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MESSAGE FROM MS. AGNA

TODAY

FRIDAY, May 18, I will be walking on the Walking School Bus through Hampshire Heights, starting at 8:10AM. Please join me!

TODAY IS A HALF-DAY in the Northampton Public Schools – dismissal today is at 12:20PM in the elementary schools. It is a Staff/Faculty Work Day – time for the educators to work on projects, meet with colleagues, and engage in professional pursuits.

TODAY is HAT DAY at JSS – wear any sort of headgear and bring a dollar if you can to donate to the cost of the water slide for Field Day!

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER - THE MARK YOUR CALENDAR EDITION!

Our annual newsletter, with the list of all the end-of-year events, will be published next week. If you have dates to be published, please send them to me by next WEDNESDAY, MAY 23! Thank you.

VOLUNTEER TEA

Please MARK YOUR CALENDARS for our annual event to celebrate our wonderful volunteers – TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2018 at 3:15PM in the library! Teachers will send invitation home to their classroom volunteers!

SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

The JSS PTO maintains a summer camp scholarship fund and welcomes donations of any amount for this, to support students in need. There are many families for whom the summer vacation from school is a tremendous challenge and hardship. These families have employment that does not have the flexibility they need when their children no longer have school to go to. The Northampton Parks & Rec Dept. has the least expensive option for a summer camp – the weekly tuition is close to \$200 for a full day, plus 45 minutes extended time. Please consider giving to this fund – checks to the JSS PTO, with “camp scholarship” in the memo line. If you need a scholarship for your child/children for summer camp, please write to me or email me gagna@northampton-k12.us.

Thank you!

JACKSON THE DOG

REMINDER – DEADLINE NEXT FRIDAY!

Lyla and Sylvie Whitehill, first graders, would like to create a welcome album of JSS pets for when Jackson, the service dog, arrives. They know that their dog won't be able to meet Jackson and they would like to show him that he has animal friends in the JSS community too! Please email your photos of any pets and your pet's name to their mom at marissajeanne@gmail.com or drop a hard copy in the office by May 25 for inclusion in this project. Thank you!

MCAS


We will enter our final testing week – for 5th graders, doing SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY – starting next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, May 22, 23 & 24. Thank you again so much again and again for your support and preparation – the students continue to seem at ease and ready to “try their best – and it will be fine.

ROOFED BALL CONTEST

There were many guesses about how many balls were on the roof. Guesses ranged from 1 to 8,000,010. The total number was 141 balls on the roof of the school. The winner of the contest is fifth grader Christina Chen with a guess of 140 balls. Way to go Christina! Hope you enjoy your new wall ball.

Have a good weekend!

With great respect and affection,


Gwen Agna

TOMORROW! ELECTRONICS RECYCLING SAT., MAY 19 - COME VOLUNTEER - AND/OR RECYCLE YOUR OLD ELECTRONICS!

Saturday, May 19 is one of JSS's biggest fundraisers - Electronics Recycling! If you've been before, you know it is a fun, fast-paced morning as tons of people pay to recycle their computers, printers, old appliances, etc., all in the parking lot at Smith Voc. Fees for recycling these electronics go to support JSS - it is a win-win!

We are looking for volunteers from 9:00 am to noon to help direct people, unload their items from their cars, take their money, etc.

There are two shifts: 9:00 to 10:30, which could use another person, and 10:30 to 12:00, for which we really need 4 or 5 more people.

We know this is a very busy time of the year, but please consider volunteering - it is fun and fast and raises important funds for our school. If you can only come for part of a shift, that's great too!

The link to sign up is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040b48a5af29a75-electronics2>

Thank you so much!

- Liz Horn, Volunteer Coordinator, ELHORN@mindspring.com

VARIETY SHOW! FIRST REHEARSAL IS THIS MONDAY, MAY 21st

All students who are performing in the Variety Show please come to rehearsal this Monday, May 21 from 3:00 to 5:00 in the gym.

And the dress rehearsal is Wednesday, May 30 from 3:00 to 5:00 in the gym.

And of course, the big show is on Friday, June 1 at 6:00 pm

Please keep practicing your acts! And if you have any questions, please let us know!

Lindsay Sabadosa, Variety Show director: lsabadosa@gmail.com

Liz Horn, JSS Volunteer Coordinator: elhorn@mindspring.com

THE STUDENT ARTWORK SLIDESHOW RETURNS!

The variety show organizers would again like to showcase the varied artistic talents of students by including a slideshow of student artwork in the evening's events. If your child would like to have a piece in the slideshow, please send a digital image (.jpg or .jpeg format) and your child's name and grade to Jordan Abbott at jordangelabbott@yahoo.com.

Please also send a photo of the artist to be included with the image (optional).

Ninth Annual JSS Student Farmers' Market – Wednesday, May 23rd, 2:45-3:30 p.m.

Our ninth annual Farmers' Market will take place Wednesday May 23rd. Katharine Walmsley (second grade teacher) is organizing this event, and we need helping hands to set up (2:15 p.m.) and clean up (3:30 p.m.). Let Ms. Walmsley know if you are available. Also, if you have extra plants in your own gardens and want to donate them to sell, please bring them to school the morning of May 23rd. All proceeds support our garden program!

The JSS Garden Committee

DAY OF CLASSICAL MUSIC AT JSS!

Does your child play an instrument or have a special love of music?

Two Northampton Community Music Center faculty members who will perform at JSS throughout the morning of June 1 as part of Play On! A day of classical music at Jackson Street School.

More about Play On!

Two Northampton Community Music faculty members will visit Jackson Street School on Friday, June 1, to offer live performances in the library.

Play On! is made possible by a generous grant from the Northampton Education Foundation, support from the Jackson Street PTO, and with special thanks to JSS Music Educator, Kim O'Connell.

For more information, email or text Jo Comerford (jo.comerford186@gmail.com) / 413.559.1649

What will the musicians play?

Classical favorites like Mozart's Eine Kleine Nachtmusik, Bach's Prelude for cello, Beethoven's Ode to Joy, and more! We can also expect a smattering of popular favorites like the theme songs from Harry Potter and Star Wars. Ms. O'Connell, JSS music teacher, will introduce the composers during music in the next couple of weeks and Ms. Agna will play samples of their pieces during morning announcements in the week before.

FREE BOOK FAIR - JUNE 4 & 5

The JSS PTO is planning the annual FREE BOOK FAIR, which will be held on Monday, June 4th and Tuesday June 5th. Students will go with their teacher and classmates during one of those two days. Each child will be able to select at least one book (perhaps more based on how many books we receive) for FREE so that all students can start their summer with books in hand.

How can you help? We need your donations of gently used children's books. You can bring them in bags or boxes and leave them in the lobby. Please donate only books appropriate for K-5 reading. If you have older children, we can always use more advanced reading material for our 4th and 5th graders. We are also especially looking graphic novels and bilingual books. Gracias! Merci! Arigato! Danke! Shukran!

If you have books that you'd like to off load that are not appropriate or in good enough condition for our fair, please consider donating them to other organizations or recycling them.

Call for volunteers - if you'd like to help with the book sorting or the fair, please contact Gavin Grant at ggrant@gmail.com or Elizabeth Horn at elhorn@mindspring.com. Thank you!

FERIA DE LIBROS GRATUITA

La PTO de JSS está planeando una FERIA DE LIBROS GRATUITA anual, que toma lugar lunes, el 4 de junio y martes, el 5 de junio. Los estudiantes van a asisitirla con sus maestros/as y sus compañeros/as durante uno de estos dos días. Cada niño/a podrá escoger por lo menos un libro (quizás más basado en la cantidad de libros que recibimos) GRATUITO, de manera que todos los estudiantes pueden empezar su verano con libros en mano.

Cómo puede usted ayudar? Necesitamos sus donaciones de libros suavemente usados para niños. Usted puede llevarlos en bolsas o cartones y dejarlos en el vestibulo. Favor de donar sólo libros apropiados para la lectura K-5. Si usted tiene niños mayores, siempre podemos utilizar materia de lectura más avanzada para nuestros estudiantes en los grados 4 y 5. También buscamos en particular novelas gráficas y libros bilingüos. Gracias! Merci! Arigato! Danke! Shukran!

Si usted tiene libros que quisiera descargar que no son apropiados o en condición bastante buena para nuestra feria, favor de considerar donarlos a otras organizaciones o reciclarlos.

Llamada para voluntarios/as – si usted quisiera ayudar con la clasificación de libros o con la feria, favor de ponerse en contacto con Gavin Grant a ggrant@gmail.com o Elizabeth Horn a elhorn@mindspring.com. Muchas gracias!!!!

FIELD DAY!

Field Day 2018 is racing towards us, June 8th!! I want to relay to you (all care givers) that this will be a fun day for our students. The only obstacle, of course, is that we need your help. Parachute in for the morning! Waterslide down for the afternoon! Pop(corn) in all day! If you are interested in (hula)-helping or have any questions please contact Vanessa Keillor (vkeillor@gmail.com), or sign up here (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4ea9a629a2fdo-jssfield>) Thank you!

Morning Math Club Celebration May 22

If your child or student is a member of Morning Math Club, you are invited to attend our celebration (and final session of the year)

Tuesday May 22 ~ 8:00-8:45am Room 110

We'll have a potluck breakfast, coffee, certificates for Math Club members, and prizes to take home to keep having math fun all summer. We hope you can join us for coffee, juice, bagels, fruit and math fun. Here's a list of items we need, if you'd like to bring something:

Kindergarten and First Grade: bagels, cream cheese or muffins

Second Grade: yogurt or granola

Other Grades: fruit, milk, juice

Please RSVP by 5/21 by email to mcowhey@northampton-k12.us

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 – 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.

- Tues. May 22** MCAS SCIENCE/TECH for 5th grade
- Wed. May 23** MCAS SCIENCE/TECH for 5th grade
9th Annual JSS Student Farmers Market 2:45-3:30PM
- Wed. May 30** all-school assembly honoring our JSS/High School Grads – with KDGners at 2PM
- Fri. June 1** DAY OF CLASSICAL MUSIC AT JSS – SEE DETAILS ABOVE!
JSS VARIETY SHOW (formerly the Talent Show)
- Thurs. June 7** LAST DAY OF HOLA
- Fri. June 8** FIELD DAY (rain date on Friday, June 15)
- Wed. June 13** GARDEN RETIREMENT POTLUCK for Ms. Bates!! 5:30-7:30PM in the JSS School Garden
- Thurs. June 14** all school assembly “FINE FINE SCHOOL” led by Ms. Agna at 10:00AM
- Tues. June 19** 5th GRADE GRADUATION 1:30PM
- Wed. June 20** LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! It’s a half-day – dismissal at 12:20PM and bag lunches will be available

MCAS DATES

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)

*¿Es tiempo de hacer la limpieza de primavera?
¡Recicle sus viejos aparatos electrónicos para una buena causa!*

Colección de Reciclaje Electrónico

Sábado, 19 de Mayo de 2018

De 9:00 a.m. a 12 p.m. (con lluvia o sol)

Smith Voc. High School, 80 Locust Street, Northampton

No es necesario inscribirse.

Abierto a todos los miembros de la comunidad.

Cargos de Reciclaje

Computadora \$ 5

(grande o portátil)

Impresora, escáner \$ 5

VCR, DVD \$ 5

(estéreo, radio, o boombox)

Máquinas de Oficina \$ 5

(teléfono, fax, fotocopiadora)

Equipos pequeños del hogar \$5

(microondas, mezcladoras, aspiradoras)

Monitor de Computadora \$15

Televisor (pequeno/grande) \$25/\$45

Periféricos de Computadora \$ 5

(ratón, teclado, cables, disco duro)

Aparatos domesticos que
contienen FREON \$25

(deshumidificadores, aire acondicionado)

Reciclaje gratis:

*Teléfonos celulares y
cartuchos de impresora*

Las empresas y las
organizaciones sin fines de lucro:
Si tienen una gran cantidad de
reciclaje, por favor llamar a Mike
al 320-1339 para gestionar la
descarga antes de las 9:00 a.m.

*Servicios de Reciclaje, cortesía de Gold Circuit E-Cycling
goldcircuitcycling.com ~ Palmer, MA*

*Le agradecemos al Departamento de Obras Públicas de Northampton
y a la Cámara de Comercio de Northampton por su apoyo a este evento.*

*Los ingresos serán a beneficio de la organización de padres y maestros de la escuela
Jackson Street.*

¿Tiene preguntas? Por favor llame a Mike al teléfono 413-320-1339.

*Time for spring cleaning?
Recycle your old electronics for a good cause!*

Electronic Recycling Collection

Saturday, May 19, 2018

9 am – 12 noon (rain or shine)

Smith Voc High School, 80 Locust St, Northampton

No registration required

Open to all members of the community

Recycling fees

Computer (CPU or laptop)	\$ 5	Television (TV's 30" and larger = \$45; smaller = \$25)	\$25/\$45
Computer monitor	\$15	FREON containing (dehumidifier, AC's)	\$25
Printer, scanner	\$ 5	Computer peripherals (mice, keyboard, cables, hard drive)	\$ 5
VCR, DVD player (ipod, stereo, radio, speakers)	\$ 5	Bulk batteries	\$5
Office machines (phone, fax, photocopier)	\$ 5		
Small kitchen/household appliance (microwave, mixer, vacuum)	\$ 5	<i>Printer cartridges & cell phones – FREE</i>	

*Recycling services courtesy of Gold Circuit E-Cycling
goldcircuitrecycling.com ~ Palmer, MA*

*Thank you to the Northampton Department of Public Works
& the Northampton Chamber of Commerce for supporting this event!*

Businesses & non-profits:
If you have a large quantity,
please call Mike, 320-1339,
to arrange to unload
before 9 am.

*Proceeds benefit the Jackson Street School
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Visit us at www.jsspto.org
Questions about this program, please contact
Mike at 413-320-1339*