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MESSAGE FROM MS. AGNA



GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is up through January – keep it coming!! Thank you to **Andrea Doenhe** and **Danielle Denefeld** who helped to transport to the Survival Center in December!



MLK, Jr. ASSEMBLY

We gather annually for an all-school on the Friday before Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, to remind ourselves of his work and his legacy. We will hold this year's assembly on Friday, January 12 at 2:15PM and invite any and all to join us. Monday, January 15 is a national holiday in his memory/honor and there is no school. A special program is in the works for the 15th, to be held at JSS – look for details in next week's newsletter.

FEBRUARY ASSEMBLY

Due to a scheduling conflict, our February assembly will be on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15th (not Friday the 16th) at 9:45AM. 4th graders will present.



VISITING DAYS

There is a flyer coming home today, with all the dates and details for our upcoming Visiting Days. The first one is Wednesday, January 17, 9:30-11AM. Many thanks to **Ms. Maria Vega**, our Administrative Assistant who included the times of specials for grades 3rd, 4th and 5th on this flyer. The specials are during the Visiting Day time so please plan your visits accordingly, if you are visiting the upper grades.

NEXT WEEK

I promise – some thoughts on boredom and what it might mean when your children say that they are. The snow day got my plan for this newsletter off kilter!

Hope it was an enjoyable and safe day for all! Have a good weekend!

With great respect,

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PTO NEWS

FAMILY CENTER COFFEE HOUR ON WED., JAN. 10

Please join us if you can for Coffee Hour in the Family Center on Wednesday, Jan. 10 from 9:00 to 10:00 am - free coffee, tea and treats, conversation with other parents/guardians/staff, and younger children always welcome!

JANUARY PTO MEETING ON WED., JAN. 10 AT 6:30 PM

Happy New Year - so many exciting plans for the JSS PTO in 2018!

All parents, guardians and staff, please come to the January meeting of the JSS PTO, on Wed., Jan. 10 at 6:30 pm in the library.

We have lots of plans to discuss and we want your input!

Just a few of the great things coming up - International Night, MLK Celebration, Science Night, Swing into Spring Auction, library renovation - and so much more!

As always, there will be free snacks and free childcare in the cafeteria.

Please join us - everyone in the JSS community is part of our PTO!

JSS DAD PAUL FITZGERALD RUNNING BOSTON MARATHON TO SUPPORT CANCER RESEARCH

Paul Fitzgerald, parent of JSS first grader Owen and teacher at Northampton High School, is running the Boston Marathon on April 16, 2018 to raise money for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

This will be his 6th year being involved with Dana-Farber, and his 4th year running the Boston Marathon in order to raise critical funds for Dana-Farber. Paul writes, "I am consistently amazed and saddened by the amount of families in our NPS community that are affected by cancer. In my position at NHS I am in contact with students, parents, and colleagues who are presently receiving treatment and support at different facilities, or have recently lost a loved one to cancer. 100% of the \$ raised by the Marathon Challenge goes the Claudia Adams Barr Program in innovative Basic Cancer Research. <http://www.rundfmc.org/faf/home/ccp.asp?ievent=1174187&ccp=677155> Although the Barr program is affiliated with Dana-Farber, their mission is to develop new lines of research that are not yet eligible for government funding. This means that although the research is being conducted at Dana-Farber, the effects of their research are felt at every facility in the world treating cancer patients."

If you would like to / are able to, please consider supporting Paul: <http://www.runDFMC.org/2018/runftzy>

And please share this with any family and friends who might want to support Paul in this great endeavor.

4th Annual JSS Family Science Night !!!!

We are very happy to announce that Thursday March 1st, is our Family Science Night!

The purpose of this event is to promote the thrill of Science through short, but exciting adult-led demonstrations.

To make it happen, we would need many adult volunteers who would be willing to prepare and share a science demonstration/hands-on activities of no more than 15 minutes in duration. Your demonstration would be repeated many times during the evening as students and their families rotate around the school visiting the "science stations"

If interested, please email Pallavi at: pallubv@gmail.com or jsspto@gmail.com

Thanks,

JSS PTO Committee

JSS INTERNATIONAL NIGHT!

Sign up to participate in JSS's International Night!

Friday, January 26th 6-8pm

International Night will be a celebration of the Jackson Street School's cultural diversity and an opportunity for families and students to learn more about different countries and cultures. Sign up to participate! You can take pride in representing your home country, a country you have a connection with, or it could be an opportunity to choose a country to research as a family and represent at International Night. See the attached flyer for more info.

¡Regístrese para participar en la Noche Internacional de JSS!

Viernes, 26 de Enero, 6-8pm

La Noche Internacional será una celebración de la diversidad cultural que existe en nuestra escuela, y una oportunidad para que todas las familias y los estudiantes aprendan más acerca de los diferentes países y culturas que existen alrededor del mundo. ¡Participe! Usted puede orgullosamente representar a su país, o a un país con el que tenga una conexión especial, o tal vez puede aprovechar la oportunidad de escoger un país al que quiera investigar y representar durante la Noche Internacional. Vea el folleto adjunto para más detalles.

IN THE NEWS

👉 2nd grader, **Joseph Vesley's** Book Buzz Book Review was published in the special column in the Daily Hampshire Gazette. He reviewed a picture book by author, Dave Eggers, called "Her Right Foot".

👉 **Rebecca Flinker**, daughter of Ms. Stephanie Flinker, 3rd grade special education teacher, was featured in an article in the Gazette about the upcoming musical production by the Amherst Leisure Services Community Theater of "Beauty and the Beast"! Rebecca plays Belle, the lead. Dates are: January 11-14 and 18-21. Tickets: www.alsct.org and 413-259-3065. Tickets sell out quickly so get yours soon!!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Upcoming SciTech Cafe events:

- January 22nd: Do Be So Sensitive: Tactile Sensing in Soft Robotics with Prof. Kristen Dorsey

Audubon

Exploring Arcadia: Signs of the Seasons

Sun, Jan 07, 2018 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary, Easthampton
suitable for children 4 - 18 years

Members: Adult \$5.00, Child \$5.00

Nonmembers: Adult \$7.00, Child \$7.00

Nonmembers can join online or on phone and take immediate advantage of member prices.

Enjoy the beauty of Arcadia as we explore the sanctuary at a relaxed pace. Each walk will cover natural history topics that will vary with the seasons. We'll be searching for tracks, listening to the first songs of birds and frogs, and watching for buds opening and early spring flowers.

Registration is required: online or call 413-584-3009 to register by phone.

Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary, 127 Combs Road,
Easthampton, MA 01027

Owl Moon

Sat, Jan 20, 2018 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Location: Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary, Easthampton
suitable for children 5 - 10 years

Members: Adult \$8.00, Child \$8.00

Nonmembers: Adult \$10.00, Child \$10.00

Nonmembers can join online or on phone and take immediate advantage of member prices.

Come see a magical shadow puppet presentation of Jane Yolen's classic book "Owl Moon," and learn about the seven native owl species in Massachusetts. After the show, we'll take a walk in the dark, brisk winter woods to call for owls. We can't guarantee that we will see or hear owls, but we will certainly have fun trying. After the walk, we'll return indoors to warm up with a cup of hot chocolate and a snack.

Please dress to be outdoors for half of this program.

Registration is required.

Register online or call 413-584-3009 to register by phone.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – We're always adding new dates so keep checking. PLEASE check the Northampton Public Schools website for district calendar updates.

Parents Hour in the Family Center every other Wed. from 9-10AM, beginning Wed. Sept. 6.

Walking School Bus (See you in the Spring!) – Ms. Agna alternates on Fridays around 8:10AM between the bike path (starting behind Stop and Shop) and Hampshire Heights, starting at the bottom of the hill near the CVS plaza.

Wed. Jan. 10 JSS PTO meeting 6:30-8PM

Fri. Jan. 12 All school assembly – to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. 1:45PM

Mon. Jan. 15 MLK, Jr. Holiday – no school

Thurs. Jan 18 Session 2 HOLA ends

Fri. Jan. 26 INTERNATIONAL NIGHT! 6-8PM

Thurs. Feb. 15 All-school assembly – 4th graders present at 9:45AM
Kindergarten 2018-2019 Information Meeting 6:30PM at JFK Middle School

Mon. Feb. 19-23 NO SCHOOL – February vacation

Thurs. Mar. 1 SCIENCE NIGHT!

Thurs. Mar. 15 All-school assembly – 5th graders present at 9:15AM

Fri. Mar. 23 SWING INTO SPRING AUCTION!

Wed. Apr. 11 all-school assembly – 1st graders present at 1:30PM.