



Newsletter

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Ms. Alessi's website: <https://sites.google.com/northampton-k12.us/mindfulnessatjss>

JSS Office 587-1510

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MESSAGE FROM MS. AGNA

TODAY – FRIDAY (if you're reading this before school!), we're beginning the Walking School Bus! I will be walking though Hampshire Heights starting at 8:10AM. Next Friday I'll walk on the Bike Path. Please join me!

TARDIES & ATTENDANCE

A 3rd BANNER WEEK – WOW!! Thanks so much everyone for your continued efforts!

MCAS

We had a very smooth start to the testing period – this past week for 3rd graders. Thank you so much for your support and preparation – they seemed at ease and ready to “try their best – and it will be fine”! Next week – Tuesday and Wednesday – is our 4th graders' turn. Please note that the Thursday dates are for Make-Ups, when students have been absent on the Tuesdays and/or Wednesdays. The schedule below has been revised to reflect this.

STAY TUNED – More information of how schools and districts are “leveled” and the stakes for this...

Have a great weekend!

With great respect and affection,

Gwen Agna
Gwen Agna

HOLA

Thursday classes are done, while Tuesday and Wednesday classes will make up the snow days next week.

PTO NEWS

TONIGHT!

LOCAL CHORUS CONCERT TO BENEFIT NATURE'S CLASSROOM - FRIDAY, APRIL 6

Johnny's mom Nerissa Nields' Local Chorus is having an amazing benefit concert for Nature's Classroom (thank you so much, Nerissa!)

Local Chorus Winter Concert! A Fundraiser for Rising 5th graders to go to Nature's Classroom at the Senior Center, 67 Conz St, Northampton MA 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Tickets available at the door. Sliding scale of \$10-\$20--all proceeds after expenses will be split evenly between the four Northampton public schools' rising 5th grade classes

<https://www.facebook.com/events/153542662006543/>

Local Chorus is an independently run chorus for kids aged 5-13, run by musician/activist Nerissa Nields. We sing a wide repertoire of folk, pop, rock and classical music in one-, two- and three-part arrangements. Repertoire includes songs by The Beatles, Tom Petty, Leonard Cohen, Pete Seeger, Woody Guthrie and Lin Manuel-Miranda. Our mission is to bring joy to the community through music and performance.

Eat for Education! - Tuesday, April 10

All day on Tuesday, April 10, participating Northampton restaurants will donate 10% of sales to Northampton High School!

For a complete list of restaurants, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/northampton.high.pto/>

JSS PTO meeting on Wed., April 11 at 6:30 pm

All parents, guardians, caregivers, teachers and staff are warmly invited to the April PTO meeting - it is all of our PTO!

Come share ideas, learn more about upcoming plans and events - Field Day! Variety Show! Electronics Recycling! so much more! - and get involved. Free childcare and snacks! Please join us...

MORE THANK-YOU'S for Swing Into Spring!

More Swing Into Spring THANK YOUs

A big thank you to **Andrew Smith, Ann Hennessey, Kyle Richardson, and Roz Chapman** for donating your time and talent to the auction.

Thank you to the many **JSS teachers, staff, and JSS families** for offering incredible auction items. And thank you to the local businesses that support our school year after year by donating auction items.

Lastly – thanks to **Julie Harvey-Parks** for being a big part of this years auction committee.

Help finish off the Winter JSS Grocery Gift Card Fundraiser!

We have \$6,000 more to sell.

This will complete a \$3,125 fundraising effort for JSS without you losing a penny

The gift cards cost & are worth their face value-- meaning you pay NO extra money --

Buy as many as you want in \$25, \$50, or \$100 increments. We have cards for River Valley Co-op, Big Y, and Stop & Shop.

To purchase your gift cards ...

Stop by the table inside the main door April 3, 5, 9, 11 & 13!

Before school (8:30-9:15a) After school (2:45-3:15p)

Send an email to Julie Harvey Park, juliebaboolie@yahoo.com

Payments can be made by cash or check (preferably) or PayPal:

- Checks should be made out to the “Jackson Street School PTO” with Grocery Card Fundraiser in the memo line. Hand the check to one of the JSS PTO Leadership Team or place it in the PTO mailbox in the office.
- Credit card payments can be made by clicking the “Donate” button at the bottom of the PTO webpage (www.jsspto.org). Forward your PayPal receipt to jacksonstreetpto@gmail.com or juliebaboolie@yahoo.com to confirm your order.

Many Thanks For Your Generous Support,

The JSS PTO Leadership Team

Alana, Gwen, Jo, Julie, Liz, Pallavi

NEF GRANTS

NEF Small Grants deadline is April 16 - is there a project you would like to see?

The Northampton Education Foundation (NEF) offers Small Grants to Teachers to bring special programs and projects to our schools. There are two grant cycles a year, and the deadline for the Spring one is April 16. Parents can initiate projects, although all grants must include a teacher or school administrator. Some of the grants that NEF has funded recently at JSS include a classical music program coming to JSS later this Spring, Sojourner Truth's Florence: A Walk Through History, Improv Out, field trips with Grow Food Northampton and a program for staff on Promoting Racial Literacy.

This is a wonderful opportunity - would you love to see a special performer or guest come to JSS? Is there a field trip or classroom project that would really enhance learning here but is not in the school budget? Is there a professional development opportunity for teachers and staff?

The application isn't long or intimidating - really! - and NEF really wants to hear your ideas.

The JSS PTO can offer support for the grant writing process - just let us know.

Details about the application, including what NEF does and does not fund, application questions and FAQ can be found on the NEF website: northamptoneducation.org

Just click on the link for Small Grants to Teachers: <http://northamptoneducation.org/small-grant-application/>

And if you want help with this, please email Liz Horn and I will connect you with support: elhorn@mindspring.com

Free Yoga Class

Please come to Karuna on Friday, April 27th - 4:00 - 5:00

To practice with Ms. Allesli

And your whole family!

IN THE NEWS

 The BOOK BUZZ Book Reviews of the following students from Ms. Smith's 2nd grade class were published in the Daily Hampshire Gazette – about the book, “Tinyville Town Gets to Work!": **Ben Edmond, Frances Caroline Mara Slabich, Henry Francis Callan, James Quiroz Buri, Nina Charland Tait, Joseph Solomon Lesley, Margaret Peacock Little, Stefan Ariel Matinsky, Harlow Vienne Locke, Owen Ping, Finely Johnson, Ethan Arsenaull, Lucia Flajnik Palladino, A'nylah Lynn Johnston, Harper Ruth Kelly, Sam Eli Chen, Lillie Prewitt-Freilino.**

 In the Gazette's Weekly Writing Corner, 4th grader in Ms. Bredin's class, **Pranav Belur's** “Money Math” was published.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Learn about coping techniques for your anxious child!

Northampton Area Pediatrics, LLP

PARENTING WORKSHOP

When Worrying Takes Over:

Managing Anxiety in your Child or Teen

with Sharon Saline, Psy.D. and Jonathan Schwab, M.D.

We are seeing an increasing number of children who are experiencing anxiety. World or national events, school, family and friends, or numerous other stressors in their lives, can become overwhelming and have a significant effect on their abilities to move through their day.

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.

Fri. Apr. 6 WALKING SCHOOL BUS STARTS AGAIN!! Ms. Agna will walk through Hampshire Hts. starting at 8AM!
LOCAL CHORUS Benefit Concert at the Senior Center on Conz St. 6-7PM – details above!

Wed. Apr. 11 All-school assembly – 1st graders present at 1:30PM.
JSS PTO meeting 6:30-8PM

NO SCHOOL – APRIL VACATION April 16-20, 2018

Tues. Apr. 16 NEF grant deadline

Sun. Apr. 29 GARDEN WORK DAY 10AM-2PM

Mon. Apr. 30 JSS Council meeting 3:30-5PM

Sat. May 12 SOS PLANT & GARDEN MARKET 9-1PM at Smith Vocational/Agricultural School

Wed. May 30 all-school assembly honoring our JSS/High School Grads – with KDGners at 2PM

Fri. June 1 JSS VARIETY SHOW (formerly the Talent Show)

Fri. June 8 FIELD DAY (rain date on Friday, June 15)

Thurs. June 14 all school assembly “FINE FINE SCHOOL” led by Ms. Agna at 10:00AM

MCAS DATES

April

Tuesday April 10, 2018 MCAS 4th Grade ELA

Wednesday, April 11 MCAS 4th Grade ELA

Thursday April 12, 2018 MCAS 4th Grade ELA (MAKE UP DAY)

Tuesday April 24, 2018 MCAS 5th Grade ELA

Wednesday April 25, 2018 MCAS 5th Grade ELA

Thursday April 26, 2018 MCAS 5th Grade ELA (MAKE UP DAY)

May

Tuesday May 1, 2018 MCAS 3rd Grade Math

Wednesday May 2, 2018 MCAS 3rd Grade Math

The current omnipresent media in our society might be contributing to or fueling our children's concerns and not offering appropriate coping skills. We want our families and patients to know that we are here to help, and that there are several things that can be done to manage these difficult feelings.

Sunday, April 8th 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

193 Locust St., Northampton

Childcare can be provided but must be reserved.

RSVP by calling 413-517-2226 or email contactus@napeds.com

Parenting workshops are open to the community and free of charge.

Northampton Area Pediatrics, LLP | 413-584-8700 | 413-584-1714 | contactus@napeds.com | www.napeds.com

Thursday May 3, 2018 MCAS 3rd Grade Math (MAKE UP DAY)

Tuesday May 8, 2018 MCAS 4th Grade Math

Wednesday May 9, 2018 MCAS 4th Grade Math

Thursday May 10, 2018 MCAS 4th Grade Math (MAKE UP DAY)

Tuesday May 15, 2018 MCAS 5th Grade Math

Wednesday May 16, 2018 MCAS 5th Grade Math

Thursday May 17, 2018 MCAS 5th Grade Math (MAKE UP DAY)

Monday May 21, 2018 MCAS 5th Grade Science

Tuesday May 22, 2018 MCAS 5th Grade Science



Wednesday May 23, 2018 MCAS 5th Grade Science

Thursday May 24 (MAKE UP DAY)

Northampton Public Schools

April 2018

Director of Food Services
John Tranfaglia
(413) 587-1487
jtranfaglia@northampton-k12.us

				
2nd, Monday BBQ Chicken Bites Spicy Curly Fries Fruit Cocktail	3rd, Tuesday Fish Stick Sandwich w/ Cheese Cole Slaw Mandarin Oranges	4th, Wednesday Pulled Pork Sandwich (WG) Roll Tossed Salad Diced Pears	5th, Thursday Taco Salad Lettuce, Tomato, Salsa Three Bean Salad Apple Slices	6th, Friday (WG) Cheese Pizza Steamed Peas Diced Peaches
9th, Monday Turkey & Cheese Sandwich (WG) Bread Oven Fries Fruit Cocktail	10th, Tuesday (WG) Pancakes & Sausage Baby Carrots Orange Juice	11th, Wednesday Popcorn Chicken Bowl Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Steamed Corn Diced Pears	12th, Thursday (WG) Mozzarella Sticks Marinara Sauce Tater Tots Spiced Apple Sauce	13th, Friday (WG) Cheese Pizza Steamed Broccoli Sliced Peaches
16th, Monday Patriots' Day 	No School – Spring Recess			20th, Friday
23rd, Monday Chicken Patty Oven Fries Fruit Cocktail	24th, Tuesday (WG) Cheese Quesadilla Salsa, S. Cream Steamed Peas Pineapple Tidbits	25th, Wednesday Pasta & Meatballs (WG) Garlic Bread Steamed Carrots Diced Pears	26th, Thursday Chinese Sweet & Sour Chicken/ Fried Rice Broccoli, Fortune Cookie Mandarin Oranges	27th Friday (WG) Cheese Pizza Steamed Corn Diced Peach
30th, Monday Hot Dogs on a (WG) Roll Vegetarian Beans Fruit Cocktail	WG = Items that are at least % Whole Grain products USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.			

MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE
 Milk is Available Everyday - 1% White, Fat Free Chocolate
 Fresh Fruit or Canned Fruit is Available Everyday

Alternative Lunch Options:

Elementary Schools Alternative Options:
 Peanut Butter & Jelly (Jackson Street School)
 Sunbutter & Jelly (All Schools)
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich
 Cheese Sandwich
 Entrée Salad

Middle & High School:
 Peanut Butter & Jelly
 Sunbutter & Jelly
 Misc alternative items are also offered each day.

Baby Carrots and Three Bean Salad are available every day as a substitute to the daily vegetable in each school

School Lunch Prices - Paid \$2.75 / Reduced \$.40,
Breakfast- Paid \$1.25 / Reduced \$.30

Breakfast is available for ALL Northampton Public Schools students.
 NHS serves breakfast from 7:00 am to 7:30 am,
 JFK serves breakfast from 7:30 am to 8:00 am, and the
 Elementary Schools serve breakfast from 8:30 am to 9:00 am.

Assorted cereal is available every day; hot breakfasts are available at least two days a week and could be (WG) French Toast, whole grain muffin tops, (WG) bagels, or (WG) pancakes.
 Low fat milk, fruit, and juice are also served with breakfast.

Student Account and Balance Information

Check out our website:
<http://www.northamptonschools.org/project/food-services/>
 We now offer "My School Bucks" a convenient and secure online payment/parent information portal.
 Go to www.myschoolbucks.com to sign up for a free account.

Use this account to view your child's purchases and to review your students balance (Free Service)
 If you choose you can make an online payment
 (\$2.49 Charge per Transaction)

Any child who qualifies for the free or reduced meal program may select a milk to be part of a complete meal. If a child who qualifies would like milk **WITHOUT** a complete meal (Milk Only), the child must pay full price for the milk.
The cost of a milk is \$.50

				
2. ^o Nuggets de Pollo del Sabor BBQ Papas Fritas Coctel de Fruta	3. ^o Sándwich de Pescado Ensalada de Col Naranjas Mandarinas	4. ^o Sándwich de Cerdo Ensalada y Aderezo Peras en Cubitos	5. ^o Ensalada de Taco Lechuga y Tomate Salsa, Crema Agria Ensalada de Tres Frijoles Rebanadas de Manzana	6. ^o Pizza de Queso Guisantes al Vapor Duraznos
9. ^o Bocadillo de Pavo y Queso Papas Fritas Coctel de Fruta	10. ^o Panqueques Salchicha Zanahorias Jugo de Naranja	11. ^o Popcorn Hecho a Pollo en Tazon Pure de Papa/Salsa Maíz al Vapor Peras en Cubitos	12. ^o Palos de Mozzarella Salsa Marinara Papas Fritas Puré de Manzana	13. ^o Pizza de Queso Brócoli Duraznos
16. ^o Patriots' Day 	17. ^o - 18. ^o - 19. ^o No Hay Escuela – Vacaciones de Primavera			20. ^o
23. ^o Hamburguesa de Pollo Papas Fritas Coctel de Fruta	24. ^o Quesadillas de Queso Salsa, Crema Agria Guisantes al Vapor Trocitos de Piña	25. ^o Pasta y Albóndigas Pan de Ajo Zanahorias al Vapor Peras en Cubitos	26. ^o Pollo con Salsa Agridulce Arroz Frito Brócoli Galleta con Fortuna Naranjas Mandarinas	27. ^o Pizza de Queso Maíz al Vapor Duraznos
30. ^o Perro Caliente Frijoles sin Carne Coctel de Fruta	USDA es una agencia que ofrece igualdad de oportunidades en el empleo y en la prestación de servicios.			

El menu está sujeto a cambios.

Hay leche disponible cada día - 1% blanca, descremada de chocolate.

Hay fruta fresca todos los días.

Opciones alternativas de escuelas primarias:

Crema de maní y mermelada (Escuela Jackson Street)
 Sunbutter y mermelada (Escuelas sin maní)
 Sándwich de queso a la plancha
 Sándwich de queso
 Ensalada

Opciones alternativas de escuelas media y superior:

Crema de maní y mermelada
 Sunbutter y mermelada
 Variadas alternativas también se ofrecen cada día

Zanahorias y ensalada de tres frijoles disponibles todos los días.

Hay desayuno disponible para TODOS los estudiantes de Escuelas Públicas de Northampton

NHS sirve el desayuno de 7:00 am a 7:30 am,
 JFK sirve el desayuno de 7:30 am a 8:00a, y las
 Escuelas primarias sirve el desayuno de 8:30 am a 9:00 am.

Cereal está disponible todos los días; hay desayunos calientes por lo menos dos días por semana y pueden ser de tostada francesa de grano entero, bollos dulces de grano entero, bagels, o panqueques de grano entero. También hay leche bajo en grasa, fruta y jugo con el desayuno.

Ahora ofrecemos “My School Bucks” un portal de internet conveniente y seguro para hacer pagos y de information para padres. Vaya a www.myschoolbucks.com para inscribirse en una cuenta gratis. Use esta cuenta para ver las compras de su niño(a). Si desea, puede hacer un pago en línea.

\$2.49 por transacción

Un niño que califica para el programa de comida reducido o gratis puede seleccionar una leche para ser parte de una comida completa. Si un niño que califica desea una leche sin una comida completa, el niño debe pagar el precio completo de la leche. El precio de la leche es cincuenta centavos.