



# Andrew Jackson Language Academy

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November 16, 2020

Dear AJLA Families,

Greetings everyone! I hope your week is off to a great start.

We are excited to see our students and parents at our **Virtual Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences and Report Card Pick-up on Wednesday, November 18 between 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM**. You should have received an email from your homeroom teachers and auxiliary class teachers (World Language, PE, Art, Music Theatre) 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.

Please make sure that you are on time for your Google Meet appointment slot. If you are encountering technical issues, please email the teacher that you are scheduled to meet for assistance or rescheduling if another time is available. We look forward to seeing our students and families for the 1st quarter report card pick-up and virtual conferences on Wednesday, November 18.

Don't forget that this Wednesday, November 18 is also the Local School Council Election. You can vote by returning the ballot in the pre-paid return envelope postmarked by November 18, 2020 or you can drop off your ballot at school daily between 7 AM-3 PM or on election day between 7 AM- 7 PM. Reminder:

- Parents who reside within the AJLA community boundaries may vote for a total of 5 parent and community representatives.
- Parents who live outside of the AJLA community boundaries may only vote for 5 parent representatives.
- Because the district does not have a roster of all residents living within an attendance boundary, community members will vote in-person, with enhanced health and safety measures.

Please note other important school information in this week's updates. Don't forget to visit our [school website](#) at [www.andrewjackson.cps.edu](http://www.andrewjackson.cps.edu) or follow us on Twitter [@AJLAmsrebollo](#), our school Facebook page [@JacksonLanguageAcademy](#) and [@Andrew Jackson Language Academy \(AJLA Chicago\) Parents](#).

As always, please reach out if you have questions or need assistance by calling

the school at 773-534-7000 or by emailing msrebollo@cps.edu and cfbasile@cps.edu.

Have a great week everyone.

Be well and safe.

Best,  
Dr. Rebolledo  
Principal

## Kindergarten - 3rd Grade Family Reading Night



We are inviting all Kindergarten -3rd grade students and families on **Thursday, November 19 at 5:00 PM** for our annual **Family Reading Night**. Please click **HERE** to register and to be eligible to win prizes including turkeys! You must be virtually present to win.

### Directions to join:

1. Click on the waffle icon located in the upper right corner (9 dots) and find the **Google Meet** icon.
2. Click on the **Google Meet** icon and then click on **Join or Start Meeting**.
3. Enter this meeting code when prompted: **AJLAFAMILYNIGHT2020**.
4. Click **Continue** and then **Join Now**.
5. Make sure your camera is on and that you are muted.

## Parent Engagement Opportunities

### 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?  
pwd=RnZwYzY2aDR0SmhPeDlDUitpVlllQT09](https://zoom.us/j/99771127033?pwd=RnZwYzY2aDR0SmhPeDlDUitpVlllQT09)

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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### 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

Passcode: 194653

## Science Fair Judges Needed

Ms. Koonce is looking for science fair judges for our AJLA Virtual Science Fair this year. Easier than ever, judges will be emailed a link to a video and a student written report as well as instructions and a rubric. Judges will have the entire day to judge their 3-4 science fair participants and send the results in to Ms. Koonce for tallying. Judging can happen at YOUR CONVENIENCE! Judging day will be Tuesday, December 8, 2020.

Please reach out to Ms. Koonce at [acsheppard@cps.edu](mailto:acsheppard@cps.edu) to participate in virtual judging. Thank you in advance!

## 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!**

Scholastic Online Book Fair is live starting today, November 9 - November 22!  
Link to the 360 fairs is <https://tinyurl.com/y6luy87f>

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>

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

Thank you for your continued support to our school.

**AJLA Holiday Evergreens Fundraiser**  
Give your support and enjoy beautiful holiday evergreens!

**DIRECT DELIVERY GIFT PROGRAM**  
Perfect gifts with a personal holiday message. Gift with a quality Christmas tree and more!

 \$45.00	 \$52.00
 \$42.00	 \$45.00
 \$50.00	 \$39.00
 \$75.00	 \$28.00

**PLEASE ORDER BY NOVEMBER 16TH**

## LAST DAY TO ORDER IS TODAY, NOVEMBER 16!

Please support the AJLA Holiday Evergreens Fundraiser! Help our school this holiday season by ordering some evergreen decorations for your home or as gifts. **Orders can be placed online until November 16, 2020 online at: <https://sherwoodfundraiser.com/AJLA>.**

All orders will be received about 2 weeks after Thanksgiving. Our school will receive a portion of the proceeds. Thank you in advance for your support!

**RAISE A SLICE FOR A GOOD CAUSE**

**ANDREW JACKSON LANGUAGE ACADEMY PARENTS COUNCIL**

**DATE**  
Wednesday, November 18, 2020

**LOCATIONS**

**Lou Malnati's South Loop**  
10:00am - 10:00pm  
805 S. State St.  
(773) 786-5000

**Lou Malnati's West Loop**  
10:00am - 10:00pm  
1235 W. Randolph Street  
(812) 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\_alvarez@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 Dine-In, Carryout or Delivery (within zone).  
Make sure to mention the flyer or fundraiser during your order.

**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: **FUNDAJLA20**.
- For questions or concerns please email [fundraising@loumalnatis.com](mailto:fundraising@loumalnatis.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**.

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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.



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The AJLA 7th & 8th grade High School Fair continues this Friday, November 20 at 1:30 PM. Thank you ChiArts, Holy Trinity HS, Latin School of Chicago, and Walter Payton College Prep 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](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 16 - Principal Coffee Day 5:00 PM, Last day to order Holiday Evergreens Wreath for Fundraiser

November 18 - No school - Parent-Teacher-Student Conference Day, All School Forms are due, Local School Council Election

November 19 - Family Reading Night 5:00 PM (turkey giveaway and more)

November 20 - Virtual High School Fair 1:30-2:30 PM

November 22 - Last day for Scholastic Book Fair

November 23 - Virtual Open House 5:00 PM

November 25-27 - No school - Thanksgiving Holiday

November 30 - Renaming School Community Meeting at 5:00 PM

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

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