

# San Jose Elementary School Newsletter

A Publication for Parents & Students



## Hawk Talk

Fall 2022

United We Soar!



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### Upcoming Events

- ✚ 9/16 Goodies with Grands  
Media Center 7:45am
- ✚ 9/19-23 Start with Hello  
Week
- ✚ 9/28 Student of the Month  
Ceremony Café 2:00pm
- ✚ 9/30 All Pro Dads meeting  
Media Center 7:30am
- ✚ 10/4 PTA meeting  
Media Center 3:15pm
- ✚ 10/12 Walk to School Day  
Hammock Park 7:30am
- ✚ 10/13 SAC meeting  
Conference Room 3:15pm
- ✚ 10/13 Conference Night San  
Jose 4-7pm
- ✚ 10/17 **NO SCHOOL**

### Principal's News...

Growing, Growing, Growing deep roots! More classes, more students, more teachers! As many of you know San Jose Elementary has deep roots in the Dunedin Community. At Open House, we spoke with grandparents who attended San Jose as children and return with their adult children and grandchildren who attend San Jose. San Jose has several teachers who attended San Jose as students and returned to teach our future generations of students. Our pre-k programs have expanded and as a result, our primary grades are growing. Reflective of our student growth, our family involvement is increasing. Our PTA meeting was well attended, and we filled Hammock Park at the First Annual PTA Popsicles in the Park event.

I am humbled to be a part of this success story of many generations. Thank you for trusting San Jose to educate your children. There is no greater responsibility than to contribute to the growth and success of our next generation.

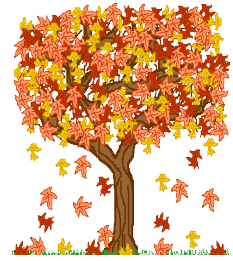
Please join us by becoming more involved. I look forward to partnering with you as we grow together for another successful year at San Jose.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Brown  
Principal





# Fall Calendar of Events



## September

- 9/13 PTA Spirit Night – Sunset Smoothies & Ice cream 4-8pm
- 9/16 Goodies with Grands – SJE Media Center – 7:45-8:15am
- 9/19-23 Start with Hello Week
- 9/28 Student of the Month – San Jose Café – 2pm
- 9/30 All Pro Dads meeting – SJE Media Center – 7:30am

## October



- 10/4 PTA meeting – Media – 3:15pm
- 10/12 Walk to School Day @ Hammock Park – 7:30am
- 10/13 SAC meeting – SJE Conference Room – 3:15pm
- 10/13 Conference Night 4-7pm
- 10/17 **NO SCHOOL for Students**
- 10/21-28 Scholastic Book Fair
- 10/22 Beautification Day @ San Jose
- 10/26 Student of the Month Ceremony – SJE Café – 2pm
- 10/27 Trunk or Treat
- 10/31 Jump Rope for Heart (during P.E. classes)

## November

- 11/1 PTA meeting – SJE Media Center – 3:15pm
- 11/10 SAC meeting – SJE Conference Room – 3:15pm
- 11/16 Great American Teach-In (all day at SJE)
- 11/16 Family Holiday Lunch (TBD)
- 11/17 PTA Fall Ball Event (details to come)
- 11/21-25 **NO SCHOOL for Students**
- 11/30 Student of the Month Ceremony – SJE Café – 2pm





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 \$8**  
**2-pack Adult Memberships \$15**



## 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 x2300**.



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

### Things to Know:

- Please meet by the playground of Hammock Park off San Mateo Drive.
- We'll be joined by a dignitary from the City of Dunedin, PCSO, Fire & Rescue.
- We'll have truck interactions, a safety talk, goodie bags with safety info, and a light snack.
- We will walk/bike to school at 8:05 and arrive on time for student breakfast.

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

For further walking and biking safety information, please visit: [www.floridaparts.com](http://www.floridaparts.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!

**AUGUST CHARACTER EDUCATION**  
The practice of identifying common abilities, skills, and attributes that are important for success in today's diverse workplace.

**SEPTEMBER CITIZENSHIP**  
Being a law abiding and involved citizen in school, the community, and society.

**OCTOBER TOLERANCE**  
Respecting the individual differences, views, and beliefs of other people.

**NOVEMBER PATRIOTISM**  
Demonstrating allegiance to one's country.

**DECEMBER CHARITY**  
Displaying compassion and respect by making donations or volunteering to help others in need.

**JANUARY KINDNESS & CARING**  
Being kind, friendly, considerate and willing to listen, give and share.

**FEBRUARY COOPERATION**  
Getting things done and working together to accomplish a goal.

**MARCH RESPONSIBILITY**  
Doing your best and taking ownership for your words and actions.

**APRIL HONESTY**  
Using truthful speech and behavior.

**MAY RESPECT**  
Treating yourself and others with courtesy and consideration.

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MISSION: EDUCATE AND PREPARE EVERY STUDENT FOR COLLEGE, CAREER AND LIFE



During the week of September 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 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>



Bay News 9 A+  
Teacher of the Week:  
**Mr. Gore**

Please join us in celebrating 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher, **Robert Gore**, who was recognized as the Bay News 9 A+ Teacher of the week in August. Mr. Gore has dedicated 26 years of service educating the students of San Jose. We are proud to have him represent all of the outstanding teachers and staff at San Jose and look forward to many more years to come.

To watch the video, please follow this link:

<https://www.baynews9.com/fl/tampa/news/2022/08/30/longtime-educator-still-finds-joy-in-the-classroom>

## 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:

Craig & Liz Deep, The Vigil Family, Brian Yatzkan, The Backpack Lady Project, The Dunedin Blue Jays, Kiwanis Club of Dunedin, The Elks Lodge #1525, Urban Garden Design Co., Sarasota Process Servers, 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 cop paper to the front office or sending in an Adopt-a-Class donation. Thank you!



## 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 Crissy Fitzgerald at 727.469.5956.

Please join us for the:

## Great American Teach In Wednesday November 16, 2022

GATI is a wonderful 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](mailto:ziecheckd@pcsb.org)

or 727.469.5956 x2014.

**We need YOU**

to make it a memorable day for our kids!



[www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern](http://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](http://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 x2310 or  
[ziecheckd@pcsb.org](mailto:ziecheckd@pcsb.org).

## Counselor Corner

I am so excited to be back for year #2 at San Jose!

My name is Maria Gosart, and I am your student's school counselor. 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.

We are happy to announce that San Jose has partnered with Feeding Tampa Bay, and they will be providing us with a free food market on campus. All San Jose families are welcome to come "shop" at the market free of charge. We will have fresh produce, meats & pantry items available.

Why "school counselor" and not "guidance counselor?"

The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) encourages the use of "school counselor" to more accurately reflect the role.

Historically, the first term was *vocational guidance*. In the 1930s guidance became a service within pupil personnel services with five services: *information, assessment, counseling, placement and follow-up*. Common labels used were *guidance* and *counseling*. Following ASCA's lead, counseling became the label of choice as in school counseling programs. Guidance is still present but is used to label one of the delivery the program, the guidance curriculum.

*A Guidance Counselor* is reactive, has some impact - measured via feelings and perceptions, an ancillary role to school improvement process, works in isolation

*A School Counselor* is proactive, data-driven, creates inclusive curriculum, has impact that is measured via achievement, uses attendance and behavior data, is an essential role in the school improvement process, a leader in development, management, and evaluation of a comprehensive school counseling program.

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