



Andrew Jackson Language Academy

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May 4, 2021

Dear AJLA Community,

Happy May AJLA! I hope that you had are having a wonderful week.

We would like to wish our teachers a Happy Teachers Appreciation Week! We know it has been a challenging year. We want to thank you for being creative, adapting to new ways of teaching, keeping our students focused on academics, and helping our students in every way you can. We appreciate you!

Please note important information in this week's school updates. Don't forget to join our Parents Council for their next meeting on Wednesday, May 5 at 8:30 AM via Zoom. The link to the meeting can be found in the Parents Council section below.

Happy Star Wars Day to all! May the 4th be with you!

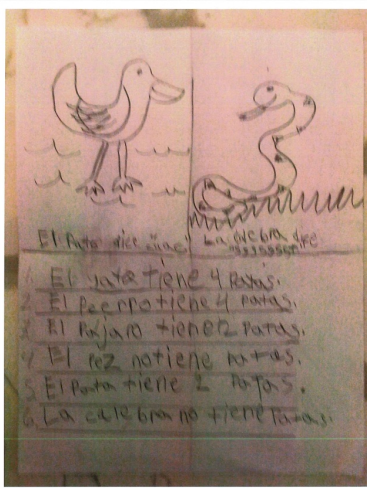
As always, be safe and well.

Best,
Dr. Rebolledo
Principal

Celebrations

The 1st grade students are learning animal vocabulary and writing simple sentences in Maestra Colon's Spanish class. Students write about animal legs and the sounds animals make in Spanish.

The cat has 4 animal legs.
The dog has 4 animal legs.
The bird has 2 animal legs.
The fish has no animal legs.
The duck has 2 animal legs.
The snake has no animal legs.



DAILY TO-DO LIST for Hybrid Learning Students

STOP!

Did you complete your daily health screener?

Go to cps.edu/healthscreener to fill it out.

All students, staff, and visitors must pass the daily health screener before entering school.

IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

The district will facilitate/assist with referral of any student or staff member who is symptomatic or a close contact of someone who tested positive to a free COVID-19 test.

Please make sure to complete the following steps **DAILY** to ensure a smooth and safe arrival and entry.

1. Complete your **CPS Health Screener DAILY BEFORE ARRIVAL**
2. Arrive at your scheduled time and drop-off location as indicated in the **Entry & Dismissal Procedures**
3. Make sure to wear your mask
4. Be ready to have your temperature checked
5. Wait at your morning gathering location as indicated in the **Entry & Dismissal Procedures**

Intent to Return Form

Complete Form

Attention all Kindergarten - 7th grade Please complete the [Intent to Return Form](#) for each student by **Monday, May 10, 2021**. Spaces for students for the next school year 2021-2022 will be based on the receipt of enrollment forms. Thank you for your cooperation.

Important School Renaming Updates

Thank you everyone for your participation in the renaming school process. The [Data Analysis Presentation](#) provides information on the student, teacher, and staff vote as well as the community survey results. The Local School Council voted Chicago World Language Academy as the top choice for the new school name that will be submitted to the CPS Board of Education for an approval vote in May.

The next phase of the renaming school process will be rebranding our school. If you are interested in participating in this process, please email msrebolledo@cps.edu so that you can be included in future planning meetings.

Office of Student Protection and Title IX (OSP) Sexual Misconduct and Title IX Student Training

Teachers will provide training to students on Wednesday, May 5 Parents have the right to opt-out of the Office of Student Protection and Title IX Student Training. **Students on the opt-out list will be excused from the training.**

The Office of Student Protection and Title IX (OSP) Sexual Misconduct and Title IX Student Training covers the following 5 learning objectives in developmentally appropriate language:

- Students will understand CPS Title IX Policy and Discrimination Statement
- Students will know who the Title IX Coordinator is, what OSP does, and how to get in touch with OSP
- Students will understand what constitutes sexual harassment
- Students will be aware of the resources available to students who report sexual harassment or retaliation, including interim measures pending an investigation
- Students will know what to do if they believe they or other students have been subjected to sexual harassment

You can access the videos to the sessions on the OSP website at www.cps.edu/osp. For questions about course content, please submit them [here](#), and the OSP Training Team will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you for making CPS a safe place to learn for our students.

Important GoCPS Updates for Next School Year (2021-2022) School



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First-Round Release Date for Ninth Grade

GoCPS results for students applying to ninth grade for the first round was released on **Friday, April 30, 2021**. You can log in at go.cps.edu, with your username and password to view your student's application results. Next to your student's name, it should say "View Application Results".

You have until Friday, May 14 to accept or decline any offers If your student is on a waitlist, the waitlist process opens **Monday, May 17**. You can accept a school's offer and choose to remain on the waitlists for other schools. Please email our Counselor, Ms. Kordas, at mKordas@cps.edu if you have any questions.

Second-Round Application

GoCPS second round application opens on **May 17 and closes on May 21**. The results will be released on June 18. Additionally, the wait list process opens on June 18 and the accept/decline deadline is June 25.

Principal Discretion

The application is available on **May 5** at the [GoCPS site](#). The deadline to submit electronically is **May 19**. The results will be released on June 14. Students may apply to only 1 selective enrollment school they applied to, but were not accepted to. The application includes a personal statement, letters of recommendations, and any honors/awards.

Release Date for Elementary Schools

The first-round results for families applying to magnet PreK through 8th grade will be released on **Friday, May 28, 2021**. All applicants will receive their results via their online GoCPS account. An online GoCPS account will be created for paper applicants using the email address or phone number on the paper application; information will be emailed to paper applicants to assist them in accessing their online accounts. During the week of May 24th, all applicants will receive instructions via email on how to access their results.

When additional dates on the GoCPS timeline have been finalized, these will be posted on the [GoCPS calendar](#). These will include, but not be limited to, the deadline for accepting or declining offers, the start date for the waitlist process, and the dates for the second round.

The [GoCPS site](#) includes many descriptions and instructions for families to help you navigate the offer acceptance process, including videos that provide visual/step-by-step directions on how to complete this task. By May 15, 2021, the site will contain updated Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that address the release of results, the second round, and additional information.

If you have questions, contact the Office of Access and Enrollment at 773-553-2060, weekdays between 8 am and 6 pm, or email gocps@cps.edu.

SYGoCPS High School Admissions

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, spring seventh grade NWEA was required for all students applying to more than 100 choice programs (IB, STEM, Arts, etc.) and the 11 selective enrollment programs. The Selective Enrollment High School (SEHS) exam was also required for the 11 selective enrollment programs. NWEA was used as:

- An eligibility factor: Students could not apply to programs unless they met certain minimum criteria.
- A selection criterion: Students with higher scores were placed before students with lower scores.

For SY22 applications, CPS will use one exam, the CPS High School Admissions Test, to determine selection for choice and selective enrollment programs. This test will replace NWEA for choice programs and both the NWEA and the Selective Enrollment High School Exam for SEHS

applications. Every eighth grader will take the test—CPS students will take it during the school day at their school, and non-CPS students will take it on the weekends at a designated testing site. Eliminating NWEA and offering all students the Selective Enrollment High School Exam will reduce testing for students who are interested in choice and selective programs, remove the minimum eligibility requirement for programs, and promote equity by providing all students access to the test during school hours.

The CPS High School Admissions Test will be administered in Fall 2021 and will be used for the upcoming GoCPS application cycle. More information, as it becomes available, will be posted on go.cps.edu.

**Additionally, families interested in learning more can attend one of the following public virtual information sessions: Saturday, May 8 at 10 a.m. and Wednesday, May 12 at 4 p.m. A form to RSVP is available at go.cps.edu to register to attend one of the sessions.

AJLA 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 if you

have any questions.

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

The next Parents Council meeting will be on Wednesday, May 5 at 8:30 AM via Zoom. The meeting link can be found below.

Parents Council Meeting

Join Parents Council for their next meeting on **Wednesday, May 5 at 8:30 AM via Zoom**. The link to the meeting can be found below.

Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://zoom.us/j/95954428975?
pwd=SDgrN3dqd29URThSZEkreHcvck5VQT09](https://zoom.us/j/95954428975?pwd=SDgrN3dqd29URThSZEkreHcvck5VQT09)

Meeting ID: 959 5442 8975

Passcode: Y7t6Xv

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

Meeting ID: 959 5442 8975

Passcode: 859763



May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. We are planning a virtual celebration on Friday, May 28. Kindly email Committee Chairperson Amy Miller at dereknamy@gmail.com if you are interested in planning activities for the month.



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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 30 - Last Day to opt-out of OSP Student Training, GoCPS results for students applying to ninth grade for the first round, 7th grade States Attorney Presentation

May 3-7 - Teacher Appreciation Week

May 3 - 6th & 8th Grade Digital Safety State's Attorney Presentation

Presentation

May 5 - Parents Council Meeting at 8:30 AM, school-wide OSP Student Training

May 6 - 8th Grade Parent Meeting at 5:00 PM

May 7 - 5th Grade Digital Safety State's Attorney Presentation

May 17 - LSC Meeting at 5:30 PM

May 19 - Principal Coffee Day 8:30 AM

May 21 - Mid 4th quarter grades and all assignments from the first 5 weeks of the 4th quarter are due

May 22 - Book Fair 10 AM - 3 PM in school parking lot

May 28 - GoCPS release date for elementary schools, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Virtual Celebration

May 31 - No school, Memorial Day

June 18 - All assignments from the second 5 weeks of the 4th quarter are due

June 22 - Last day of school

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

June 24 - Last day for teachers

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