



# Andrew Jackson Language Academy

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November 1, 2020

Dear AJLA Families,

Happy November! I hope you had a safe and enjoyable Halloween weekend.

Please note important school information and non-student attendance days below for the month of November.

**This week marks the end of the first quarter** Parent-teacher-student virtual conferences will be held on **Wednesday, November 18**. Conference sign-up and details to follow. There are several non-student attendance days or holidays in November listed below:

*Tuesday, November 3 - Election Day*

*Friday, November 6 - School Improvement Day*

*Wednesday, November 18 - Parent-Teacher-Student Virtual Conference*

*Wednesday-Friday, November 25-27 - Thanksgiving Holiday*

Don't forget to visit our [school website](http://www.andrewjackson.cps.edu) at [www.andrewjackson.cps.edu](http://www.andrewjackson.cps.edu) or follow us on Twitter [@AJLamsrebolledo](https://twitter.com/AJLamsrebolledo), our school Facebook page [@JacksonLanguageAcademy](https://www.facebook.com/JacksonLanguageAcademy) and [@Andrew Jackson Language Academy \(AJLA Chicago\)](https://www.facebook.com/AndrewJacksonLanguageAcademy) Parents. As always, please reach out if you have questions or need assistance by calling the school at 773-534-7000 or by emailing [msrebolledo@cps.edu](mailto:msrebolledo@cps.edu) and [cfbasile@cps.edu](mailto:cfbasile@cps.edu).

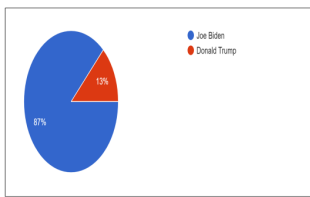
Have a great week everyone. Please take care of yourself and don't forget to wear your mask.

Be well and safe.

Best,  
Dr. Rebolledo  
Principal

## Mock Election Results

On **Monday, November 2**, we conducted a school-

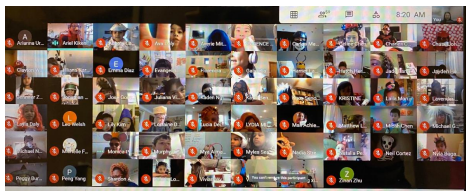


wide Mock Presidential Election. The results of our mock election are attached. Thank you everyone for participating.

## Celebrations!

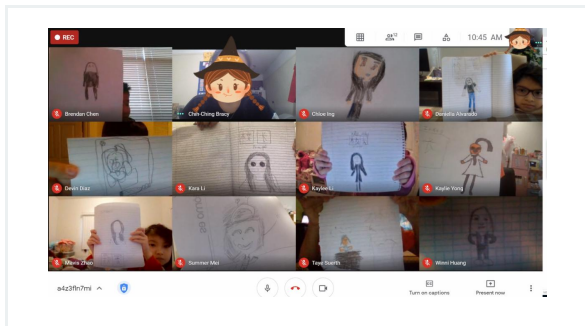


Thank you to those who were able to attend our Principal Coffee Day and Parents Council meetings last week. We appreciate your participation and continuing to stay involved remotely. Don't forget to join us in November. The dates are posted in our school calendar.



Ms. Kiken and Ms. Price's first grade classes joined forces for their Fall Celebration last week Friday. The students shared their costumes and were able to head into breakout rooms to have some spooky fun in smaller groups.

Thank you to everyone who joined the celebration.



The 2nd grade students in Ms. Bracy's Chinese class are learning about people in their community. They learned the word "principal" and how to write it in Chinese. Great job 2nd graders!



Kindergarten students in Ms. Exposito's class could not contain their laughter during their Halloween morning meeting as students greeted their classmates in their costumes.

## Parent Engagement Opportunities



**COFFEE**  
with the  
**Principal**

### Principal Coffee Day

Please join Dr. Rebolledo for a Virtual Principal Coffee Day on **Monday, November 16 at 5:00 PM** via Zoom. We will be sharing school updates and answer any questions you may have. Here is the information to join the meeting.

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

[https://zoom.us/j/99771127033?](https://zoom.us/j/99771127033?pwd=RnZwYzY2aDR0SmhPeDlDUitpVIIIQT09)

[pwd=RnZwYzY2aDR0SmhPeDlDUitpVIIIQT09](https://zoom.us/j/99771127033?pwd=RnZwYzY2aDR0SmhPeDlDUitpVIIIQT09)

Meeting ID: 997 7112 7033

Passcode: KiSB1U

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

Meeting ID: 997 7112 7033

Passcode: 996254

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**Local School Meeting**

Please join us for our regular LSC meeting on **Monday, November 9 at 5:30 PM**. The Agenda will be posted on our school website 48 hours prior to the meeting date. The meeting link can be found below.

**Join Zoom Meeting:** [https://zoom.us/j/97225880471?](https://zoom.us/j/97225880471?pwd=c2dWR2ZTc3NIU1BqVXIUVDRBZmJMz09)

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Meeting ID: 972 2588 0471

Passcode: m66JDN

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

Meeting ID: 972 2588 0471

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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?](https://zoom.us/j/94766097473?pwd=bnpsMy84cTRRUE1tS1pZMXINSCtMdz09)

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Passcode: 194653

## Recycle Your Pumpkins



Recycle your Pumpkins! We are collecting whole or carved pumpkins to bring to Erin's Farm for the animals to eat. Erin's Farm is an animal sanctuary, home to over 200 rescued animals. Please drop off your carved or whole pumpkins at school by the Congress Street doors under the mosaic no later than **Monday, November 2**. The pumpkins that are dropped off should NOT have any paint or glitter on them. Thank you to 8th grader Sarah K. for organizing this collection.

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

WE'RE HAVING A  
**BOOK FAIR!**

Dear Parents and Families:

We are working hard to keep kids reading and raise critical funds for our school with our **Scholastic Online Book Fair Nov. 9 - Nov. 22!**

The Fair will connect your kids to notable books and inspiring characters—helping them become lifelong readers. And you'll love the new option to experience the magic of the shopping experience through a Virtual Book Fair!

Plus, enjoy these special online shopping features:

- Access to over 6,000 products
- All orders ship direct to home
- **FREE shipping on book-only orders over \$25\***
- All purchases support our school and earn 25% in rewards

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more, set up an e-wallet and get started with online shopping:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/ajla>

Thank you for your continued support to our school.


Happy reading,  
AJLA Parents Council

Reach out if you have any questions - [macpam68@gmail.com](mailto:macpam68@gmail.com)

Raise a slice for a good cause! Join the AJLA Parents Council for a Lou Malnati's restaurant fundraiser on **Wednesday, November 18**. Lou Malnati's will donate 20% of total sales to AJLA from every order received from dine-in, carryout, or delivery at the West Loop, South Loop, and Midway locations. Make sure to mention the flyer attached or the fundraiser when placing your order. When online or app ordering, please use code **FUNDAJLA20**.

Please note:





**ANDREW JACKSON LANGUAGE ACADEMY PARENTS' COUNCIL**

**DATE**  
Wednesday, November 18, 2020

**LOCATIONS**

**Lou Malnati's South Loop**  
11:00am - 10:00pm  
805 S. State St  
(312) 786-9000

**Lou Malnati's West Loop**  
11:00am - 10:00pm  
1235 W Randolph Street  
(312) 243-4000

**Lou Malnati's Midway**  
11:00 am - 10:00pm  
6456 South Cicero Ave  
(773) 237-9900

**SUPPORT THE ANDREW JACKSON LANGUAGE ACADEMY PARENTS COUNCIL FUNDRAISER!**

**FOR QUESTIONS**  
Please contact Rubi Alvarez  
(773) 850-6585  
Rubi\_hvaz@yahoo.com

Lou Malnati's will donate 20% of total sales to your organization (20% based on pre-tax purchase, excluding alcohol) from every order received from Drive-In, Carryout or Delivery (within zone).  
Make sure to mention the flyer or fundraiser during your order.

\* INCLUDES ONLINE AND APP ORDERING. USE CODE: FUNDAJLA20 \*

**PLEASE NOTE**

\* Must mention fundraiser at time of order to ensure credit towards fundraiser.  
\* Please check receipt for "fundraiser" item. If you do not see "fundraiser" on your receipt, please see or call a manager. For online orders, it will be indicated after you enter the promo code.  
\* For questions or concerns please email fundraising@loumalnatis.com

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

AJLA has joined the America Recycles Challenge! 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 Tree Machine in our faculty parking lot between **October 19 - November 19**. Thank you in advance for your support.

## High School Fair & GoCPS Updates



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The AJLA 7th & 8th grade High School Fair will be this Thursday, November 5 at 1:30 PM (no school on Friday). Thank you to La Lumiere School, Trinity High School, and Whitney Young High School for joining us last week. For more information, please email our Counselor, Ms. Kordas at [mkordas@cps.edu](mailto:mkordas@cps.edu).

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](http://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 2 - School-wide Mock Presidential Election

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

November 6 - No school - School Improvement Day and Professional Development for Teachers

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

November 12 - Family Reading Night at 5:00 PM

November 16 - Principal Coffee Day 5:00 PM

November 18 - No school - Parent-Teacher-Student Conference Day, All school forms are due

November 25-27 - No school - Thanksgiving Holiday

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

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