



Andrew Jackson Language Academy

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April 18, 2021

Dear AJLA Community,

I hope that everyone is safe and well during these uncertain times.

The ongoing nation-wide mass shootings and recent video release of the Adam Toledo shooting have been emotionally taxing for all of us especially for our BIPOC community and our students. We will have safe spaces in the upcoming weeks to heal, share thoughts, and address questions as they come up. Let's remember that our students continue to face new difficulties and realities and need our support.

Resources for families to understand and support their children can be found below:

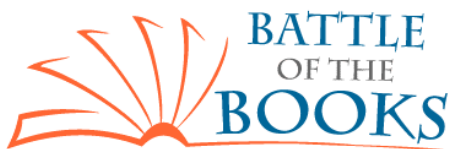
- [NCTSN Age Related Reactions to a Traumatic Event](#)
- [10 Things Children with Traumatic Grief Want You to Know and How to Help](#)

Please check on your children daily. They need us more than ever. As always, please reach out if you need assistance.

Don't forget to take care of yourselves.

Warmly,
Dr. Rebolledo
Principal

Celebrations



Sophia I., Gabriel M., and Coach Ms. Knibbs!

Congratulations to our Battle of the Books team who compete in the final competition this coming Saturday, April 24. All the best to Ava B., Cayleigh M., Roan A., Joshua B., Mateo C.,

4th Quarter School Reopening Updates

Important School Renaming Updates

We are in the final stages of the Renaming School Process. Click [HERE](#) to view all new name slide submissions by grade level and homeroom. Thank you to everyone who complete the [Community Survey](#). Your feedback is appreciated as we determine a new name for our school.

Please join our Local School Council (LSC) meeting on **Monday, April 19 at 5:30 PM** where we will share the data collected and the new name suggestions. The LSC will be ranking the order of the names to be submitted to the Board of Education meeting. The LSC meeting link can be found below.

Local School Council Meeting

Join our Local School Council for our regular meeting on **Monday, April 19 at 5:30 PM** via Zoom. Click [here](#) for the Agenda. The link to the meeting can be found below.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/95834952244?pwd=d2g4Mzc2Qk5CUFR2bnd0d05iUjVFUT09>

Meeting ID: 958 3495 2244

Passcode: 54YGbt

Dial by your location: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 958 3495 2244

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This final stage in the renaming process and choosing a new name for our school is energizing. Thank you in advance for your support and participation. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out by email at msrebollo@cps.edu or by phone at 773-534-7000.

3rd Quarter Report Card Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences



We are excited to see our students and parents at our **Virtual Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences and Report Card Pick-up on Wednesday, April 21 between 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM**. You should have received an email from your homeroom teachers and auxiliary class teachers with the link to sign-up for a 10 minute virtual conferences. If you did not receive the sign-up link, you can email your homeroom or auxiliary teachers. If you wish to meet with your child's other content area teachers, you can email them as well.

Year (2021-2022) School

GoCPS High School Admissions

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, spring seventh grade NWEA was required for all students applying to more than 100 choice programs (IB, STEM, Arts, etc.) and the 11 selective enrollment programs. The Selective Enrollment High School (SEHS) exam was also required for the 11 selective enrollment programs. NWEA was used as:

- An eligibility factor: Students could not apply to programs unless they met certain minimum criteria.
- A selection criterion: Students with higher scores were placed before students with lower scores.

For SY22 applications, CPS will use one exam, the CPS High School Admissions Test, to determine selection for choice and selective enrollment programs. This test will replace NWEA for choice programs and both the NWEA and the Selective Enrollment High School Exam for SEHS applications. Every eighth grader will take the test—CPS students will take it during the school day at their school, and non-CPS students will take it on the weekends at a designated testing site. Eliminating NWEA and offering all students the Selective Enrollment High School Exam will reduce testing for students who are interested in choice and selective programs, remove the minimum eligibility requirement for programs, and promote equity by providing all students access to the test during school hours.

The CPS High School Admissions Test will be administered in Fall 2021 and will be used for the upcoming GoCPS application cycle. More information, as it becomes available, will be posted on go.cps.edu.

**Additionally, families interested in learning more can attend one of the following public virtual information sessions: Saturday, May 8 at 10 a.m. and Wednesday, May 12 at 4 p.m. A form to RSVP is available at go.cps.edu to register to attend one of the sessions.

AJLA Parents Council



have any questions.

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

Don't forget to visit http://ajlaparentscouncil.org/?page_id=1836 which includes information on ongoing fundraisers and ways to support our school. The next Parents Council meeting will be on Wednesday, May 5 at 8:30 AM via Zoom. The meeting link can be found below.

Parents Council Meeting

Join Parents Council for their next meeting on **Wednesday, May 5 at 8:30 AM via Zoom**. The link to the meeting can be found below.

Join Zoom Meeting:

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<https://www.boxtops4education.com>



Donate to our Tree Machine! Spring break also means Spring cleaning. Simply drop off bags of gently worn clothes and shoes into the Tree Machine in our school parking lot. Our school receives funds each time the machine is filled. Thank you in advance for your support.

Important Dates

Please note the following important dates and events:

April 19 - LSC Meeting 5:30 PM, 1st day of 4th quarter

April 21 - Report Card Pick-up and Parent/Teacher Conferences, Room Parents Meeting at 8:30 AM

May 5 - Parents Council Meeting at 8:30 AM

May 6 - 8th Grade Parent Meeting at 5:00 PM

May 19 - Principal Coffee Day 8:30 AM

May 22 - Book Fair 10 AM - 3 PM in school lot

May 31 - No school, Memorial Day

June 23 - 8th Grade Graduation at 10:30 AM

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

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