

San Jose Elementary School Newsletter

A Publication for Parents & Students



Hawk Talk

Fall 2021

United We Soar!



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<https://www.pcsb.org/sanjose-es>

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Upcoming Events

- ✚ 09/20-24 Start with Hello Week
- ✚ 09/29 Student of the Month San Jose Café, 2pm
- ✚ 10/6 Walk to School Day @ Hammock park, 7:30am
- ✚ 10/7 Conference Night 4-7
- ✚ 10/8
- ✚ 10/14 SAC meeting 3:15pm
- ✚ 10/14 PTA meeting 4:15pm
- ✚ 10/22-29 Scholastic Book Fair
- ✚ 10/25-29 Jump Rope for Heart

Principal's News...

I have enjoyed seeing our returning students and getting to know our new students and families. Together, we have had a great start to the new school year. San Jose is a close-knit school community that is often referred to as the "hidden gem" of Dunedin. We are small enough to have close relationships with all our students and families while providing all the programs offered at larger schools, like STEM, tutoring after school, Music Club, Art Club and new this year will be an afterschool Spanish enrichment club.

We hope you all are enjoying our beautiful new campus enhancements. While our media center and cafeteria underwent major upgrades, we are most proud of our new office reception area and PreK House. All visitors should use the lower parking lot off San Jose Drive to enter our front office. The upper lot off San Helen is for staff use and buses only.

Families are invited to become part of our PTA membership as well as attend our monthly SAC meetings. Your involvement is important to your student's success. We hope to have all families join us to learn about partnering in your child's education.

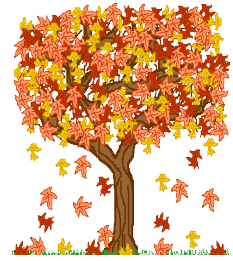
We look forward to an exciting school year. Thank you for choosing San Jose!



Sincerely,
Lisa Brown
Principal



Fall Calendar of Events



September



- 09/20- 09/24 Start with Hello Week
(Students Wear **GREEN** on Wednesday, 09/22)
- 09/29 Student of the Month – 2pm – San Jose Café

October



- 10/6 Walk to School Day 7:30am @ Hammock Park
- 10/8 **No School for Students**
- 10/7 Conference Night 4-7pm
- 10/14 SAC meeting 3:15pm – San Jose Conference Room
- 10/14 PTA meeting 4:00pm – Location TBD (possibly Zoom)
- 10/22-10/29 Scholastic Book Fair
- 10/25-10/29 Jump Rope for Heart (during P.E. classes)
- 10/28 Trunk or Treat Drive-Thru event 6-7:30pm
(SJE lower parking lot)

November



- 11/17 Great American Teach-In (all day at SJE)
- 11/17 Family Holiday Lunch (TBD)
- 11/11 SAC meeting 3:15pm – San Jose Conference Room
- 11/11 PTA meeting 4:15pm – Location TBD (possibly Zoom)





Did you know your PTA membership helps us provide events you and your children look forward to each year, such as the Fall Festival, Breakfast with Santa, Muffins with Moms, Doughnuts with Dads, Goodies with Grands, Welcome Back Teacher Breakfast, Teacher Appreciation Week and more? Not only that, but your contribution also goes towards advocacy and support at the national level. Your membership does a lot for a small price! Please consider joining us by signing up at the following link:

<https://sanjosepta.new.memberhub.store/store>

Individual Adult Membership \$6
4-pack Adult Memberships \$20



Pack - A - Snack

We are happy to tell you that San Jose Elementary School is part of a weekend feeding program called Pack-A-Snack. This program is offered through Pinellas County Schools and a local community partner. Your child is eligible to receive a bag with healthy snacks in it every Friday during the school year. The food is provided to you at no cost.

If you choose to enroll your child, they will receive a bag with some healthy snack sized items every Friday for the weekend. All the food is nutritional and non-perishable; it will not have to be cooked or prepared.

If you would like to sign up for this program, please contact **Maria Gosart, School Counselor** at **727-469-5950**.



The fun starts bright and early at 7:30 am at Hammock Park!

Things to Know:

- Please meet in the parking lot of Hammock Park off San Mateo Drive.
- We will have special guests from the City of Dunedin and PCSO, truck interactions, goodie bags with safety information, and a light snack.
- We will walk/bike to school at 8:05 and take a group photo.
- Wear comfy shoes, and come ready to have fun!

For more information on Walk to School Day, please visit: <http://www.walkbiketoschool.org>

For further walking and biking safety information, please visit: www.floridasrts.com

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Commitment to Character, the Pinellas County Schools district model for character development, celebrates a different character trait every month and encourages students to discuss these traits with their families and uphold them. Here at San Jose, our teachers choose a student each month of the school year who embody each specific trait. These students will be awarded Student of the Month for their classes. It is a great honor, and our first students were chosen this month! Kiwanis Club of Dunedin partners with us through their Terrific Kids program to make our children feel like the amazing students of today and inspiring citizens of tomorrow they certainly are!



September:
Citizenship



During the week of September 20th - 24th, we are participating in the *Start with Hello* movement. This movement teaches students to be more socially inclusive and connected to each other.

Step 1: See someone alone? Learn how to recognize the signs of loneliness and social isolation

Step 2: Reach out and help - find out what you can do to help others feel included

Step 3: Start with Hello - Discover how to break the ice and strike up a conversation

For more information, visit: <https://www.sandyhookpromise.org>

San Jose is SO 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!

Family & Community Partners:

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Craig & Liz Deep, The Dunedin Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation, The Backpack Lady Project, The Karcher Family, Kiwanis Club of Dunedin, The Elks Lodge #1525, VFW Auxiliary Post 2550, Staples, and our anonymous donors...

THANK YOU for your generosity!

Paper Partners

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.



A Word from the Front Office...

If you have legal papers of any kind concerning your student's custody, please make sure you provide a copy to the front office for student records. It is important that we have records on file. If you have any questions concerning this, please contact Rose Egnacheski or Crissy Fitzgerald at 727.469.5956.

Please join us for the:

Great American Teach In

**Wednesday, November 17,
2021**

The GATI is a special opportunity for you to share your special talents, hobbies, and career choices with our students, as they open their minds to new possibilities for their futures.

If you are interested in sharing with our kids, please contact Dana Ziecheck:

ziecheckd@pcsb.org



www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern

Pinellas County Schools has partnered with Sandy Hook Promise to offer the Say Something Anonymous Reporting System. Say Something allows you to submit secure & anonymous safety concerns to help identify and intervene upon at-risk individuals. Tips are passed along to the appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

Additionally, the district utilizes FortifyFL, a school-related suspicious activity reporting tool that allows Florida students and the community the ability to instantly relay information anonymously concerning unsafe, potentially harmful, dangerous, violent or criminal activities, or the threat of these activities, to the appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. FortifyFL was created and funded by the 2018 Florida Legislature as part of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.



If you are new to our school and would like to become a volunteer, then please register at:
www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration.

If you are a returning volunteer, please reactivate your profile by logging-in to the volunteer system as usual and follow the steps listed:
<https://focus.pcsb.org/volunteer/>.

Should you need any assistance, please call or e-mail Dana Ziecheck at 727.469.5956 x2014 or
ziecheckd@pcsb.org.

Hello from the new School Counselor at San Jose!

My name is Mrs. Gosart, and I am the new school counselor! I am so excited to get to know your students! I attended the University of Scranton for my Master's in school counseling and have my National Counseling Certification (NCC). I recently moved from Pennsylvania, where I worked as a social worker, however school counseling has always been my passion, and I am excited to be a San Jose Hawk!

I counsel from the perspective of the person - centered theory, which promotes empathetic understanding, (understanding the person's point of view,) being genuine to one's true self, displaying and promoting unconditional positive regard and using a non - judgmental attitude. My counseling is brief and solution-focused. I will help students to set short-term goals, focusing on success in school.

Counseling Program Mission Statement:

The mission of the San Jose Elementary School Comprehensive School Counseling Program is to create a safe and caring environment that promotes all students to grow in their academic, career, and social-emotional development. The school counselor supports administration, teachers, support staff, as well as families and community members in preparing San Jose students to become future ready citizens that embody the character education qualities that are celebrated throughout the course of the school year.

Certificate of PBIS Success

THIS CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED TO
SAN JOSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (PINELLAS)

IN RECOGNITION OF RECEIVING A:
PBIS RESILIENCE AWARD

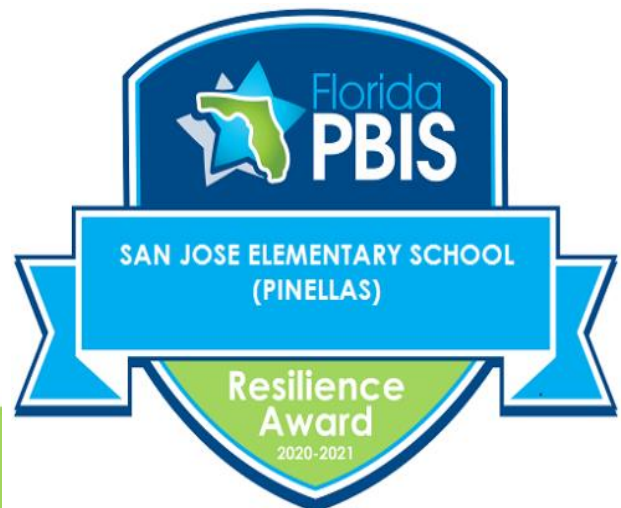
TIER 1 MODEL SCHOOL FOR 2020-2021


Don Kincaid, Project Co-Director


Heather George, Project Co-Director

 Florida's Positive Behavioral Interventions & Support Project
A Multi-Tiered System of Supports

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