: CmUrE6

Join by phone: +13126266799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 979 6782 3470

Passcode: 114951

We encourage and invite you to attend the Forum to hear the Parent & Community Candidates speak about their qualifications and their plans if elected to your school's LSC. The list of the Parent and Community Candidates for the LSC who have filed to run in the LSC Election are listed below for your reference. The Candidates are listed in the order of the ballot lottery.

Parent Representative Candidates:

1. Ruth Rich
2. Rachel Gigliotti
3. Danielle Dewalt
4. Jose Alvarez
5. Daryl Seaton
6. Anna Seledon

Community Representative Candidates:

26. Virgil Nita
27. Patrick Singler

Thank you in advance for your participation.



Principal Coffee Day

Please join Dr. Rebolledo for a Virtual Principal Coffee Day on Monday, October 26 at 8:30 AM via Zoom. This is an informal session where we will share school updates and answer any questions you may have. Here is the information to join the

meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/96017589714?pwd=MjdNNjhpY3RIRHVISFZFNGJCWnpoQT09>

Meeting ID: 960 1758 9714

Passcode: 99Dgzd

Join by phone: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 960 1758 9714

Passcode: 436960

Parents Council Meeting

Join our Parents Council for their monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 28 at 4:30 PM via Zoom. Hope to see you there.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/93554845307?pwd=cHpER3BjZWpKU2sydmVMZjdSUCtLdz09>

Meeting ID: 935 5484 5307

Passcode: DEAAf7

Join by phone: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 935 5484 5307

Passcode: 074883

GoCPS Updates

GoCPS Applications for the 2021-22 school year opens on Monday, October 12, 2020 at 9:00 AM until Friday, December 11, 2020 at 11:59 PM.

For entering kindergarten students

Parents can apply using an online application or a paper application that can be downloaded from this site: <https://go.cps.edu/elementary-school/learn>. The online application is highly recommended and all applications are available in English and Spanish.

For current 8th graders

As you may be aware, the GoCPS application period for the 2021-22 school year opens at 9 a.m. on October 12, 2020, and closes on December 11, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. During this period, families can submit an application, select and rank programs and schools, and schedule any required admissions screenings, if applicable (i.e., admissions exams, auditions, information sessions, and interviews).

The Office of Access and Enrollment mailed activation code letters on September 25 to the home addresses of current eighth graders; these codes are used as part of the process of creating GoCPS accounts for students who don't already have one. Parents, guardians, or students can create a new GoCPS account starting October 12 to apply for high school and view students' NWEA MAP scores and grades.

For more information, please refer to this [GoCPS SY20-21 HS Selection Marketing Package](#). Don't forget to visit go.cps.edu for additional information.

Please email Ms. Kordas mkordas@cps.edu if you have any questions regarding the high school application.

Parents Council



any questions.

Our Parents Council is committed to our children's school experience. Please check out our website [AJLA Parents Council](#) for more information and to sign up to receive Parents Council updates. Please email info@ajlaparentscouncil.org if you have

Be on the look out for AJLA Parents Council & Dads Club shirts/ sweatshirts for sale soon.

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Hispanic National Heritage Month is celebrated September 15- October 15. Traditionally at AJLA we would be setting up displays in the atrium and our kids would be working on songs and other ways to celebrate Hispanic Heritage and the cultural diversity and richness in our city and school. Even

though we can't be together this year, we would like to continue our tradition as best we can in a virtual way.

Please help us by:

- Emailing a traditional Hispanic recipe that your family enjoys or is part of your traditions.
- Emailing pictures of your family celebrating a traditional Hispanic tradition and tell us a little about it.
- Information about any virtual (or in person) celebration around the city.
- Your favorite restaurant, include what dish is a must try there.
- Please be sure to include name and your student's grade so we can attribute all contributions.
- Deadline to send contributions has been extended to Monday, October 19 - send to macpam68@gmail.com

We will compile all this information and post it for the community to enjoy.

With much appreciation,

AJLA Parents Council

info@ajlaparentscouncil.org

AJLA has joined the America Recycles Challenge!

OCTOBER 19TH THROUGH NOVEMBER 19TH, 2020.

The five schools that collect the most pounds of gently used clothes and shoes during the contest period will win cash prizes!



Simply drop off bags of gently worn clothes and shoes into the TreeMachine in our faculty parking lot.



Our school is competing in the Battle of the Schools national clothing and shoe collection challenge. We need your help and your support! Let's fill the bins together!



1. Bag gently worn clothes, shoes, hats, mittens, socks, etc.
2. Deposit bags into the green and white bins and upright at our school.
3. Tell your friends and family to spread the word!

According to the U.S. EPA, an whopping 80% of all discarded textiles - 11 million tons - are sent to U.S. landfills every year. While there is an abundance of clothes in our homes, closets, and drawers, nearly 90 percent of the world's population continues to depend on second-hand clothing to clothe themselves and their children. USAJLA is connecting those who have surplus clothing to those who need the clothing. With TreeMachine collections, we provide transparency with a convenient and eco-friendly option to rid themselves of excess clothing, which is diverted from landfills.

Support the America Recycles Challenge! OCTOBER 19 - NOVEMBER 19, 2020

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Important Dates



Please note the following important dates and events:

October 19 - Local School Council Meeting and Candidate Forum at 5:30 PM

October 23 - School Spirit Day! Wear your favorite AJLA gear or wear navy blue/gold.

October 26 - Principal Coffee Day 8:30 AM

October 28 - Parents Council meeting at 4:30 PM

October 30 - Fall Virtual Celebration

November 2 - School-wide Mock Presidential Election

November 3 - No school- Election Day (state holiday)/Veteran's Day Celebration

November 11 - Veteran's Day (now a student attendance day)

November 18 - No school - Parent-Teacher-Student Conference Day

November 25-27 - No school - Thanksgiving Holiday

***Click [here](#) for the CPS 2020-21 Elementary School Calendar*

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