



Andrew Jackson Language Academy

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January 10, 2021

Dear AJLA Community,

On January 6, 2021, Reverend Raphael Warnock's victory as Georgia's first Black Senator uplifted our hopes for America to truly have a democracy that centers around inclusion and diversity. However, later that day, our democracy was threatened as we watched the violence unfold at our Nation's Capitol.

In times of darkness, we thankfully still find glimmers of light. Messages of unity continue to be heard bringing hope for our future. It's our responsibility to amplify those messages and promote peaceful and respectful communities.

Our children may be processing the events in different ways. It is important that we provide our children a safe place to engage in discussions to support their emotional needs. The [National Association of School Psychologists](#) offers tips for parents and educators in talking to children about violence.

As always, we are here to support our students and families. Don't hesitate to reach out.

Please take care.

Sincerely,
Dr. Rebolledo
Principal

Parent Engagement Opportunities

Organization Meeting for Local School Council

Join us for our Local School Council Organization Meeting on **Monday, January 11 at 5:30 PM**. Click [here](#) for the Agenda. We will be providing an update to our school re-opening plan. The link to join the meeting via Zoom can be found below.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/99179689317?pwd=LzN6cmZLa3pySkFyems1d29QL3VLQT09>

Meeting ID: 991 7968 9317 Passcode: 5BF7J3

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

Meeting ID: 991 7968 9317 Passcode: 578733

Principal Coffee Day and School Re-opening

Join me for Principal Coffee Day on **Thursday, January 14 at 4:00 PM**. We will be providing an update to our re-opening plan and will be sharing a draft of grade level schedules. The link to join the meeting via Zoom can be found below.

For more re-opening school information and resources, please visit cps.edu/reopening and review our [Reopening Guide for Parents](#) and [frequently asked questions](#).

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/9261484412?pwd=b2ZCRFBHZ3hzcEVseU9zS0FQby9QUT09>

Meeting ID: 926 1484 4412 Passcode: tAbGj1

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

Meeting ID: 926 1484 4412 Passcode: 156488

NWEA MAP MOY Testing Information for 6th-8th Grade Only

NWEA MAP MOY testing will begin this week January 13. An email was sent to parents whose child is scheduled to test. **Please make sure to read the email in its entirety as it contains important safety and testing protocols. Please note:**

Arrival/ Dismissal

Students should arrive at school at their scheduled testing date by 7:45 AM. Students will enter and exit at the Congress Street Door. Students should be dropped off and picked up on Congress. Staff will be outside to assist with the process.

Health screener

Parents/guardians must complete a health screener before bringing your student to school. Health screeners are available each day starting at 4:30AM. The screening may not be completed prior to this time. The health screener is available at [cps.edu/health screener](https://cps.edu/health-screener). If your child arrives without a completed screener, you or your child will be asked to complete the screener. If the screener is not completed or your child does not pass the screener, they will wait in a supervised area until a staff member contacts you to pick them up immediately.

Cloth Face Covering

Students are required to wear a cloth face covering over their nose and mouth, including during the test. Masks may be removed for eating and drinking. If your child forgets their cloth face covering, a disposable one will be provided before entering the building. Accommodations for face coverings may be requested using this form.

Temperature Check

Students will have their temperature checked when entering the building. Students registering temperatures of 100.4 degrees or higher will not be allowed

to take the test and will return home. Please stay home if you or your student are not feeling well or if your student fails the Daily Health Screener.

We appreciate your support in keeping everyone safe. If you have any questions, please contact our testing coordinator, Ms. Basile, via email at cfbasile@cps.edu or by calling 773-534-7700.

2nd Quarter Grading Policy

The grades listed on the progress report that you received during winter break represent your child's work during the first five weeks of the second quarter and are a snapshot of your child's progress up until December 10, 2020. If your child received a grade in their progress report that you are not happy with, please contact your child's teacher for opportunities to improve their final second quarter grades during the remaining weeks of the 2nd quarter (January 4-29).

Please note important grading information and deadlines for the remaining 2nd quarter below. Do check Aspen weekly for your child's current grades and any missing assignments as noted by an "MSG" in Gradebook. Reach out to your child's teachers if you have questions, concerns, or if your child wishes to improve a grade. Do not wait until the last minute.

Friday, January 29 - Final day teachers will collect any missing late work from the second 5 weeks of the 2nd quarter (January 4 - January 29).

Parents Council



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 any questions.

Parents Council Meeting

Join Parents Council for their next meeting on **Wednesday, February 3 at 5:00 PM via Zoom**. The link to the meeting can be found below.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/93313419770?pwd=VjhORitnN3RWMk95RUozZnlOL2RjQT09>

Meeting ID: 933 1341 9770

Passcode: xpWZ0N

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

Meeting ID: 933 1341 9770

Passcode: 532889

Important Dates

Please note the following important dates and events:

January 11-22 - NWEA MAP MOY testing for qualified 6th-8th grade students

January 11 - LSC Organizational Meeting 5:30 PM

January 14 - Principal Coffee Day 4 PM

January 19 - School Renaming Community Meeting at 7:00 PM

January 29 - All assignments are due for 2nd quarter grades

February 1 - Hybrid Learning begins for students who opted in

February 3 - Parents Council Meeting 5:00 PM

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

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