

THE JAG

Joslin Activities and Greetings

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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New Construction starting May 31

Significant changes are coming to Joslin Elementary as the campus prepares for construction work starting this summer. Beginning May 30, the school will be closed to all visitors to ensure safety and facilitate the upcoming projects.

Construction will officially begin on May 31, with work expected to continue through July 31, 2025. Due to the extensive nature of the renovations, no summer meal programs or YMCA activities will be held on campus this summer.

As part of the updates, the main school entrance will be relocated to Cinnamon Trail, adjacent to the blacktop parking lot. A new accessible ramp will also be installed outside the fence, providing a safe and convenient path to the front entrance.

Despite the construction, routines for student transportation will remain the same for the upcoming school year. Morning drop-offs will continue to take place at the cafeteria, while afterschool pickups will be available at the blacktop or the cafeteria.

NEW OFFICE

NEW ADMIN

Blacktop

School officials thank families and community members for their patience and cooperation as they work to enhance the campus for students and staff. Updates will be provided as construction progresses.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

- **THANK YOU parents, staff, and students!** As we close another school year, we are grateful for your dedication and trust in us and we will see you next year! To our 5th graders congratulations on this milestone and we are excited what to learn about your future endeavors.
- New school times for 2025-26:
 - 7:40a: School begins
 - 8:00a: Arrival after 8am is a tardy
 - 9:45a: Attendance taken
 - 3:10p: Dismissal
 - To help ensure a smooth and safe dismissal, we kindly discourage student pick-ups between 2:30 and 3:00 PM. During this time, staff are actively preparing for dismissal and supervising students.
- **Thank you to our community supporters!** Your generosity has made a big impact on our school this year.
 - Ally Medical Emergency Room contributed several donations for our Moon Festival and Lunar New Year celebrations, as well as providing meals for our teachers.
 - Office Depot generously donated approximately \$10,000 worth of school supplies to support our students and classrooms.
 - **Texas Dragon/Lion Dance Team** helped make our cultural events special by performing and celebrating with the Jaguars during our Asian heritage festivities.

2025-2026 PTA

Board Members

President - Sabrina Joy VP/Fundraising - Dot Aikman Secretary - Alex Dehoff Treasurer - Pam Chen Parliamentarian - Mindy Farmer

PTA Committee Leads

Campus Beautification - Allie Cassel Communication - Penelope Lim Head Room Parent - Jessica Sanders Healthy Living - Josephine Tidwell Teacher Appreciation - Jessica Sanders Yearbook - Crystal Chen

OPEN PTA POSITIONS

Membership Chair – Leads PTA membership campaigns, primarily in the fall. Responsibilities include managing memberships and engaging with parents.

Programs Chair – helps coordinate school programs that promote educational enrichment and equity.

Hospitality Chair – supports fun events and efforts that make Joslin a fun place to go to school and work



PTA Updates

Campus Beautification

Thank You, Austin High School Volunteers!

Big thanks to the amazing volunteer crew from Austin High School who spent the weekend of April 26–27 working in our vegetable garden near the monarch garden! They installed a new drip irrigation system, added flowers and vegetables to the beds, and helped with mowing and weeding.

They also donated \$400 worth of materials to support the project—what a generous contribution!



Scan
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code
to watch
a video
of their
progress

Bonzo Crunch

Shout out to Dot Rocks Properties for sponsoring the PTA event Bonzo Crunch - Fool at Large on May 12. Students laughed and learned how things don't always seem to be as they appear.

Moana 2 Movie Night 📽





JOGATHON SUCCESS

We did it—our Jog-a-Thon was a huge success! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made it possible, from the planning stages to the event day. <u>Special thanks to Alex, Jess, Dot, Penelope, Sabrina, Josephine, and many more for your time and support.</u>

A very special thank you to **Mindy Farmer** for her incredible dedication, time, and creativity—your thoughtful planning made everything smoother and more fun! And of course, a huge shout-out to **Jen Craver** for leading the fundraiser with energy and vision.

We're also incredibly grateful to all the parents who volunteered on the day of and to everyone who helped fundraise—your contributions truly made a difference.

Blacktop Project Update:

Originally, we planned to spend \$22,000 on a new blacktop surface. Thanks to a generous donation from the Boys and Girls Club, which is providing its existing blacktop materials to Joslin, we've significantly reduced the need for new supplies. This not only saves money but also supports our commitment to environmental responsibility by reusing materials rather than purchasing new ones. With the money saved, we are excited to purchase two new adjustable basketball hoops. The final design for the blacktop—currently in its final draft—will include hopscotch, four-square, and soccer field lines, with installation scheduled for this summer. The Joslin PTA will cover any remaining costs, and we thank all our donors for helping us build a more sustainable and fun space for our Jaguars.





Fundraiser

Celebrate your Jaguar's Birthday on the School Marquee during their Birth Week!

\$5

Venmo: Joslin-PTA

Thank you 2024-25 Joslin Student Council!



SUMMER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June	PRID	E MOI	JTH	5	6 DISTRICT CLOSED	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 DISTRICT CLOSED	14
15 FATHER'S	16	17	18	TEENTH DISTRICT	20 CLOSED	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			Vacation	1	DISTRICT CLOSED	
29	30	July	2	3		5
	Principal Vacation					
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
42	44	45	46	47	DISTRICT CLOSED 18	10
13	14	15	16	17	DISTRICT CLOSED	19
20	21	22	23	24	DISTRICT CLOSED	26

August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 July	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	9-11a: PTA Playdate 11a-12p: New student orientation 12-1p: Meet and Greet your teacher	16
17	18	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	20	21	22 3:15-4:15p: Silat	23
24	25 SCHOOL HOLIDAY	26	PTA Meeting (Time TBD)	28	29 3:15-4:15p: Silat	*Hosted by Joslin PTA

31 Help the PTA! Take the PTA Survey for feedback Scan the QR code by 8/31









TUES, AUG 19TH 7:45 - 8:30 a.m. in the library