

# San Jose Elementary School Newsletter

A Publication for Parents & Students



## Hawk Talk

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United We Soar

*Help keep our recycling efforts strong each and every day! Continue to bring in your paper, metal and plastic water bottles to support our programming all year long!*

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## Principal's News...

As November approaches, we begin to think of things that we are grateful for. We have many wonderful families who contribute to the success of our school. We appreciate the work that is done at home to support student education at San Jose. We also appreciate our PTA board, SAC committee and dedicated volunteers who go the extra mile for our students.

We have some exciting projects coming in the future at San Jose. Investments are being made to keep us updated for the future. Plans are underway to give our front office interior an updated look. We want our first impression for visitors to be positive. Technology has been ordered for installing SMART Boards in all remaining classrooms. This technology provides opportunities for students to learn with the most engaging resources. We are also thrilled to be recipients of physical fitness equipment through the PHIT grant. Teachers received training to plan physical activity breaks and integrate physical movement with curriculum. We look forward to increased engagement and learning as student brains are stimulated through movement.

We look forward to families joining us with the activities we have planned to celebrate holidays in the coming months. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely, Mrs. Brown

## Upcoming Events

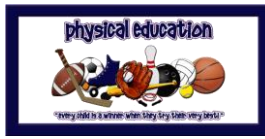
- ◆ 11/4 Holiday Food Drive
- ◆ 11/4 Picture Retakes
- ◆ 11/9 Chuck E Cheese Night
- ◆ 11/16 Great American Teach In
- ◆ 11/16 Holiday Family Lunch
- ◆ 11/15 Hawk's Nest Meeting
- ◆ 11/15 PTA/SAC Meetings
- ◆ 11/21-11/25  
THANKSGIVING BREAK
- ◆ 11/17 Student of the Month



We would like to send a BIG San Jose welcome to our new speech-language therapist, Sara Keimig!! We are very excited to have her at San Jose!



Please avoid picking up your student between 2:00 and 2:35pm unless you have a scheduled appointment or emergency. School is in session until 2:35pm and classes utilize every minute for learning. If you must pick up your child near the end of school, or any time during the day, it is helpful to notify the front office ahead of time. Classes have scheduled times for Art, Music, Lunch and P.E. as well as lab times for Science, Math and Language Arts. They are not always in the classroom and it may take some time for the staff to locate your student



SAFE KIND WILLING TO TRY

## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

October is our healthy heart month. We will be having our *Jump Rope for Heart* event on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> during our regular PE classes. This is a time when we celebrate having healthy hearts and give the American Heart Association the money that our San Jose Families have donated for further research, medicines, education, and procedures for the heart. Meanwhile, our students have been learning facts about the human heart. What an amazing and vital organ it is. We encourage everyone to donate whatever amount of money you can; this is a great way to show our San Jose generosity for others.

### PHIT - Personal Health Investment Today

*PHIT America Go* is a project that supplies funding and professional development for the implementation of recess during the health curriculum on the days a child does not have scheduled Physical Education Class. Through this funding, our school has received approximately \$4,100 worth of equipment that can be used by the classroom teacher. As a result of this project, students will know and appreciate the health benefits of physical activity, which is not only fun, but meaningful for their health, their learning, and their lives.

### SUPER SPORTS

Kailey	Jeden	Jaylah	Jaedyn	Katie	Jacob	Ashley
Gavyn	Lilian	Seth	Kash	Mariah	Zoe	Elijah
Drew	Mya	Sanii	Ella	Paxton	Gabby	Carlos
Kellen	Kate	Daniel	Brinleigh	Erick	Alyssandra	Lauren
Vann	Kimani	Brayden	Paris	DJ		

### RUNNING CLUB

We have begun our before school **RUNNING CLUB**. All students are invited to come outside to run laps before school on Tuesday mornings. Our first day we had over 80 students participating. The district goal for Physical Education is to see a 3% increase in our running scores. Running club combined with our PE program should help us reach that goal.

### FUEL UP TO PLAY60 ACTIVITY TIME



*Thursday mornings from 8:05 – 8:25 all students are invited to come outside and get moving with some fun activities. This week we had over 150 students participating.*

### Counselor's Connection

Welcome November! This month the character trait is Citizenship. Showing citizenship means that an individual is responsible and respectful by following the rules at home, school and in the community.

Here are a few activities we all can do to support citizenship as an important life skill.

\* VOLUNTEER! Anywhere you can...Let kids see you do for others in the community or at school.

Pick up litter or recycle.

\* Schedule household chores and create a job checklist so that each child can keep up with how responsible they are for their jobs. DONE! CHECK!

\* Vote! It's election time, let's show our kids that we do have a voice, and so take it to the polls! Let them vote as well, even if you ask them to vote on dinner.....chicken or tacos?

Citizenship teaches children the importance of being responsible and respectful at home, school and in our community. Building this kind of teamwork begins at home and school, where children learn how good it feels when everyone works together as responsible citizens.

Until next month let's stay connected with the Counselor's Connection. ~April James, Guidance Counselor

## Get in the game with your 2016-17 PTA board!



Leading this whole crew is **Bridget Harper**  
First time PTA President!

If you have any interests, ideas, questions, reach out to her at [sjeptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:sjeptapresident@gmail.com)

\* If you want to help with our **spirit nights or other fundraising events**, contact **Francine Ruddock**, our VP of fundraising at [sjeptavicepresident@gmail.com](mailto:sjeptavicepresident@gmail.com)

\* **Patty Southern** is heading up our events as **VP of Hospitality**. If you want to lend a hand or have ideas and suggestions, send her a message at [sjeptahospitalityvp@gmail.com](mailto:sjeptahospitalityvp@gmail.com)

\* **Alicia McGee** is our **Treasurer** and can be reached at [sjeptatreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:sjeptatreasurer@gmail.com)

\* **Andrea Scott** is our **PTA secretary**. You can contact her at [scottand@pcs.org](mailto:scottand@pcs.org)

\* If you have any **membership** questions, please contact **Brenda Urban** at [urbanb@pcs.org](mailto:urbanb@pcs.org)

\* Reach out to our **Advocacy Chair, Christine Leigh** at [Sjeptaadvocacy@gmail.com](mailto:Sjeptaadvocacy@gmail.com)

with any questions or suggestions for our brand new support group for children of all abilities...

**Hawk's Nest**

## Membership Shoutout!



Shout out to our amazing San Jose families!! We have 151 PTA members already this year and are closing in on our goal of 150!! Help us blast past that goal and join today!



November is Jet's Pizza Spirit Month!! For the entire month of November, our local Jet's Pizza is donating 15% of all San Jose orders back to us. Bonus...show the coupon that is attached to the flyer your child will be bringing home and save 15% off your order as well.




## SAVE THE DATE!



**San Jose Winter Fest is coming soon!**

Bring the family out for a night of fun. The teachers will be reading their favorite HOLIDAY stories & hosting a craft during the evening. We have lots of surprises in store for you so please come out on December 9th from 5:30-7:30pm and check it out.

## Let's Turn Fun Into Funds!

Join us at Chuck E Cheese's in Countryside on **Wednesday, November 9 anytime between 3 and 9 pm**. Have pizza with families while the kids have a BLAST with their friends playing the great selection of arcade games. ... AND Chuck E. Cheese donates 15% of the sales back to  **15% DONATION OF ALL EVENT SALES** from this event the school

## GET FROGGY WITH BOXTOPS!!!

Help us leap past our goal this year!!



The classroom with the MOST Box Tops turned in each month wins our **Travelling Trophy** and a special treat for the class!

The class with the most BoxTops for October with **387 Box Tops** is...

**Mrs. Culverhouse's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class!!!!**



Did you know that every time you shop with Amazon, you can help the PTA at the same time? Click on [www.smile.amazon.com/ch/59-2141931](http://www.smile.amazon.com/ch/59-2141931) and Amazon donates to San Jose Elementary School PTA.

Every purchase made through the smile.amazon link, gets .05% donated back to us. It may not sound like a lot, but it adds up fast. If you're an Amazon shopper, don't forget to shop Amazon Smile J

## SAC NEWS

Would you like to help our Principal develop and evaluate our school improvement plan and annual budget? Then consider joining the School Advisory Council (SAC). We meet right after school on the third Tuesday of each month and FREE childcare is available.

**Rita Sinn, SAC Chairperson**

**San Jose is so incredibly grateful** for the generous financial support & in-kind donations from our families, community organizations and business partners. Working together allows us opportunities to give our students the very best of everything. Thanks to you, San Jose is proud to continue its tradition of teaching excellence!

### **Adopt-A-Class Sponsors:**

Churney Dental Services, John Fernandez P.A., Anna Bock, The Miller Family, the Dunedin Kiwanis, the Keaton Family, the Warne Family, the DeMatteo Family, the Purcell Family, the Collard Family, the Nguyen Family, the Rowland Family, the Watson Family, and Shoreline Designs Group ...

**THANK YOU** for your generous heart!

For more information on how to adopt your child's class, please contact Bridget Harper at [harperbr@pcsb.org](mailto:harperbr@pcsb.org)

### **Paper Partners are needed as well!**

Copy paper remains a vital school supply for teaching, learning and communicating. Please consider being a Paper Partner by either dropping off a case of paper to the front office or sending in a donation of \$29.

**Thanks to our Paper Partners,  
The DeMatteo Family, the McGee Family, the  
Watson Family and the Collard Family!!!**

### **Community and Business Partnerships**

To Boy Scout Troop 422, Ace Hardware, and all of our hardworking staff and families who helped us beautify our campus...

To the Dunedin Fire Department, Commissioner Bruce Livingston, our staff and families for joining us on our Walk To School Day...

To all of our parents who lent a hand on our many field trips this month...

To everyone who supported our Jump Rope For Heart program...

To the Dunedin Kiwanis, Huntington Learning Center, Tutor Doctor and all of our awesome trunkers and helpers that made our Fall Festival a HUGE success...

To our dentist friends, Dr. Peter, Dr Neyer, Dr. Whitehead, Dr. Hurd and Crawford Dental Lab for your generous donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste, stickers and more...

**THANK YOU!!! We couldn't do it without you!**

We are always looking for parents, friends, family and community members who want to lend a hand.

### **We need volunteers now for...**

- Great American Teach In speakers (11/16)
- Walking Club
- Food Drive Classroom Collection
- Holiday Shoppe Helpers



### **Fifth Grade parents, we NEED you!**

The silent auction at our Winter Fest is a big opportunity to offset the costs of the Graduation Celebration at the end of the year.

Please reach out to friends, family and neighbors who would be willing to donate "big ticket" items to increase the value of the baskets. We are looking for gift cards for restaurants, movies, hair salons, event tickets or anything else you can think of.

If you are able to lend a hand or donate items, please contact Bridget Harper at [harperbr@pcsb.org](mailto:harperbr@pcsb.org)

The San Jose Elementary School ASD Team would like to personally thank our supporters for helping with our sensory room project! We can't wait to see the rooms when they are all done and ready for our students to use! Please join us in thanking the following sponsors:

\*Old Bay Cafe/Hog Island Fish Camp \*Love Animal Hospital \*Knot on Main Street \*Dunedin Radiator and Car Sales \*Happy Bayou Bites \*Dr. S. Neyer \*Ships-n-Trips \*The Bailey Family \*The Ramker Family \*Rotary Club of Dunedin Waterside \*Kelly's/Blur Night Club \*Florida Auto Exchange \*Patricia Ann Dance Studio \*Virginia Street Dermatology \*Dunedin Scottish American Society \*The Munns Family \*Mr. John Freeborn \*The Collard Family \*The Calvert Family \*Dr. and Mrs. Machler \*The DePace Family/National Watersports Inc. \*Ms. Mary Rouch \*Rotary Club of Dunedin \*A-1-A Heating and A/C \*Ms. Joan Paviglianti \*Dunedin Chamber of Commerce \*Mr. Chuck Dean \*Ms. Deborah Bouvier \*Mrs. Hillary Regan and Family \*Vision Ace Hardware of Dunedin \*Pinellas Education Foundation \*Stephen's Aunt Margaret \*Mrs. Jennifer Porter \*Mrs. Margaret Chize \*Suncoast Credit Union \*Episcopal Church Women \*  
Mrs. Nancy Redd

We would love to make this list longer and invite you to help us make a difference, too. Please contact Mrs. Lumm at [aulettaj@pcsb.org](mailto:aulettaj@pcsb.org) if you would like to know how you can help OR visit our fundraising sites at <https://www.donorschoose.org/jennifer.lumm> and [https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/2K9D9Y5DGJ2N7/ref=cm\\_wl\\_list\\_o\\_2?](https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/2K9D9Y5DGJ2N7/ref=cm_wl_list_o_2?)



Adult meals \$4.50  
Guest children  
\$2.00

**Family & Friends Please Join Us...**  
**For our traditional Holiday Luncheon**  
**Wednesday, November 16, 2016!**



**CALLING ALL KIDS**

Hey San Jose Students! We need you to go on line and register for San Jose Elementary School Fuel Up to Play 60. It's very easy! Just get online on your computer with your parent and go to [www.fueluptoplay60.com](http://www.fueluptoplay60.com).

Once you get connected, you can do all kinds of cool activities. Let your PE teacher know you have signed up.



**Chorus Celebrations**

Congratulations to **Breanna T!**

Her name should have been included on the list of students selected to go through the **Florida Music Educator's Association's All State Elementary Chorus** audition process. Way to go, Breanna!

**Pinellas County Schools Referendum Supports Teachers and Students**

The renewal of Pinellas County Schools Referendum will be on the Nov. 8 general election ballot. The Referendum strengthens reading, art and music programs, provides up-to-date technology, and helps recruit and retain quality teachers. Voters overwhelmingly supported the Referendum three times, including its initial approval in 2004. An independent citizens committee oversees Referendum expenditures to ensure money is spent as voters intended. The Referendum costs the average single-family homeowner less than \$5.50 a month. Every penny of the funding goes directly to Pinellas County classrooms. For more information, please visit [www.pcsb.org/referendum](http://www.pcsb.org/referendum).



**Parents and Friends in our Community...**

Please join us for

**The Great American Teach-In**

On **Wednesday, November 16, 2016**, firefighters, dog trainers, cake decorators, artists, biologists, coaches and more are invited to share what is important to them for an hour, a few class periods or an entire school day.

The Teach-In is a fun and exciting day of grown up "Show and Tell"! Come and spend time with your child's class talking about your job, hobby, or activities that excite you!

For more information, please contact Bridget Harper at [harperbr@pcsb.org](mailto:harperbr@pcsb.org)



**News from the Art Department**



I want to thank the families that came to the Pinellas County Schools Administration Building Art Exhibit on Wednesday night. We had a terrific turn out! Congratulations to our ten students whose artworks are on display for the entire school year. We love showing our families how the referendum money is put to use in the arts in our county. At San Jose, we have an art iPad lab, in which our students learn state of the art drawing, using digital media. We also are able to buy quality art supplies, to further enhance our wonderful artists' works. If you happen to go to the Administration Building at any time this year, please check out the artworks of: Caleb R., Alexa S., Jalen M., Amelia E., Josie H., Javontae M., Amanda H., Navaia W., Ezra K and Justice S.!



Thank you for your continued support! Artfully, Ms. Stacie Little

## Classroom News

October has been an exciting month here at San Jose!  
Our Pre -K and kindergarten classes have been visiting a local pumpkin patch for some Halloween fun



Fifth graders got to learn the ins and outs of having a job and running businesses at Enterprise Village



First graders have been working hard on their science unit and investigating our San Jose plant life



Our San Jose families celebrated Walk to School Day by walking together from Hammock Park to San Jose



## October Student of the Month



Alyssandra G. – Mrs. Bell  
Madeline F. – Mrs. Digirolamo  
Alyssa M. – Mrs. Keidel  
Caroline A. – Mrs. Blackburn  
Matthew J. – Mrs. Nylund  
Riley S. – Mrs. Orne  
Avonna T. – Ms. Scarritt  
Ariana G. – Mrs. Sullivan  
Ashley D. – Mrs. Culverhouse  
Lilian B. – Mrs. Owen  
Kaylie F. – Mrs. Scott  
Jamarcus L. – Mrs. Barnett  
Lillian R. – Mrs. Folven  
Cassidy H. – Mr. Gore  
Anbreigh D. – Mrs. Cox  
Marlee R. – Mrs. Davis  
Kyla D. – Mrs. Laughlin  
Anthony D. – Mrs. Lumm  
Israel R. – Mrs. Corell  
Jalen M. – Mrs. Clayton  
Tommy S. – Mr. McComber



Please avoid calling the front office after 2:20pm. Dismissal is at 2:35pm and employees are processing requests to make sure students know where they are going when school is out.

In keeping with our mission of Highest Student Achievement for each student, Pinellas County Schools is committed to having qualified and professional educators in all classrooms. There are times when it becomes necessary for a school to use an "out of field" teacher.

As you may know, the "No Child Left Behind" (NCLB) Act defines new standards for teacher quality. Under NCLB, teachers must have a Bachelor's degree and hold a valid teaching certificate from the Florida Department of Education in the grade level/subject area assigned. In addition, our state defines a "highly qualified" teacher as one who demonstrates subject matter knowledge by either passing a state test or majoring in the subject in college. Please be advised that, in all cases, teachers and therapists are selected after careful consideration by the principal in cooperation with school district personnel.

Our Speech and Language Therapist, Sara Keimig, has been hired and her application is being processed. Once her application is processed she will be eligible for certification and in-field. We anticipate her certification being processed with the FLDOE in the next few weeks. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions at 727-469-5987.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Brown, Principal

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