



# Andrew Jackson Language Academy

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November 24, 2020

Dear AJLA community,

Happy Thanksgiving week! We know this school year has been a huge adjustment for all of us. We are incredibly grateful to have such a dedicated community that can support and encourage one another as we navigate this school year together. And for that we thank you.

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Andrew Jackson Language Academy, we wish you and your families a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

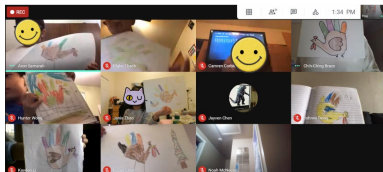
Be well and safe.

Warmly,  
Dr. Rebolledo  
Principal

## Celebrations

Way to go AJLA for achieving 94% on report card pick-up and conferences. Please do reach out to your child's teacher to schedule a meeting if you were not able to attend last week's parent-teacher-student conferences.

Thank you to our Kindergarten-3rd grade students and families for attending Family Reading Night. Special thanks to our 8th grade readers Efua B., Hazel F.N., Emma R., Deborah G., Brooklyn M., Juan S., Daniel H., Mary M., Allison K., and Precious D. A big thank you to Ms. Kempster who donated the turkeys. Congratulations to all our gift card raffle and turkey winners!



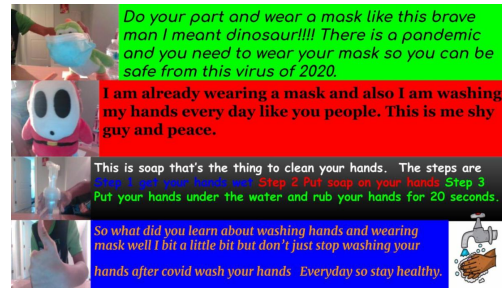
Students in Ms. Bracy's kindergarten Chinese class have been learning colors and numbers. This week, the color brown was introduced and they made a colorful turkey with their hands.

Ms. Prabhakar's science class completed their assignment on the importance of wearing a mask and washing your hands. Check out some of their finished

product. Great job 5th grade students!



Created by Alyssa D.



Created by Michael C.

## 2nd Quarter Grading Policy

Please note important grading Information and deadlines for the 2nd Quarter below. Do check Aspen weekly (i.e. on Fridays) for your child's current grades and any missing assignments as noted by 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**

**Thursday, December 10** - Deadline for teachers to enter grades for mid 2nd quarter progress report

**Friday, December 18** - Final day teachers will collect any missing/late work from the first 5 weeks of 2nd quarter (November 9 - December 18).

**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).

**Thursday, February 4** - 2nd quarter grade entry deadline for teachers.

## Please support our annual Fall Pledge Drive

Our annual Fall Pledge Drive kicks off this week November 23, 2020 until Giving Tuesday, December 1, 2020. Please support in any way you can. All proceeds will benefit the students of Andrew Jackson Language Academy.

Please refer to our Parents Council website [http://ajlaparentscouncil.org/?page\\_id=2](http://ajlaparentscouncil.org/?page_id=2) to see all the different options to donate, using your credit card or pay via Zelle, Chase Quickpay or Paypal. If preferred you can also mail a check to the school



AJLA  
Fall Pledge Drive  
Giving Tuesday

November 23, 2020 to December 1, 2020

Dear AJLA Families,

We hope this letter finds you well.

Each year we eagerly welcome a new school year and the opportunity it brings. We organize fundraisers to make sure we can provide amazing learning opportunities and engaging events to bring our school's community together.

This year is different. We are not able to hold our favorite community events and fundraisers. However, fundraisers are important for the continued support of academics and social emotional learning.

One way to support our school this year is through the Fall Pledge Drive, showing our gratitude this Thanksgiving Season.

We know these are challenging times and therefore we ask you to only give if and what you can. Donations of any amount are welcome.

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Please reach out with any questions you may have to: [jaxhatch@gmail.com](mailto:jaxhatch@gmail.com) or [giving@ajlaparentscouncil.org](mailto:giving@ajlaparentscouncil.org)

Thank You,

Your AJLA Parents Council



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## Parent Engagement Opportunities

### **Renaming School Guidance Community Meeting**

As you may know, our school community has had conversations over the years about changing our school name to better represent our community's values. In our school community, our mission has always been to create a safe environment that embraces individuality and celebrates diversity and many of you have expressed the need to rename our school to represent our mission. I am pleased to share that we will be moving forward as a community with selecting a new name for our school in a student-led process. Click [here](#) for the details and information regarding this process.

Please join us for our first Renaming School community meeting on Monday, November 30 at 5:00 PM. The link to join the meeting via Zoom can be found below. Please reach out to if you have any questions.

#### **Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://zoom.us/j/97503047972?pwd=dUtCdExWN1pHbFZiRXRrSm1KMHg0QT09>

Meeting ID: 975 0304 7972

Passcode: FLY4A3

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

Meeting ID: 975 0304 7972

Passcode: 580447

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### **Local School Council Meeting and State of the School Presentation**

We invite you to join us for our monthly Local School Council meeting on **Monday, December 7 at 5:30 PM**. The Agenda will be posted on our school website 48 hours prior to our scheduled meeting. The link to join the meeting via Zoom can be found below.

#### **Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://zoom.us/j/98438519333?pwd=WjdHeHcxYjIIVTII2ekwxUUNaYXprUT09>

Meeting ID: 984 3851 9333

Passcode: LkH226

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# Parents Council



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](mailto:info@ajlaparentscouncil.org) if you have any questions.



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## **Parents Council Meeting**

Join Parents Council for their next meeting on **Wednesday, December 16 at 8:00 AM via Zoom**. The link to the meeting can be found below.

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://zoom.us/j/94766097473?pwd=bnpsMy84cTRRUE1tS1pZMXINSCtMdz09>

Meeting ID: 947 6609 7473

Passcode: 4HZtNZ

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

Meeting ID: 947 6609 7473

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## GoCPS Deadline is Approaching!

GoCPS Applications for the 2021-22 school year opened on Monday, October 12, 2020 at 9:00 AM and will close on **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 opened at 9 AM on October 12, 2020, and closes on December 11, 2020, at 11:59 PM. 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](https://go.cps.edu) for additional information.

Please email Ms. Kordas [mkordas@cps.edu](mailto:mkordas@cps.edu) if you have any questions regarding the high school application.

## Important Dates

### **Please note the following important dates and events:**

November 23 - Virtual Open House 5:00 PM, Fall Pledge Drive Kick-off

November 25-27 - No school - Thanksgiving Holiday

November 30 - Community meeting on Renaming School Guidance

December 1 - Giving Tuesday, Fall Pledge Drive ends

December 4 - High School Fair 1:30-2:50 PM

December 7 - LSC Meeting & State of School 5:30 PM

December 10 - Mid 2nd quarter grade entry due

December 11 - GoCPS Application deadline

December 15 - Ms. Henderson's Celebration of Life (virtual celebration)

December 16 - Parents Council Meeting 8:30 AM

December 18 - Last day for students to submit all work from first 5 weeks of the 2nd quarter

December 21- January 3 -Winter Break

January 4 - School Resumes

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

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