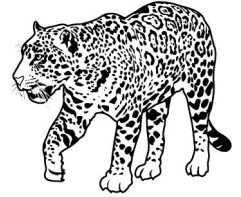




Joan Austin Elementary



2200 N. Center St.

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November 2016

Important Dates to Remember:

November

- 1-4 Candy Buy Back Fundraiser
- 4 Bingo Night
- 11 No School—Veterans Day
- 15 Eye Screenings
- 15 5th Grade Mo's Chowder Pickup
- 15-12/1 5th Grade Cookie Dough Fundraiser
- 16 K-Kids Meeting @ 8:55 AM
- 16 Picture Retake Day
- 17 Parent Group Meeting @6:30
- 18 Popcorn Friday / Hat Day
- 21-25 No School—Thanksgiving Break

December

- 12-16 Scholastic Book Fair
- 14 Character Counts Assembly
- 16 Holiday Sing Along
- 19-1/4 Winter Break

Interested in volunteering at school?

Please contact Joan Austin PTO; jaevolunteer@gmail.com. We would love to have you join us. To get the latest updates, please also like us on Facebook – Joan Austin Elementary PTO.

Thanks to all of our families who are reading our *The World According to Humphrey* book. Since Ms. Mac was a character in the first chapter, and she kept Humphrey in her pocket, I have tried to wear a vest or jacket that has had a pocket to carry around my own Humphrey. When I do not have him with me, students stop me at breakfast or in the hallway to ask where he is. They also ask me questions about the book or give me some details that they are enjoying.

We have made it a point to visit every classroom to ask questions and give out small prizes. The last two weeks of our reading we also added a book give away. All books are in the display case in the main hallway. In order to be eligible to win, students need to write about the book. Questions are posted across from the office. Students write their answer and then tell us their preference in case we pull their entry. The *One School, One Book* program has been a school-wide activity that has helped us enrich our sense of community.

As our *One School, One Book* program ends, another reading opportunity is beginning. *Battle of the Books* teams were suppose to get their registration forms to Mrs. Gray or Mrs. Davidson by October 24. Last year we had 15 teams from our school and our all-around school team placed second in district. Team registration is happening now, and we are hoping for a district and regional winner since we have our top teams returning.

Student teams of four read 16 books that have been chosen by the Battle of the Books program. They usually divide the reading among the team and read, re-read, and re-read while practicing trivia questions for months. They then have practice battle rounds with other school teams. The pool play at Joan Austin starts on January 7. Tournament rounds are scheduled from January 20 – February 9. Our school has the final four teams have a tournament on February 13 to determine our school winner who qualifies for district battles.

Since we believe reading is so important, we also give away books at least four times a year when students earn PAWS for good behavior. If you visit our school, you will see this bulletin board of books outside of the cafeteria. Students are excited to earn a good behavior PAWS and are even more excited to win a book of their choice off of that board.

During the month of November all families have a week for Thanksgiving break. I encourage you to sit and read as a family as just 20 minutes a day can help with fluency and maybe more importantly, continue building a loving relationship with family and books. I thank every parent who supports our teachers and school. We are strong because of the partnerships you make with us.

Terry McElligott

Principal

Questions? Check the school website, or call us at 503-554-4550.

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EVERY DAY COUNTS
GOOD ATTENDANCE MATTERS FOR SUCCESS

Attendance corner

Did you know that missing 2 days of school per month fails to meet the expected 95% attendance rate?

So far this school year, 207 of our 354 students (58%) have had perfect attendance! Great job making every day count!

One of the most important things your child can do to achieve academic success is also one of the most basic: going to school every day.

Every day counts! Good attendance matters for success.

Eye Screenings November 15

All students will participate in screenings unless the office is notified in writing.

No School

November 11

Veterans Day

November 21-25

Thanksgiving Break

K-Kids Meetings

November 2 and 16

Room D205, 8:55 AM

If you have not joined K-Kids but are interested, contact Mr. Strid.

If your student was absent on Picture Day, or needs a new photo taken, don't forget that

Picture Retakes are November 16!

A note from the PTO...

Box Tops (This is a great easy way to earn money for our school!) It's time to start turning in all the box tops you have been collecting during summer! Between now and November 11th, please turn in bags of cut out box tops with your child's name and teacher's name to your students teacher. Each student that turns in Box Tops will receive a FREE popcorn on November 18th's Popcorn Friday.

Halloween Candy Buy Back – supported by Wilson Orthodontics. Not sure what to do with all of that collected / leftover Halloween Candy? How about turning into cash to help support the school? The Candy Monster is back in the office and hungrier than ever for your candy donations!! We will be collecting candy donations through Friday , November 4th.

Nov 4th Bingo Night - Feeling lucky??? Join us Friday, November 4th for a fun filled evening of BINGO!! Doors open at 6:00. Games start at 6:30. Come and join the fun!

Nov 18th Popcorn Friday - Popcorn is \$0.25 per bag... **OR FREE** if your child brings in bagged box tops with their name and their teacher's written on it by November 11th!

Nov 17th PTO Meeting – Next meeting is Thursday, November 17th at 6:30pm in the school library. PTO meetings are open to all families and staff of Joan Austin Elementary and are a great way to get connected with the school. Free childcare is available.

5th Grade Cookie Dough Fundraiser

November 15—December 1

Our 5th grade students will be selling cookie dough and other goodies to raise money for their Outdoor School experience! 45% of the proceeds go directly towards their Outdoor School trip.

If you would like to support our 5th grade students but don't know any, contact the office! We will have an order form available for those interested.

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