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MESSAGE FROM MS. AGNA

MORE STAFF CHANGES

There are more to report!

- **Ms. Heidi Anderson**, current 4th grade special education teacher, will teach special education on the 5th grade team
- **Ms. Kathie Bredin**, current 4th grade classroom teacher, will be the special education teacher for the 4th grade team.
- **Ms. Anna Raymer**, current 5th grade special education teacher, will be the 4th grade teacher (Ms. Bredin's position).
- **Ms. Talia Cossin** has been appointed to teach 2nd grade (filling Ms. McCue's position, who will teach 4th grade)
- **Ms. Millie Lopez**, current Bridge St. ESP (Educational Support Professional) will join our team at JSS.

Stay tuned for an introduction to Ms. Cossin and Ms. Lopez in next week's newsletter....

BEARS – OH MY

Yes, it's spring in New England – and bears come out of hibernation. We have seen a mama bear and her two cubs – on the other side of the fence from our school, near Blackberry Lane. We have a plan in place, in the event that a bear comes onto our property and students are outside – the bell will be rung, we will radio into the office and students will calmly walk into the school through the nearest door. We have never had a problem with a bear (touching wood as I write) and black bear are very rarely aggressive. Some of you have wondered about how to advise your children if they come upon a bear in the neighborhood. I consulted the expert – here's some advice.

Bear Encounters in the Backcountry - BearSmart.com www.bearsmart.com/play/bear-encounters/

If you encounter a bear on the trail, or in your campsite, stop what you are doing and evaluate the situation. Identify yourself by speaking in a calm, appeasing tone. Back away slowly, preferably in the direction you came. Walk, don't run, and keep your eye on the bear so you can see how it will react.

There are many sites online about this – as with all that you have to do in being a parent, guardian and caregiver, this is one to add to the list! Have a conversation, again in a calm and non-alarmist manner, with your children. Our experience is that the children are the calmest about this – we grown-ups have much to learn from them, in this and in so many aspects of life.

TODAY

FRIDAY, May 25, I will be walking on the Walking School Bus through Hampshire Heights, starting at 8:10AM. Please join me – and Mr. Strouse too!

DRIVING AROUND THE BACK OF THE SCHOOL

We continue to witness some dangerous driving around the back of our school, after school hours. I will consult our maintenance department about ways to have a barrier to prevent people from driving on the back blacktop while there are afterschool programs going on. PLEASE let us know if you see this happening so we can try to stop people in the act of doing it!

LOST & FOUND!

Oh my, there is a lot! Please check it out in the front hall in the next two weeks. We cannot keep it over the summer!

AGAIN – THE PJTM EXPRESS!

The annual summer food collection for the Northampton Survival Center begins on TUESDAY, MAY 29! Please consider sending in donations of peanut butter, jelly/jam, tuna and mac & cheese with your child(ren). Students, by class, will travel around the school every day, with a shopping cart, to pick up the donations. This is one of our most important projects – please help us support the Survival Center's efforts to provide food to families during the summer months.

Have a good weekend!

With great respect and affection,

Gwen Agna
Gwen Agna

TODAY- DAY OF CLASSICAL MUSIC AT JSS!

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.

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, has introduced the composers during music in the next couple of weeks and Ms. Agna has been playing samples of their pieces during morning/afternoon announcements.

VARIETY SHOW IS TONIGHT! FRIDAY, JUNE 1 at 6:00 pm

Come to the JSS gym on Friday evening for a night of music, dance, gymnastics, comedy and so much more! Dozens of amazing JSS students will perform - don't miss it! It is free, and pizza, snacks and baked goods will be for sale from 5:00 to 6:00 to benefit Nature's Classroom. We will also be taking orders for dvd's of the show, for \$10 each, also to benefit Nature's Classroom.

Thank you!

JUNE PTO MEETING MOVED TO THURSDAY, JUNE 7 at 6:30 pm

It's our last PTO meeting of the school year! We've moved it from our traditional second Wednesday of the month for a wonderful reason - the Ms. Bates celebration!

So please come on Thursday, June 7 - so much to talk about,

including Field Day, Gaga pit, library, new PTO leadership and so much more! Free childcare and free snacks. All warmly welcome!

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 offload 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 gjgrant@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 gigrant@gmail.com o Elizabeth Horn a elhorn@mindspring.com. Muchas gracias!!!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FIELD DAY June 8, 2018

Magnificent Volunteers ~ Come be part of one of the best days of the year, Field Day!!

We need balloon fillers, popcorn poppers, hula-hoopers, and merry makers of all kinds.

We hope you will be able to join us for the morning or afternoon. Thank you!

Please email Vanessa Keillor at vkeillor@gmail.com to sign up.

Computer Station w/ Printing in the JSS Family Center

A computer station is now available to individuals considered to be family and extended family members of the students

** Students are not permitted to use the computer station **

** This is a public computer, which is monitored by the public school system **

Many thanks go to David Cantler for procuring the computer and setting up the station.

Additional thanks go to the JSS PTO for purchasing the table & printer.

The JSS PTO and David will maintain the printer, but please let the JSS PTO know if the printer is out of toner or paper by emailing: jacksonstreetpto@gmail.com.

From the JSS PTO Leadership Team
Alana, Alyssa, Gwen, Jo, Julie, Liz & Pallavi

IN THE NEWS

Several JSS students' ads were published in the Daily Hampshire Gazette's CREATE AN AD supplement. They are:

- **Giselle Ohm** (3rd place winner grades 4-6)
- **Sophie Parrott** (Division winner grades 4-6)
- **Cassidy Richardson**
- **Miranda Hunkins**
- **Brooke Knechel**
- **Inez Dole** (Honorable mention grades 4-6)

COMMUNITY NEWS

A very important workshop!

Northampton Area Pediatrics, LLP

PARENTING WORKSHOP

Understanding Transgender Children

Presenter: Jennifer Nesteby, MSN, FNP

Sunday, June 24th, 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

193 Locust St., Northampton

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

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.

TODAY/TONIGHT! 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
JSS PTO meeting 6:30-8PM

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

Mon. June 20 JSS Council meeting 3:30-5PM

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

FIELD TRIPS

Here are the dates are the dates for the remaining field trips!!

JUNE

June 5th	3rd Grds. Cameron/Cora/Gerould	Historic Deerfield 9am-2:45pm
June 6th	4th Grds Bredin/Mokerzecki/Strouse	Wistariahurst Museum 9am-1:30pm
June 6th	5th Grds. Ames/Chang/Slattery	JFK visit 9-12:15pm
June 13th	5th Grds. Ames/Chang/Slattery	Skinner Mountain 10am-2:15pm
June 14th	Kdgs JReed/MEReed	Smith College Art Museum 10:10-1:35pm
June 15th	5th Gr. Ames	Look Park 10:00-2:30