# San Jose Elementary School Newsletter A Publication for Parents & Students





United We Soar!

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We are on the web! https://www.pcsb.org/sanjose-es

Like our school on Facebook! www.facebook.com/sanjosehawks



## **Upcoming Events**

- 10/8 SAC mtg 3:10 pm
- 10/22 Virtual Conference Night 4-7 pm
- 10/26 NO SCHOOL

## Principal's News...

It has been such a JOY for all our San Jose staff to have our students return to school. Our teachers and staff have put great efforts into providing a safe and healthy in-person learning environment and closing the technology gap to provide an engaging and meaningful online learning experience. We are committed to providing a world class educational experience for our students.

In this frequently changing environment, it is more important than ever that contact information such as phone numbers, emergency phone numbers and email addresses are kept up to date in FOCUS. We want to be able to reach you in an emergency as well as provide you with the most up to date information. You may update your information at any time by logging in to FOCUS or call the school office for assistance.

At San Jose, we value our partnership with PTA. When a San Jose PTA membership is purchased, those funds are used to support the teaching and learning environment at San Jose. Please consider becoming a member.

We appreciate all that you do to support your student, in person or online, as we make adjustments to ensure a successful school year at San Jose. Thank you for your continued support. We are your neighborhood school where "United We Soar"!

> Sincerely, Lisa Brown Principal

### Announcing our 2020-21:

Teacher of the Year: Mrs. Hersh-Brown Emerging Teacher of the Year: Ms. Gorman Support Staff of the Year: Mrs. Pulley Congratulations on this well-deserved honor!





Welcome to the world of Physical Education at San Jose! If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Mueller: <u>muellera@pcsb.org</u> Or Mr. McComber: <u>mccomberj@pcsb.org</u>.



Parents & Caregivers:



Please remember to send your student to school with a water bottle with water in it, and please write his/her name on it. Please also remember to send your students in sneakers. Write names on jackets or any cover ups your students may wear to P.E. This will really help us in returning items to their owners if left behind. Thank you for your cooperation!

## **Donations** Needed

To any generous donors in our SJE community, looking for ways to give to our school, we have need of the following items:

Girls'/Boys' shirts (sizes 3T to 14-16)

Girls'/Boys' elastic waist pants (sizes 3T to 14-16)



Hello, to all the Pre-K and ASD parents! I just want to let you know your children are doing an awesome job at PE! They are wearing their masks while playing together, making so many new friends, and following all the safety rules. I couldn't ask for anything more! It's been a wonderful start to 2020. Thank you, families.



-Mrs. Patty



The cafeteria will be selling ice cream on Fridays. The cost ranges from \$0.50 to \$1. Please bring money in by Friday morning to be put on students account.



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







### SPIRIT SHIRTS for SALE!

Our new, heather grey or heather green school spirit t-shirts are available for

ALL Youth Sizes and Adult XS-L are \$8!

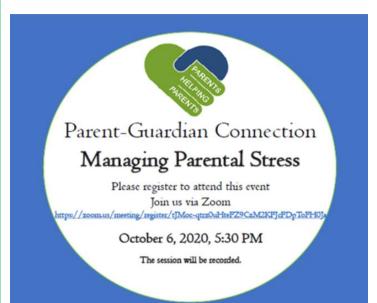
Water bottle koozies for sale for \$3!

## Get yours today!

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

### NEW Virtual Forum for Parents and Guardians!

The Parent-Guardian Connection provides a virtual forum where parents and guardians can connect to share resources and ideas. The next session will help parents learn how to manage stress and better handle issues related to the pandemic. The <u>Zoom session</u> titled Managing Parental Stress will take place at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. There are specific tools and techniques that can help parents gain better control of their thoughts and emotions and help children cope. For information, visit <u>www.pcsb.org/parentadvocacy</u> or contact: Keosha Simmons, Parent Advocate-Pinellas County Schools, at <u>simmonskeo@pcsb.org</u>.



## 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!

Character Trait of the Month



September: Responsibility

### September Students of the Month

Jaedyn B.	Patrick S.
Ella P.	Anaya J.
Ruby B.	Brodie E.
Morgan J.	Jamarion J.
Ava F.	Isabella Z.
Logan N.	Aria T.
Thomas L.	Aaliyah W.
Sean C.	McKayla D.
Parker J.	Paisley J.
Jaxon C.	Finley M.



Hello to all San Jose families. I want to introduce myself. My name is Mr. Soto, and I am the social worker assigned to this school. The circumstances surrounding this school year have been difficult for teachers, other staff members, students, and parents. I want to assure you that I am here to assist in any way that I can. I am on campus on Wednesdays and Thursdays. If I can be of any assistance please call the school, leave a message and the best time for me to call back. You can also reach out by sending me an e-mail at <u>sotom@pcsb.org</u>. I will do my best to reply to any questions and provide any assistance that you might have. Despite these unusual circumstances, I am confident this year will be a very productive one for your children. Remember that "Unity is strength: when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved." - Mattie J.T. Stepanek

### School Advisory Council News

If you'd like to be a part of the decision-making team for developing goals of your child's school and have your voice represented, then please consider joining the School Advisory Council (SAC)! We are a team of individuals from various segments of our community – parents, teachers, administrators, support staff, and business partners that help our Principal, Mrs. Brown develop, implement, and evaluate our school improvement plan and our annual budget. We are representative of the ethnic, racial, and economic makeup of the community served by our school. Our meetings are right after school, usually on the second Thursday of each month at 3:10. Currently, we are meeting virtually on Zoom, and all are welcome. When we resume meetings on campus, childcare is provided. If you are interested in being a part of this important team, please leave your name and contact information with the front office, and we will give you a call.

Everyone is invited to attend our SAC meetings. Please join us on **October 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:10pm** on Zoom. We hope you will join us!

-Amy Brown, SAC Chairwoman

### 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:

The Collard Family, Craig & Liz Deep, The Dunedin Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation, The Backpack Lady Project, The Daughters of Penelope, Kiwanis, The Elks Lodge #1525, Marguerite's Café, VFW, Staples, and all our donors...

THANK YOU for your generosity!

### **Paper Partners are still needed!**

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.

### **Extra Thanks**

To our amazing teachers and staff for making the start of this 2020-21 school year awesome!

To Ele Fox and the Kiwanis Club of Dunedin for the ongoing support of our Student of the Month program.

To the Dunedin Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation for their support of teachers and staff with their generous donations.



### 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.

### 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.

## **Mark Your Calendars Today!**

Please join us for our first ever: <u>Virtual</u> Great American Teach In Sponsored by: Duke Energy Wednesday, November 18, 2020

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: <u>ziecheckd@pcsb.org</u> or 727.469.5956 x2014.



If you are new to our school and would like to become a volunteer, then please fill out a volunteer registration: <u>https://asd.pcsb.org/schoolwiresforms/volunteer/Volun</u> teer\_RegistrationForm.aspx.

If you are a returning volunteer and need to reactivate your profile, then please log-in to your profile as usual and follow the steps listed.

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

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