# C.E. Jacobson Elementary Update

November 19, 2026 *Alicia Nelson, PK-6th Grade Principal*

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Relationships
- New AAC Parent Group
- Data Teaming
- PTO/CEJ Halloween Dance: Schoolwide and Family Activity

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## Relationships

Relationships continue to be on the forefront of everything that we do. Whether classroom and teacher relationships, parent and teacher relationships, peer to peer student or staff relationships, our focus is on positive communication and problem solving.

- Thankfully, we have an incredible school community that also values this goal.
- We have strong schoolwide data at this time as office disciplinary referrals are down compared to years past and more strongly used as data connection tools for students who require extensive behavioral intervention.
- The impact of students positively influencing students is a personal goal that I am passionate about to embark on next as principal.

## New AAC Parent Group

Our speech pathology team is looking to create a space for learning and connection, offering a parent support group for student who utilize AAC, Augmentative and Alternative Communication. We look forward to updating you on the progress!

- Who Uses AAC? AAC can be used by people of all ages. It may be **temporary** (such as for a patient recovering in an ICU or after surgery) or **permanent** (for individuals with developmental or neurological conditions.
- In the case of nearly all of our elementary students, use is long term.
- This group can support parents of students who have communication needs or who require services for autism, for example.

### Data Teaming: The Overall Value to Our School (MTSS, SST, PLT, TCT,CIat)

While each data team has a different focus, they all contribute to one common goal: improving the educational experience and outcomes for every student.

When data teams work effectively, they:

- Create a proactive approach rather than a reactive approach to student needs.
- Ensure that resources, staff time, and interventions are used effectively.
- Strengthen communication and collaboration among educators.
- Build consistency and accountability throughout the school.
- Identify successful practices that can be shared and expanded.
- Help staff recognize student growth, not just student struggles.
- Support continuous school improvement through informed decision-making.

## Schoolwide Family Event

Our schoolwide Halloween Event and Dance was a huge success!  I stopped counting at 350 coming and going. This family friendly event engaged all ages from babies to grandparents.  Many thanks were shared for having a safe, fun, and free event for all.

- Special thanks to our amazing PTO and staff representatives for planning all of the activities and fundraising for the evening.
- Thank you to our volunteers and DJ Jake Folsom for generously volunteering his services!

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