



Andrew Jackson Language Academy

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April 13, 2021

Dear AJLA Community,

Greetings AJLA family! I hope that everyone is well.

This week marks the end of the 3rd quarter. All assignments are due on Thursday, April 15. Be sure to check your child's grades via Aspen Parent Portal and reach out to your child's teachers if you have questions, concerns, or would like to improve a grade. **Note that there is no school for students on Friday, April 16** as it is a School Improvement Day.

As we prepare to reopen our school building for additional students on **Monday, April 19**, we have made some adjustments to student pod/shift assignments. A letter was sent on Monday, April 12 to all families regarding their child's pod/shift assignments. Please contact the office at **773-534-7000** if you did not receive the letter. Pod/shift assignments were made to ensure our in-person classes are a safe size, to follow health protocols, and for our teachers to provide the best possible learning experience for students at home and at school.

By **April 16**, your child's homeroom teacher will reach out to you with additional information, such as your child's daily schedule. Virtual parent and student meetings will also occur as determined by your child's teachers and will be recorded for those who are unable to attend.

Additionally, the administration will host a parent session on **Wednesday, April 14 at 8:30 AM and Friday, April 16 at 4:00 PM** to provide updates on our reopening plans. We hope you can join us. The links to join the meeting can be found below in the School Reopening section.

To prepare for hybrid learning, please take time to become familiar with our [daily health protocols](#). I also encourage you to review the [Reopening Guide for Parents](#) for more information.

As always, please reach out if you need assistance. We are always here for you.

Be well and safe everyone!

Sincerely,
Dr. Rebolledo

Celebrations



Congratulations to our 2nd grade teacher Ms. Gayman who gave birth to a baby boy. Theo Ellison Thelen was born at 5:13 AM on Friday, April 9th at 7 pounds 11 ounces and 29 inches long. Mother and baby are doing well.

School Reopening Updates

As we prepare to reopen our school building for K-8 students on Monday, April 19, 2021, we wanted to provide you with important information.

Classroom and Pod Assignments

A letter was sent on Monday, April 12 to all families regarding their child's pods /shifts. Room assignments were made to ensure our in-person classes are a safe size, to follow health protocols, and for our teachers to provide the best possible learning experience for students at home and at school.

Safety Protocols

Click [here](#) to review our safety presentation. Here are resources that you can utilize for your children to understand the importance of wearing a mask.

[Helping Kids Get Used to Masks](#)

[Helping Children Understand the Importance of Wearing a Face Mask](#)

[10 Videos to Help Students Understand How to Wear A Mask](#)

[Making face masks fun: Tips for helping your child with special needs](#)

[Masks and New Routines: Helping Children with Special Needs During COVID-19 Coronavirus Interactive Social Story](#)

Communication Plan

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Principal Coffee Day/Parent Meeting on Wednesday, April 14 at 8:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Meeting ID: 941 6775 4229 Passcode: 2vQXTW

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

Meeting ID: 941 6775 4229 Passcode: 184511

Principal Chat/Parent Meeting on Friday, April 16 at 4:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://zoom.us/j/92295466018?
pwd=QXITcGV6ZUplamk3TmQzQXM0TUxSUT09](https://zoom.us/j/92295466018?pwd=QXITcGV6ZUplamk3TmQzQXM0TUxSUT09)
Meeting ID: 922 9546 6018 Passcode: ML51dm

Dial by your location: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
Meeting ID: 922 9546 6018 Passcode: 618339

Resources

To prepare for hybrid learning, please take time to become familiar with our [daily health protocols](#). I also encourage you to review the [Reopening Guide for Parents](#) and to visit cps.edu/reopening for more information and resources. For general questions about reopening that are not answered in the documents linked above, you can visit the district's [Reopening Support](#) page for additional avenues to receive direct support for you and your child. If you have specific questions about health and safety practices, please contact the Office of Student Health and Wellness (OSHW) at (773) 553-5437 or oshw@cps.edu.

Additional Resources:

Return to the Classroom with Confidence
[ENGLISH | SPANISH](#)

The Facts About Reopening Schools
[ENGLISH | SPANISH](#)

Chicago Connected - Internet Access
[ENGLISH | SPANISH | CHINESE](#)

What is Contact Tracing and How Does It Work
[ENGLISH | SPANISH](#)

What Happens When Someone Tests Positive for COVID-19 in CPS
[ENGLISH | SPANISH](#)

Daily Health Screener Flyer
[ENGLISH | SPANISH](#)

Parent Engagement Opportunities



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Principal

Principal Coffee Day /Reopening Meeting

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pwd=bUpXU1hHNmVlc0FDMMm5nM1p3bzFMdz09](https://zoom.us/j/94167754229?pwd=bUpXU1hHNmVlc0FDMMm5nM1p3bzFMdz09)
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SEL Chicago Parent Session

Please save the date for our next Parent Social Emotional Learning (SEL) session for parents on **Wednesday, April 14 from 4:30 – 6:00 PM.**

Click on this link to

register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqfu2pqj8jG9Pj0sLNqgbS7VRQwTQo-S1j>

Once you register, you will receive an email with the link to join the session via Zoom. This workshop series includes theory and tools to help empower and encourage adults to shift a lens to viewing responses to behavior as an opportunity to build relationships, life skills, and connections. Registration includes access to asynchronous sources supporting the workshop topics, handouts, anchor charts, flyer development, and access to monthly SEL Chicago community workshops for participants.

Thank you in advance to our Parents Council for providing our parents this resource and opportunity.

Kindergarten Social

Calling all kindergarten parents! Please come to our Kindergarten Social on **Thursday, April 15 at 5:00 PM via Zoom.** This is a great opportunity to meet and connect with other kindergarten parents. The link to join the social can be found below. Thank you Parents Council for organizing!

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/92903544149?pwd=dnIDSTRiR1FxZDJpMkNhUW9sOVhQdz09>

Meeting ID: 929 0354 4149

Passcode: 8xU1EW

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

Meeting ID: 929 0354 4149

Passcode: 598990

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National Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The "Hot Chocolate Talk" public awareness campaign's research-based resources can help encourage parents and caregivers to start important safety conversations with their kids.

This guide has been created by the Committee for Children, who created Second Step, which is the Social Emotional Learning Curriculum used at AJLA for all K-8 students.

[Parent/Caregiver Guide: How to Talk with Kids](#)

Why is it important to talk to children about personal safety and sexual abuse?

Child sexual abuse is a significant but preventable public health problem. Many children wait to report or never report child sexual abuse. Although estimates vary across studies, the data shows:

- About 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 13 boys experience child sexual abuse at some point in childhood.
- 91% of child sexual abuse is perpetrated by someone the child or child's family knows.

Source: [CDC Violence Prevention](#)

School Renaming Updates

We are in the final stages of the Renaming School Process. Click [HERE](#) to view all new name slide submissions by grade level and homeroom.

Thank you to everyone who complete the [Community Survey](#). Your feedback is appreciated as we determine a new name for our school. The committee will be analyzing all data collected this week and will present all information at our next Local School Council meeting on April 19 at 5:30 PM.

This final stage in the renaming process and choosing a new name for our school is energizing. Thank you in advance for your support and participation. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out by email at msrebolledo@cps.edu or by phone at 773-534-7000.

3rd Quarter Report Card Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences



We are excited to see our students and parents at our **Virtual Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences and Report Card Pick-up on Wednesday, April 21 between 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM**. You should have received an email from your homeroom teachers and auxiliary class teachers 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.

AJLA Parents Council



have any questions.

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 if you

Don't forget to visit http://ajlaparentscouncil.org/?page_id=1836 which includes information on ongoing fundraisers and ways to support our school.



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Download the Box Tops app and scan your receipts when you shop to earn money for our school. No more clipping and turning in box tops. It couldn't be easier! Please visit Box Tops for more information: <https://www.boxtops4education.com>



Donate to our Tree Machine! Spring break also means Spring cleaning. Simply drop off bags of gently worn clothes and shoes into the Tree Machine in our school parking lot. Our school receives funds each time the machine is filled. Thank you in advance for your support.

Important Dates

Please note the following important dates and events:

April 14 - Principal Coffee Day/ Reopening Meeting at 8:30 AM, SEL Parent Session 4:30-6:00 PM

April 15 - End of the 3rd quarter, Kindergarten Social 5:00 PM

April 16 - No school for students, School Improvement Day, Parent Chat/ Reopening Meeting at 4:00 PM

April 19 - LSC Meeting 5:30 PM, 1st day of 4th quarter

April 21 - Report Card Pick-up and Parent/Teacher Conferences

May 31 - No school, Memorial Day

June 23 - 8th Grade Graduation at 10:30 AM

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

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