

Jacksonville Elementary School

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PARENT BULLETIN



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October 15, 2009

Dear Parents,

Jacksonville is striving to continue its outstanding attendance record. While we do not want children to come to school sick, if they have a headache or are just tired, please send them. Teachers will monitor them and send them to the Health Room if warranted. The attendance committee meets monthly and letters may be sent home if a child has more than a 5% absent record. Also new this year you will see the percentage of time your child has been present for each quarter of the year in the quarterly report cards for grades 1 through 5. Maryland State Department of Education's standard for satisfactory attendance is 94%.

Parents, if you need to pick up your child please send a note into school that morning. We have had parents calling after 1:00 and that means the secretaries have to interrupt the class to tell the child to go to Parent Pick-up. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for more information.

A big thank you is extended to Mrs. Michelle Stack and her Fall Fun Fair committee. It was a wonderful event and families had a great time. The weather was perfect and the rain started after 7:00! We are still wondering how Mrs. Stack arranged the weather!

Condolences are expressed to Mrs. Susan Johnson, kindergarten teacher, on the death of her mother. Mrs. Johnson appreciates all the kind words and gestures showed to her during this time.

Schools will be closed to students tomorrow. It is the annual Maryland State Educators Association Conference.

Next week we will be having both class and individual pictures taken on Wednesday. Information is being sent home. Please check the folders for fliers pertaining to Lifetouch pictures.

Ident-a-kid will also be here next Friday, October 23. This is a service to parents who may want to have an identification card made for their children. Again, look for the information to be sent home.

Thursday, October 22 will be the Blood Drive and Bone Marrow Registry. Please see the attachments for more information. Also there will be an Internet Safety Night at Jacksonville starting at 7:00 for both parents and students. Again, more information follows in this newsletter.

Finally mark your calendar! The Annual Jacksonville Halloween Parade will occur on Friday, October 30 at 2:30.

Happy Halloween,

Debbie Glinowiecki
Nancy Aumiller



October-November 2009 Calendar

Thursday, October 15	7:00 CAEAC Pre-Budget Hearing at Cockeysville Middle School
Friday, October 16	Schools closed—MSEA Convention
Tuesday, October 20	Synder Animal presentation to grade 2 4:30 Site Base meeting in the library
Wednesday, October 21	School pictures taken Beans and Bread Papa John's Night
Thursday, October 22	1:00-7:00 Red Cross Blood Drive and Bone Marrow Registry in the Activity Room and Gym 7:00 Internet Safety presentation
Friday, October 23	Ident-a-kid here during lunch 9:30 PTA meeting in Room 1
Thursday, October 29	4:00 Red Ribbon Week Movie Night
Friday, October 30	Vision and Hearing Screening 10:30 Grade 3 Fire Safety presentation 2:30 Annual Halloween Parade

Monday, November 2	Vision and Hearing Screening
Tuesday, November 3	Vision and Hearing Screening
Wednesday, November 4	Vision and Hearing Screening 8:15-4:15 Grade 4 to Air and Space Museum
Thursday, November 5	Vision and Hearing Screening First Quarter Marking Period ends
Friday, November 6	Schools closed—Professional Study Day
Tuesday, November 10	10:00 Buster the Bus visits Kindergarten
Monday, November 16	American Education Week begins
Tuesday, November 17	4:30 Site Base meeting in the library
Thursday, November 19	Report cards distributed 6:30 PTA meeting in the library 7:00 CAEAC meeting at Dumbarton (Topic: College Planning)
Friday, November 20	10:30-3:30 Grade 3 Writers' Workshop
Monday, November 23	Elementary School Conference Day—schools closed for students
Tuesday, November 24	Vision and Hearing rescreening
Wednesday, November 25	Beans and Bread Papa John's Night
Thursday, November 26	Thanksgiving—schools closed
Friday, November 27	Schools closed
Monday, November 30	Book Fair begins

***American Education Week
Visitation Schedule
November 16-20, 2009***

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>
9:30-11	Grade 1 Grade 3 Primary ALS	Grade 4 Grade 5	Grade 2	Kindergarten
1:30-3	Grade 3 Grade 4	Grade 2 Grade 5	Grade 1	Kindergarten Primary ALS

Jet Fuel Update



The PTA is excited to announce that to date we have received over \$13,600 in donations for JET FUEL! It is not too late to donate. Help us reach our goal of \$25,000 by October 31st!

You can find the donation form on the JES website under **Events/Activities & Important Documents**". Please make checks payable to JES PTA. Business donors are welcome.

The PTA thanks all families and businesses who have donated so far.

Magnet School Information

Last month Magnet School Brochures were sent home to all students in 5th grade. These brochures contain important information about magnet school programs, admission criteria, transportation, and an application. **The application deadline is November 30th, 2009.** All magnet school applications **MUST** be completed and **postmarked** no later than **November 30, 2009** for your application to be considered. If you would like more information about the magnet school program in Baltimore County please visit www.bcps.org/offices/omp or you can contact Laura Barton at lbarton@bcps.org with any questions.

Student Council Corner

On October 12th *homeroom representatives were elected*. Congratulations homeroom representative winners! Have you ever wondered what it would be like to where your wackiest outfit to school? Well, now is your chance! On the first Wednesday in November (November 4th), Jacksonville will hold its first **Wacky Wednesday**! More information will be sent at a later date.

Fall Fun Fair Wrap Up

Thanks to all the teachers, office, custodial staff, and parents who helped make the 2009 Fall Fun Fair such a success.

We would like to thank Bradley's, Manor Pit Beef, Jeff's Frozen Treats, and GT Pizza for their generous contributions.

We would also like to thank DJ Frank Spears, Magic Dave Thomen, the Dulaney Robot Team, and Baltimore's Best Events for contributing to the success of the Fall Fun Fair.

Finally, a huge thank you to the Fall Fun Fair volunteers that helped plan, organize, set up, and clean up the Fair.

PAPA JOHN'S PIZZA NIGHT !!

Papa John's of Jacksonville (next to Blockbuster on Sweet Air Road) is partnering with Jacksonville Elementary School one Wednesday every month. (October 21, 2009)

Our school will receive **15%** of all sales on these days. Just mention that you are a JES family when ordering and our school will receive a check from Papa John's. And, for these days only, Papa John's will deliver to the Hunt Valley Station area.

Remember, Beans and Bread and Papa John's Pizza. ***Make an extra lunch, but don't make dinner.***

Thanks for your support of our school!





Notes From the nurse.

Red Ribbon Week 2009 October 26 – October 29th



"I Show Good Character by Being Drug Free!"

The Wellness Committee has planned several special events for *Red Ribbon Week!* As you may already know, the inspiration for Red Ribbon Week was the 1985 murder of Enrique Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration special agent on assignment investigating drug trafficking in Mexico. To honor him, drug prevention programs called Camarena Clubs were started. People wore red ribbons to show their support. This eventually turned into Red Ribbon Week, which was officially proclaimed by Congress in 1988.

Red Ribbon Week focuses on educating students about healthy choices, especially the choice to avoid drugs. The need for drug prevention efforts never diminish. Each year there are millions of new students just starting their journey through school who have not yet heard the anti-drug messages expressed during Red Ribbon Week. With more than 100,000 schools and organizations taking part, Red Ribbon Week is the largest anti-drug event in the United States.

During Red Ribbon Week students will learn about the history of Red Ribbon Week and participate in several Red Ribbon Week activities. Below is a list of the scheduled events:

- **Monday: Red Ribbon Day!** Students will receive their own Red Ribbon to wear during the week long celebration. Teachers will also be discussing the history of Red Ribbon Week with their students.
- **Tuesday: Wear Red Day!** Please encourage your child to wear red today!
- **Wednesday: "Care and Share Wednesday"** Each class will be creating their own Red Ribbon Week poster. Posters will be displayed in our school and in local businesses.
 - Grades 4 and 5 will have an opportunity to attend the assembly "Let's Show Good Character by the Choices We Make."
- **Thursday: "Lets Show Good Character for Cool Kids!"**
It's Movie Night! Once again JES will sponsor a movie night! Proceeds will benefit Cool Kids! **Please watch for a separate flyer to come home with your child.** Deadline to sign up for movie night is Tuesday Oct 27th.

During the month of October Mrs. Sullivan, our school counselor, will be visiting students in the classroom to discuss the importance of good character.

She will also touch on our character trait of the month which is respect. A discussion about self respect in relation to making healthy choices will be a major component of each presentation.

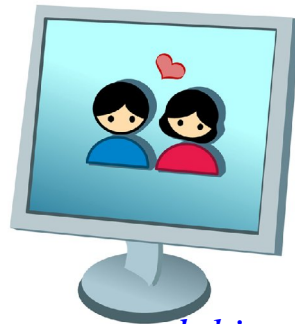
Sometimes, as parents, it's hard to talk to our children about the dangers of drug use. We hope that the activities that take place at school this week will serve as a springboard for conversation about this very important topic at home. Please take this opportunity to sit down and talk to your child about making healthy choices each and every day.

The Wellness Committee

The HELPS Coalition and Jacksonville Elementary present

Internet Safety Night

(Open to Children and their Parents)



*Please plan to attend this event with
your child to learn the latest in internet safety.*

Presenter: Officer Robin Brock, Balto. County Police Dept.

October 22, 2009

6:30 PM – 8PM

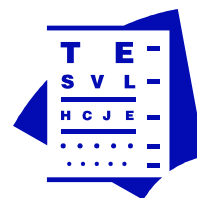
Jacksonville Elementary Cafeteria

For additional information, contact Doris Eller or Julie Sullivan

@ 410-887-7880

*This is also the day of the JES Blood Drive & Marrow Drive!
Please plan to come 10 minutes early and join the Marrow
Registry! It is easy – fill out a form, swab the inside of your cheek,
and save a life!*

Hearing and Vision Screening



Hearing and vision screening will take place at JES beginning Oct 30th. Students in grades kindergarten (if not previously screened in a Balto. Co. Pre K program), one, and four will be screened. Students new to the Baltimore County School System will also be screened. Please contact Doris Eller RN at 410-683-8351 if you have any questions regarding this program.

Flu Vaccines – Seasonal and H1N1



What is the difference between Seasonal and H1N1 flu vaccines?

This year the flu vaccine is coming in two parts. The Seasonal part targets flu strains that were predicted to be circulating, based on information available in the winter of 2009. In the spring of 2009, health officials discovered a new strain of flu, called H1N1 or “swine” flu. A separate vaccine has now been developed for this new strain.

Will there be a flu vaccine that contains both strains (seasonal and H1N1)?

No, not this year.

Who should get the H1N1 flu vaccine?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that the following groups get the H1N1 flu vaccine as soon as it is available:

- Pregnant women
- Persons caring for children under 6 months of age
- Persons between the age of 6 months and 24 years
- Persons between the ages of 25 years and 64 years who have a chronic health condition (like diabetes) that places them at increased risk for complications of the flu
- Health care workers

Is H1N1 vaccine available? Where will I be able to get my child an H1N1 shot?

The Department of Health expects to receive vaccine in mid to late October and will begin a series of public clinics once the vaccine arrives. These clinics will be publicized through our schools and through the media. Many of the clinics will be held in Baltimore

County school buildings. Some schools may have a clinic held at their school during the school day. Some private doctors have also registered to be a provider of this vaccine. You can check with your child's doctor to see if your child will be able to get the vaccine at his/her doctor's office.

OUTREACH NEWS

BEANS AND BREAD WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 25th



It was so GREAT to see all of the BEAUTIFULLY decorated bags that were brought in last month! Please encourage your child to make a lunch for one of our friends at Beans and Bread. Here's a little tip from the volunteers who collect the lunches, if you remember, please put a beverage in that has not been refrigerated. The refrigerated beverages tend to sweat, and make the bag wet and may break.

Halloween Candy Drive

Monday November 2nd-Wednesday November 4th

This drive is sponsored by the Dulaney Key Club to help the students fulfill their service hours. They collect Halloween candy give the candy to children who are Please encourage your child or They may drop the candy in the



from various elementary schools and otherwise unable to Trick or Treat. children to donate a bag of candy. bin in the lobby. Thank you!

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the wonderful Jacksonville families who donated coats, boots and sweaters. 5 huge bins full of these items were collected and delivered to Hawthorne Elementary School.



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October 15, 2009

From the President:

What a great night! The Fall Fun Fair was a wonderful display of the true spirit of JES. Thank you to Michelle Stack and her committee for orchestrating this event. I would also like to thank the many volunteers that helped with set-up, clean-up and the homeroom booths.

We are into the final weeks of the Jet Fuel campaign and I would like to once again thank those families who have already donated. It is not too late to show your support. Please consider donating by October 31st to help us reach our goal of \$25,000.

Beans and Bread and Papa John's Night
Wednesday, October 21st

Remember to make a lunch for someone else and let Papa John's make dinner for you!

The JES Blood Drive and Marrow screening is scheduled for October 22nd from 1 – 7 pm in the activity room. Contact Diane Palmieri to schedule a time if you are able to donate.

Save the date! American Education Week will be held November 16-20. This is a great opportunity for you to visit your child during the school day and interact with the teachers and other parents.

Respectfully,

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