



Top 5- October 17, 2023

1. Fall Parent Surveys

Your feedback is critical to JA's continued success as a top charter school in Colorado. From expanding after-school activities to changes in meet-the-teacher night, parent surveys make a real difference. As a Board, we feel it is important to collect responses on certain questions in order to measure and continue to improve on our goals. Please take 5-10 minutes right now to have a positive impact on your child's experience at JA and participate in our Fall Parent Survey.

Please find the surveys here: [Elementary Survey](#) [Secondary Survey](#)

2. Board Campus visits

Over the last month members of the Board visited JA Elementary, Secondary, Summit Westminster and Summit South campuses. The Board members were highly impressed with the energy and excitement on all campuses! Seeing all of our amazing teachers, students and administrators in action was truly inspiring. The love of learning and innovative programs we offer on all campuses was on full display and was wonderful to see.

3. Academic Rigor at Work: Writing to the Prompt

JA Elementary school teachers Debbie Sovereign, Christa Westbrook, and Carrie Mott briefed the Board on the work they and the elementary staff are doing regarding writing to the prompt and the goal of the entire Elementary school to focus on improving our students' writing skills and test scores. This initiative is a direct outcome of the deep dive into test score data and collaborative work between the district and JA staff.

4. Board Info Session: Post Secondary Preparation for JA Students

In preparation for the upcoming refresh of the Board's 3-year strategic plan, another information session was held before the October Board meeting. The JA Secondary student support staff, Post-Secondary Advisor Angela LeValley and School Counselor Kyrie Adams, spoke about the post-secondary preparation process which helps our secondary students prepare them for success after their years at JA. Better understanding the various pathways to student success and how JA can enable our students to reach their highest academic potential is a vital part of creating a meaningful strategic plan.

5. Help Needed: JA at 30 the Black and Gold Gala - Silent Auction Donations

JA is celebrating its 30 Year anniversary! The Black and Gold Gala will be held on January 27, 2024 (watch for more information on ticket sales for this event). As part of this gala, JA will be holding a silent auction. Donating silent auction items can be an easy way for you to participate and contribute to this celebration.

If you have an item you would like to donate or would like to help in getting local businesses to participate, please contact the JA Foundation at info@thefoundationforja.org. Thank you to everyone in the JA Community for their help to make this special event a success!

Sincerely,

Your JA Board

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John Nunnally, & Tristina Pontiakos

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