

FLAGSTAFF JUNIOR ACADEMY



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An FJA Shout-Out to W.L. Gore & Associates for donating \$2,200 to the FJA field trip program through their Volunteer Support Grant Program. And special thanks to FJA parent Beau Drumright for sponsoring our application!

An FJA Shout-Out to all of our families for their generosity this past holiday season. The beautiful toys collected for the Annual Toy Drive and the outpouring of gift cards donated to FJA families in need was powerful. Together we make a difference. Special thanks to Ms. Emmanuelle and Ms. Shawna for coordinating these efforts!

New FJA Office Manager, Heather Nevius: We're excited to welcome Heather Nevius to our school community. Heather will split her time between the two campuses and joins office staff Adi Scantlebury and Natalie Ruggieri in serving students, staff, and families. Questions about enrollment, student fundraisers, and general support can be directed to Heather by calling the school or emailing her at heathernevius@fjacademy.com.

Student Intent to Continue Due Soon: It's time to start planning for next school year! Annual Student Intent to Continue forms will be emailed and sent home to families on February 2nd. On this form, you'll let us know if you plan to enroll your child(ren) at FJA for next school year. This form needs to be returned to the school office no later than February 10, 2023, to guarantee your child's enrollment for Fall 2023.

Cedar Open Campus: Although entry onto our elementary campus is controlled via a secured lock system during school hours for safety, please know that families are always welcome on campus. The gate is open at afternoon pick-up, and this is a great time to come chat with teachers. Also, any morning is a good day to park the car, walk your child onto campus, and connect with staff. Especially good mornings to visit are Fridays, when we hold our Community Paw Draw at 8:15 a.m. Please join us whenever is best for you!

Pizza Lunch—Wednesdays at Bonito: Middle school students can purchase pizza for \$2 per slice every Wednesday. All proceeds support the Washington, D.C. Close Up trip!

Conferences—Save the Dates: Second semester Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place on the afternoons and evenings of Wednesday 2/15 and Thursday 2/16. Please note that, to accommodate these conferences, both 2/15 and 2/16 are half school days. Cedar Campus Aftercare will be available both days for those families that need it.

FJA Open Houses: FJA will host evening Open Houses for next year's prospective families this Wednesday 1/25 and Thursday 1/26. If you know of any families interested in joining the FJA community next school year, encourage them to come out, tour the school, and learn more about what FJA has to offer. Elementary families should attend the Cedar Campus Open House at 6 p.m. on Wed. 1/25, and middle school families should attend the Bonito Campus Open House at 6 p.m. on Thurs.1/26.

Contribute Your AZ School Tax Credit to FJA (Your family and friends can, too!): Want to support FJA's extracurricular activities and field trips, as well as our mindfulness and PBIS programs? If so, then choose FJA as the recipient of your Arizona School Tax Credit contribution! With this program, you save dollar-for-dollar on state taxes owed up to \$200 for single filers and \$400 for joint filers. Align your tax dollars with your value system and donate your school tax credit to FJA today!

Click below to access our tax credit brochure and learn how to donate by check:

<https://fjademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/TaxCreditBrochure3.pdf>

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<https://fjademy.com/donate/>

Winter Wear: Please send your child in proper winter and snow attire (boots, pants, warm coats, hats/mittens, etc.) every day as we have recess outside as often as possible. Cedar campus students also eat lunch outside when the weather permits.

Weather, Snow Delays/Cancelations: FJA school policy is to follow FUSD on weather delays and cancelations, as their transportation department has more resources than we do to scout roads and outlying areas. FJA strives to announce any school delays or cancelations due to winter weather by 6:00 a.m. We always respect families' right to make the best decision for their children. There might also be days that weather and traffic require more slow-going travel. Grace will be given for lateness on these days.

Accessing Grades for 6th through 8th Graders via Infinite Campus: All sixth, seventh, and eighth graders, along with their parents/guardians, are encouraged to monitor student grades through Infinite Campus, FJA's online gradebook. If you are new to FJA, have lost your login information, etc., email Cassie Wilson at cassiewilson@fjademy.com. She can email you login information. Please note that once directions and temporary logins have been sent, they must be activated within 48 hours before they expire.

PTG Organizing Room Parent/Grade Guardian Opportunity: Our PTG is organizing a Room Parent/Grade Guardian opportunity for families who want to provide an extra layer of support to our school's teachers and staff throughout the year. They're launching the sign-up form this week with a goal to begin engagement in January. Details and sign up form here:

<https://sites.google.com/view/fjaptg/room-parentsgrade-guardians?authuser=0>

Yearbooks Are Going Fast: Order your 2022-2023 FJA Yearbook soon. The final deadline is April 10th. Just go to www.ybpay.com and enter Yearbook ID Code: 14441823. Yearbook packages start at \$27.

Upcoming Important Dates

Jan. 13th: 7th and 8th Grade Dance at Bonito Campus, sponsored by 7/8 Student Council

Jan. 16th: No School (MLK Day)

Jan. 25th: Cedar Campus Open House for Prospective Families, 6:00 p.m.

Jan. 26th: Bonito Campus Open House for Prospective Families, 6:00 p.m.

Jan. 30th and 31st: Kendama Mindfulness Assemblies and Programming:

"Empowering Mindfulness, Growth Mindset and Social Emotional Learning Through Play with Kendama"

Feb. 1st: FJA School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at Cedar Campus

Feb. 10th: Intent to Continue Due

Feb. 15th and 16th: Parent/Teacher Conferences, Half Days/Early Dismissal

Feb 20th: No School (Presidents' Day)

The Month in Pictures



Enjoying the snow at Cedar... playing in it, running on it, eating it... you name it!



For her Winter Wonderland session, Ms. Jackson's students focused on gratitude—its benefits and how they practice it in their own lives!



Ms. Conway's and Ms. Cernohous's students caroling at Highgate Senior Community! Thanks to Ms. Zacharias and students for the festive songs!



Thanks to all the families who came out to the Winter Arts Showcase. Here, a small gathering in our multipurpose room for FJA guitar students' performance.