



Andrew Jackson Language Academy

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Behind the scenes! Teachers and students get in the groove of remote learning.



What a busy first day and week of school! Students were excited and ready to learn.

September 13, 2020

Dear AJLA Families,

Happy 2nd week of school! Our attendance rate was at 98.8% last week. Way to go AJLA! Thank you parents for making sure your child attends class every day.

Please note important information provided in this school updates. You can also visit our [school website](#) at www.andrewjackson.cps.edu and click on the [Remote Learning tab](#) for important information such as learning plans, expectations, and technology support. Don't forget to follow us on Twitter [@AJLamsrebolledo](#) and school Facebook [@JacksonLanguageAcademy](#) for school highlights and events.

As always, have a wonderful week. Be well and safe.

Best,

Dr. Rebolledo
Principal

Parent Engagement Opportunities



We are in the process of planning Curriculum Night for each grade level. Details will be shared by your child's teachers. Please do plan to attend as critical information will be shared such as curriculum, expectations, grading policy, resources to support your child as well as a question/answer session.



COFFEE
with the
Principal

Please join me for an afternoon Virtual Principal Coffee Day on Thursday, September 17 at 5:00 PM. We will share remote learning updates and answer any questions you may have.

Here is the information to join the meeting via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/93670365701?pwd=S0J6MIJiNUxzbkpnaEJlVGkwSEhLUT09>

Meeting ID: 936 7036 5701

Passcode: cQps81

One tap mobile: +13126266799,,93670365701#,,,,,0#,,872752# US (Chicago)

Click [here](#) to post your question in advance so that we can address them during our session.



Hispanic Heritage Month is on Tuesday, September 15 until Thursday, October 15. As part of our AJLA tradition, we are planning to celebrate this special event virtually. If you are interested in planning and organizing this event, please email msrebolledo@cps.edu. Thank you in advance.

Remote Learning Updates

Daily Expectations

Every school day at 7:45 AM:

1. Log-Into your CPS account, visit cps.edu/portal or google.cps.edu.
2. Click on the waffle icon located in the upper right corner (9 dots) and find the Classroom App to join your Google Classroom.
3. Click your HOMEROOM Google Classroom.
4. Join Google Meet (click the Google Meet Link at the top of the banner underneath the classroom title).
5. Please make sure your camera is on as we would love to see you.

Google Classroom and Google Meet Link

It is important for all students to log into their Google Classroom at 7:45 AM each day. The Google Meet link can be found at the top of the banner underneath the Google Classroom title. You will have to do this for all of your classes unless

otherwise instructed by your teacher. For art class, see directions below.



Google Meet

Directions for Art class only:

1. Click on the waffle icon located in the upper right corner (9 dots) and find the Google Meet App .
2. Click on the Google Meet App and then click on Join or Start Meeting.
3. Enter this meeting code: **JACKSONART2021**, click Continue and then Join Now.
4. Make sure your camera is on and that you are muted.

Schedules and Communication

Homeroom teachers will be sending an email each Friday to inform families of the following week's schedules, expectations, small group instruction schedule when applicable, classroom events, etc. The [Remote Learning Schedule](#) for each grade level are listed below.

[Kindergarten Schedule](#)

[1st Grade Schedule](#)

[2nd Grade Schedule](#)

[3rd Grade Schedule](#)

[4th Grade Schedule](#)

[5th/6th Grade Schedule](#)

[7th/8th Grade Schedule](#)

Student Materials/Books Pick-up

Thank you to everyone who picked up their student materials and books. Please contact the school office if you were not able to pick up your materials and books.

Technology Support Information

We are here to support you. If your child is unable to access or enter their Google Classroom, please let us know. You can contact the school main office at 773-534-7000. Additionally, please see Google Meet Link below for School Support Live Office Hours. We will be available from 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM and 1:00-3:00 PM Monday through Friday.

Meeting ID: meet.google.com/xno-mhqp-pis

If you are in need of device or technical support, please contact the Parent Tech Support Hotline at 773-417-1060.

Students should visit cps.edu/portal to log on to their CPS accounts. If at anytime you do not remember your CPS account information, follow the steps in our password reset guide. ([Spanish](#) | [Polish](#) | [Arabic](#) | [Urdu](#) | [Chinese](#)).

Here are important technology resources to support you at home.

Click on the link to view the resources:

[Tips for Parents](#)

[Google Tutorial in English](#)

[Google Tutorial in Chinese](#)

[Google Tutorial in Spanish](#)

Reporting Daily Absences

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Per CPS attendance policy, parents need to contact the school office to report an absence, early dismissal, or tardy. The phone number is **773-534-7000**. You can leave a voicemail with the date, child's first and last name, parent's first and last name, relationship to student and the reason for absence or tardiness.

Please also make sure to email your child's teacher/s about your child's absence so that they do not miss out on important class assignments and information. Click [here](#) for the school-wide Staff Organization contact list.

If the children are being cared for and supervised during the school day by a relative, babysitter, tutor, or organization, please add that person to the emergency contact form, or if already submitted, call the office with that information so that we can have permission to discuss tardiness, login issues, school work or any other school issues that might arise while the child is in their care. Thank you for your assistance as we ensure every student at AJLA is accounted for on a daily basis. If you have any questions regarding absences, please contact Ms. Kempster at mkmoradi@cps.edu.

AJLA School Updates Sign-up



We will continue to send weekly school updates to keep you abreast of important remote learning and school information. If you are not receiving my updates electronically, please sign up by completing this [SIGN-UP FORM](#).

School Forms Drop-off

It is critical that all school forms are submitted. Click [HERE](#) for the School Forms folder containing the forms you will need to submit. There is a School Health and Form Booklet containing forms in the folder. Please remember to submit the following forms:

- Family Income
- Request for Emergency Health Information
- Student Medical Information 2020-21
- Messaging Consent
- Media Consent
- *Optional Oral Dental and Vision forms

If you are able to, you can print, complete, and drop your forms. If you do not

have access to a printer, forms are available for pick-up. You can pick-up or drop off your forms at the security desk located at door #1 on Congress Street between 8:00 AM- 2:00 PM Monday through Friday.

When completing your Emergency Form, please make sure to include caregivers in your emergency contact information. Please contact Ms. Burger pburger@cps.edu if you have questions completing your forms.

CPS Frequently Asked Questions

Can I sign up for child supervision during remote learning?

If you are interested in child supervision support during remote learning, please complete this [survey](#). CPS is prioritizing students in temporary living situations and students under the age of 14 who live in high hardship zip codes. CPS will be reaching out to the next wave of students who filled out the survey and qualify to enroll in available slots in the coming days.

I don't think my family qualifies for Chicago Connected. How can we get internet service at home?

More than 100,000 CPS students are eligible for Chicago Connected, so don't assume your family does not qualify. Families can check their eligibility [here](#). Families who are not eligible can explore low-cost internet options [here](#).

Who can I contact with questions about devices and technology-related issues?

Parents who need technical support for their child's CPS-issued device or have general questions about Chicago Connected can call the Parent Tech Support Hotline at **773-417-1060**.

For all other inquiries, including meal site locations, please call **(773) 553-KIDS**. CPS employees who need technical support can call the IT Service Desk at **(773) 553-3925**.

ASPEN: Parent Portal System

Chicago Public Schools utilizes the Aspen system. Aspen is the Student Portal where parents can conveniently check grades, attendance, and other information about your student's progress.

Click [here](#) for a tutorial on how to create a Parent Portal account and sign-up instructions and support videos.

Students:

Existing Student Portal accounts are automatically transferred to Aspen.

The new Student Portal URL is aspen.cps.edu and you will use your CPS username (not your email address) and password to log in.

Parent/Caregivers:

Use the Parent Portal to easily and conveniently check grades, attendance, and other information about your student's progress. **Parents who are interested in creating a portal account for the first time must** confirm the following.

- You are listed as a contact for your student(s) in the current Student Information System, and
- You have an up-to-date email address in the current Student Information System

Assuming the above items are complete, you will receive an email that will start the sign up process. To sign-up for Parent Portal, please contact Ms. Burger and provide your up-to-date email address and request a Parent Portal account in Aspen. Once parent contact information has been verified by the student's school, parents will receive a signup email from Aspen. If you don't receive the sign-up email, we recommend checking your Spam folder. If you are unable to locate the email, please contact Ms. Burger pburger@cps.edu for assistance.

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.**

We invite you to come to our Virtual Parents Council Meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 8:00 AM. Come learn about Parents Council and ways to get involved. Here is the link to the meeting:

Topic: Parents Council Meeting

Time: Sep 16, 2020 08:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/93418109777?pwd=aXR4ZE44dHpmddJVZxNnT2xRZmhVUT09>

Meeting ID: 934 1810 9777

Passcode: 9SMUzE

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Important Dates



Please note the following important dates and events:

September 15 - Hispanic Heritage Month begins

September 16 - Parents Council at 8:00 AM

September 17 - Principal (afternoon) Coffee Day at 5 PM

September 21 - LSC Meeting at 5:30 PM via Zoom

September 22 - 5th & 6th Grade Curriculum Night 5:00 PM

September 23 - 3rd Grade Curriculum Night 5:00 PM

September 24 - 7th & 8th Grade Curriculum Night 5:00 PM

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

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

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

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