JSS Office 587-1510

You may also connect with us on Twitter:https://twitter.com/#!/NPSDistrict
Volume 23 No. 2
Septer

September 7, 2018

MESSAGE FROM MS. AGNA

PLEASE NOTE – date/day corrections in the MARK YOUR CALENDAR section! Thanks to all who pointed these out!

WELCOME TO OUR STUDENT TEACHERS!

We are so fortunate to have many student teachers in our classrooms, who bring a variety of experiences and perspectives that guide and enrich our students. This semester we have:

- Sarah Zlotnick UMASS with Ms. Kim Gerould, 3rd grade
- Sarah Visnick UMASS with Mr. Tom Chang, 5th grade
- Margaret LaRoche Westfield State with Ms. Kris McCue, 4th grade
- Lisa Donnelly Smith Ms. Ellen Brown, 1st grade
- Cecilia Darby Smith Ms. Katharine Walmsley, 2nd grade
- Brendan Campbell UMASS Ms. Maria Garcia, KDG
- Jennifer Anderson UMASS Ms. Mary Ellen Reed, KDG
- Jessica Sanches UMASS Ms. Jen Reed, KDG
- Jennifer Gutiewez Smith Ms. Jolie Smith, 2nd grade

TOYS AT SCHOOL

Please help your children remember to leave their own toys AT HOME. If they bring them to school, we will ask them to put them in their backpacks until the end of the day. We cannot have home toys - or electronics, phones, etc. - at school. There is a risk of loss and/or conflict over them. This includes when students are outside before school - no home soccer, basket, and/or wall balls. We will call you if we need your help in establishing this rule.

SAFETY BEFORE SCHOOL

There is no adult supervision on the playground before school **UNTIL 8:35AM**. We see students playing on the playground before 8:35AM. We will send home waivers that you can sign if you drop your children off before school, stating that we are not responsible. This is an extremely serious issue of safety and we are sorry that we must take this approach.

Thank you.

JACKSON ARRIVES!

It's been a wonderful week of classroom visits as well as small group and individual times too. We are working out a schedule for his "work" at JSS – it is a work in progress but we know that he has and will continue to have a very positive impact on our school!

Questions that have been asked/answered:

· How old is he? He's 8 months old

- · What kind of dog is he? A labradoodle
- Where does he sleep? He sleeps in a dog crate at home and he also takes a nap every day at noon in my office for an hour or an hour and a half
- Why doesn't he shed? Because he has hair, not fur. Hopefully this means he will not make people sneeze or allergic but if anyone feels anything, they should tell us.
- · Is Jackson only for people who have stress? Jackson is for everyone!
- Is he a magic dog? That was a hard one to answer because after this week of the effects he's had on everyone, I'm beginning to think that he is!

HAPPY Rosh Hashanah/Jewish New Year to everyone who will be celebrating!

We all are looking forward to cooler weather!

With great respect and affection,

Leven agna Gwen Agna

BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC!

Please join the JSS community on Thursday, September 13th from 5:30-7:00 pm for our annual back to school picnic. All families are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner, blankets, and chairs and gather on the lawn near the gazebo. This is a great opportunity to connect with community members and kick off the new school year. Hope to see you there!

Questions?

Email: jacksonstreetpto@gmail.com

Red Bag Farm Shares Available

Choose from a variety of Crimson & Clover Farm vegetables, plus fruits from other local farms, right from Jackson Street School every Wednesday from 3:00 - 4:00.

Subsidized shares are still available! For families with Free and Reduced Lunch, the price is \$30 for a small share and \$60 for a large share for 10 weeks. Families with SNAP will earn Healthy Incentive Program (HIP) benefits, meaning that 100% of your payment will be reimbursed!

Come visit our table on Wednesday from 3:00 - 4:00 pm to sign up or email Ms. Cowhey (mcowhey@northampton-k12.us) to learn more. Thanks to JSS PTO for their support!

Programa Bolsa Roja: espacios disponsibles

Elija entre una variedad de verduras de Crimson & Clover Farm, además de frutas de otras granjas locales, directamente desde Jackson Street School todos los miércoles de 3:00 a 4:00.

iLas acciones subsidiadas todavía están disponibles! Para las familias con SNAP o almuerzo gratis y reducido, el precio es de \$30 por una pequeña parte y \$60 por una parte grande por 10 semanas. Las familias con SNAP obtendrán beneficios del Programa de Incentivos Saludables (HIP), lo que significa que se reembolsará el 100% de su pago.

Venga a visitar nuestra mesa el miércoles de 3:00 a 4:00 pm

para inscribirse o envíe un correo electrónico a la Sra. Cowhey (mcowhey@northampton-k12.us) para obtener más información. iGracias a JSS PTO por su apoyo!

OFFICE VOLUNTEER NEEDED ON FRIDAY MORNINGS

We are looking for people to help in the office on Friday mornings, photocopying the newsletter and other papers that go home in backpacks on Fridays

If you can help out for about an hour and a half or so on Friday mornings (starting around 9:30 am), please email Liz below or let Ms. Deirdre Johnson or Ms. Maria Vega in the office know.

If you can commit to regular Fridays, that would be wonderful, but if you can do an occasional Friday, that would be very helpful, too.

Thank you!

- Liz Horn, Volunteer Coordinator elhorn@mindspring.com

JSS WALKING PROGRAM!

The JSS Walking Program is about to start up for the new school year! $% \begin{center} \begin{$

This is a wonderful program that takes place during recess - students (1st through 5th grade) can choose to walk (or hop, skip, etc.) a course during their outdoor recess time, and each student receives a card to mark their progress. As the miles build up, students may receive special trinkets - and even a shout-out over the morning announcements! Some students participate regularly, some occasionally, but all are welcome, and many students find it fun, relaxing and good exercise.

We rely on our great parent volunteers to make this program run. If you are interested in helping, please email Liz below to let us know what day(s) you are available - we will show you everything you need to do. This is so much fun, and such a great part of our school - please consider helping, even if you can't do every week.

Thank you!

- Liz Horn, Volunteer Coordinator elhorn@mindspring.com

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PACKETS & FORMS TO FILL OUT

Last week your student should have brought home a folder full of forms. Please look through these - there is lots of important information from the school district and the PTO. Some forms need to be filled out and returned, and some are just for your information.

If you do not receive a folder that first week, need another one for a second household, or need help with any of the forms, we are happy to help.

Thank you to so many of you for filling out all those forms - we know it is a lot of paper in these first weeks - thanks for bearing with us!

We are compiling the information and will have an updated school email list and paperless request list ready in the next couple of weeks - and will be getting back to volunteers very soon as well.

We will have a draft of the directory ready at Open House on Oct. 4 for you to double-check for accuracy before we print it.

If you have opted for paperless delivery of the newsletter, you may still receive a paper copy for the next couple of weeks - thanks for your patience!

If you haven't yet submitted your forms, please do so ASAP - we want to make sure you don't miss any communications or information! If you need another copy of any form, just let me know.

Please get in all forms by Monday, Sept. 17.

Thank you!

- Liz Horn, Volunteer Coordinator

ELHORN@mindspring.com

KICK-OFF PTO CELEBRATION! WED., SEPT. 12. FREE PIZZA, FREE CHILDCARE, LOTS OF FUN AND INFORMATION!

The JSS PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization) is you! Your family is now part of a wonderful community that works together to make this an amazing school for our children.

The PTO brings together the adults who are so important in our kids' daily lives - parents/guardians, teachers and school staff. Together we help plan trips, volunteer at events, raise money for enrichment oppor-

tunities, brainstorm new ideas and HAVE A LOT OF FUN!

We would love to have you join us! You don't need a lot of time to make a big difference in your child's school. Your ideas, enthusiasm and whatever time you can spare (it could be an hour a week, a month or a year) truly impact our school. We meet the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the library

Please join us for our first PTO KICK-OFF CELEBRATION - Wednesday, Sept. 12 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the library.

We will have FREE pizza for all and FREE childcare in the cafeteria.

We can't wait to welcome you and grow our amazing community together!

Questions? Alana Kaczmarek, PTO Chair: Alana.Kaczmarek@gmail.com, or Liz Horn, PTO Volunteer Coordinator: elhorn@mindspring.com

FIRST COFFEE & TEA ORDERS OF THE YEAR!

Please get in any orders for delicious JSS coffee, tea or hot chocolate by Monday, Sept. 17 at 9:00 am. You can submit an order form in the office or email your order.

You should have received an order form in your back-to-school packet - if you need one, there are forms in the office or I am happy to email you one.

All coffee is fair-trade, organic and locally-roasted - and every purchase benefits JSS!

You can order any month or place a standing monthly order.

Many of you have already placed an order - thank you! Orders will be delivered to your child's classroom on Friday, Sept. 21.

If you have any questions, to get an order form or to place an order, please contact Liz Horn at ELHORN@mindspring.com or 646-234-8805.

Thank you for supporting JSS!

COMMUNITY CARNIVAL!!

Please join all six Northampton public schools' parent teacher organizations and School Local Northampton for a community carnival celebrating our public schools! The carnival will be held Sunday, Sept. 23 from 12 pm - 4 pm at John F. Kennedy Middle School (100 Bridge Road, Florence). There is a free bus loop available throughout the day (see schedule below).

The carnival, which originated at Jackson Street School, will feature 24 handmade, midway-style games, inflatable obstacle courses, bounce houses, poetry on demand and life advice from El Oso Azul (Attack Bear Press), delicious food for sale, and oh-so-many prizes to be won!

The event is free to enter. Tickets for the games/attractions are \$.25 each or 100 tickets for \$20.00. Special pre-event ticket packs will be available for purchase- \$20.00 for 100 tickets plus a bonus coupon for five extra prize points. That's a \$7.50 savings! Pre-event ticket packs are only available until 8/22. If you would like to purchase a pack but can't make the PTO meeting, email Summer at summercable@gmail.com.

Bus Schedule

Pick up - 11:45 (approximate)

Leeds School, Ryan Road School, Florence Heights

Drop off at JFK

Pick up - 12:30 (approximate)

Bridge Street School, Jackson Street School, Meadow-brook Apartments

Drop off at JFK

Pick up - 1:00 (approximate)

Leeds School, Ryan Road School, Florence Heights Drop off at JFK

Pick up - 1:30 (approximate)

Bridge Street School, Jackson Street School, Meadowbrook Apartments

Drop off at JFK

Depart JFK - 2:15

Stops at: Leeds School, Ryan Road School, Florence Heights

Depart JFK - 3:00

Stops at: Meadowbrook Apartments, Jackson Street School, and Bridge Street School

Depart JFK - 3:45 for all stops - this is the last bus of the day.

LOCAL CHORUS

Nerissa Nields, mom of Johnny Nields-Duffy, has been leading children's choruses since 2015. She now has two. Local Chorus is for kids aged 5-13 whose repertoire includes folk, pop, rock and classical songs. Our mission is to bring joy to the community through music and performance. Starting September 25 at the Montessori School of Northampton. We meet for 10-week sessions, skipping holidays and vacations. Each session will include at least one performance. We have performed with Sarah Lee Guthrie and Johnny Irion, The Nields, and served as the musical welcome for Senator Ed Markey's 2017 Town Hall in Northampton.

Meeting Tuesdays 4-4:45, cost is \$150.

For older kids (10-14), she offers Focus Chorus, which meets on Tuesdays 7-8pm out of her Little Blue Studio in Northampton. This group is more advanced, singing close harmonies and almost always 3 parts. Cost for Focus Chorus is \$175.

Sibling discount and scholarship available.

For more information, or to sign up, email Nerissand@gmail.com. Space is limited to 25 kids per chorus.

IN THE NEWS

65 5th grader, Isaiah Comerford-Hennessey's mom, **Jo Comerford**, is now the Democrat candidate for MA state senator for the seat once held by Senator Stan Rosenberg. She won the primary, besting 3 other candidates, as a write-in candidate.

Go Former JSS parent of Kala Sabadosa, JSS grad (now in 6th grade), **Lindsay Sabadosa**, won the primary on Tuesday for the Democrat seat vacated by the death of Rep. Peter Kocot.

CONGRATULATIONS to them and to all the candidates!!

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 - Fri. Sept. 7 – Ms. Agna AND JACKSON on the Walking School Bus on the Bike Path. They'll start at 8:10AM behind Stop and Shop.

- Wed. Sept. 12 PTO MEETING 1st of the year! 6:30-8PM in the library. All are welcome!
- Thurs. Sept. 13 WELCOME BACK Bring-Your-Own Picnic 5:30-7PM
- Wed. Sept. 19 Coffee Hour in the Family Center 9-10AM
- Mon. Sept. 30th JSS COUNCIL MEETING 1st of the year! 3:30-5PM in the library. All are welcome!
- Tues. Oct. 2 PICTURE DAY School Pictures taken OPTIONAL individual photos can be purchased for families but we will have class photos for all, thanks to our amazing PTO!
- Wed. Oct. 3 Coffee Hour in the Family Center 9-10AM Teacher Work (Half) Day
- Thurs. Oct. 4 JSS OPEN HOUSE 5:30 Doors open for Family Photos and displays in cafeteria, School Council election, among other things! 6-7PM Classrooms are open
- Mon. Oct. 8 NO SCHOOL Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day Holiday
- Tues. Oct. 9-Fri. Oct. 12 NATURE'S CLASSROOM for 5th graders details to follow...
- Wed. Oct. 10 International Walk to School Day
 Coffee Hour in the Family Center 9-10AM
- Wed. Oct. 17 Coffee Hour in the Family Center 9-10AM
- Mon-Fri. Oct. 23-27 Parent/Teacher Conferences half-days in the elementary schools (Evening conferences on Oct. 24 & 25). Dismissal every day at 12:20PM
- Thurs. Nov. 1 5th grade Family Dinner
- Mon. Nov. 5 4th grade Family Dinner
- Tues. Nov. 6 NO SCHOOL ELECTION DAY
- Wed.. Nov. 7 3rd grade Family Dinner
- Thurs. Nov. 8 2nd grade Family Dinner
- Mon. Nov. 12 NO SCHOOL Veterans Day
- Tues. Nov. 13 PICTURE RETAKE DAY
 1st grade Family Dinner
- Thurs. Nov. 15 KDG Family Dinner
- Wed. Nov. 21 Thanksgiving Break begins at 12:20PM
- Wed. Dec. 5 Teacher Work (Half) Day
- Fri. Dec. 22-Tues. Jan. 2 (first day back) NO SCHOOL December Holiday Break
- Fri. Mar. 15 ALL-SCHOOL CONCERT Stomp(ish) Part II 9:30AM in the gym

Northampton Public Schools

August / September 2018

Food Service Director Mistelle Hannah (413) 587-1487

100 Bridge Road Florence, MA 01062

our website if you need an ap	cations are available to any family we oplication or call (413) 587-1487 and to every household during the first	August 30 th (WG) Chicken Nuggets Oven Fries Steamed Corn Diced Pears	August 31 st Cheese Pizza (WG) Steamed Broccoli Apple Slices	
September 3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th
·	(WG) Mozzarella Sticks	(WG) French Toast Sticks	(WG) Popcorn	Cheese Pizza (WG)
Labor Day	Marinara Sauce	Sausage	Chicken Bowl	Steamed Broccoli
	Oven Fries	Baby Carrots	Mashed Potatoes	Diced Peaches
NO SCHOOL	Pineapple Tidbits	Diced Pears	Steamed Corn	
			Apple Sauce	
10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th
Ham & Cheese	Pulled Pork	Grilled Cheese &	Taco Salad	Cheese Pizza(WG)
Bagel Melt (WG)	Sandwich (WG) Roll	Tomato Soup / (WG) Bread	(WG) Tortilla Chips	Steamed Green Beans
Baby Carrots	Cole Slaw	Celery Sticks	Lettuce, Tomato, Salsa	Sliced Peaches
Fruit Cocktail	Mandarin Oranges	Diced Pears	Three Bean Salad	
			Apple Slices	
17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 ^{s†}
(WG) Chicken Patty	Hot Dogs on a (WG) Roll	Chicken Tacos	Hamburger/	Cheese Pizza (WG)
Sandwich on (WG) Roll	Baby Carrots	(WG) Tortilla's	Cheeseburger (WG) Roll	Steamed Peas
Oven Fries	Pineapple Tidbits	Lettuce and Tomato	Coleslaw	Diced Peaches
Steamed Broccoli		Diced Pears	Apple Sauce	
Fruit Cocktail				
24 th	25 th	26 th	27 th	28 th
(WG) Chicken Nuggets	(WG) Mozzarella Sticks	(WG) French Toast Sticks	(WG) Popcorn	Cheese Pizza (WG)
Steamed Corn	Marinara Sauce	Sausage	Chicken Bowl	Steamed Broccoli
Fruit Cocktail	Oven Fries	Baby Carrots	Mashed Potatoes	Sliced Peaches
	Mandarin Oranges	Diced Pears	Steamed Peas	
	,		Apple Slices	

Food Allergies: Items are now available for students that have food allergies and/or intolerances.

A doctor's order is required to receive specialty items.

Please contact the Food Services Department for more information. (413) 587-1487

Alternative Lunch Options:

Elementary Schools Alternative Options: Middle & High School:

Peanut Butter & Jelly (Jackson Street School) Sunbutter & Jelly (All Schools)

Grilled Cheese Sandwich

Cheese Sandwich Entrée Salad

Peanut Butter & Jelly Sunbutter & Jelly

Misc alternative items are also offered each day.

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

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.

Cereal is available every day; hot breakfasts are available at least two days a week and could be whole grain French Toast, whole grain muffins, bagels, or whole grain pancakes. Low fat milk, fruit, and juice are also served with breakfast.

Student Account and Balance Information

Check out our website: http://www.northampton-k12.us/nps-school-lunch

We 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)

MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Milk is Available Everyday - 1% White, Fat Free Chocolate Fresh Fruit or Canned Fruit is Available Everyday

(WG) = Items that are at least 50% whole grain product

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Northampton Public Schools

Agosto / Septiembre 2018

Director de Servicios Alimenticios

Mistelle Hannah (413) 587-1487 100 Bridge Road Florence, MA 01060

	a families de comidas gratis o a p northamptonschools.org/project/	30.° Nuggets de Pollo Papas Fritas al Horno Maíz al Vapor Peras en Cubitos	31.º Pizza de Queso Brócoli Rebanadas de Manzana	
3.°	4 .°	5.°	6.°	7 th
Día del Trabajo	Palos de Mozzarella	Palos Tostados Francesa	Popcorn Hecho a Pollo en	Pizza de Queso
	Salsa Marinara	Salchicha Molida	Tazon	Brócoli
	Papas Fritas al Horno	Zanahorias	Pure de Papa	Duraznos
No Hay Escuela	Trocitos de Piña	Peras en Cubitos	Maíz al Vapor Puré de Manzana	
10 th	11.°	12.°	13.°	14.°
Un Bagel con Jamon y	Sándwich de Cerdo	Sándwich de Queso a la	Ensalada de Taco	Pizza de Queso
Queso Fundido	Ensalada de Col	Plancha	Lechuga y Tomate	Judías Verdes
Zanahorias	Naranjas Mandarinas	Apio	Ensalada de Tres Frijoles	Duraznos
Coctel de Fruta		Peras en Cubitos	Rebanadas de Manzana	
17.°	18.°	19.°	20.°	21.°
Hamburguesa de Pollo en	Perro Caliente	Taco de Pollo	Hamburguesa Con o Sin	Pizza de Queso
Pancito	Zanahorias	Lechuga y Tomate	Queso Pancito	Guisantes Verdes al Vapor
Papas Fritas al Horno	Trocitos de Piña	Peras en Cubitos	Ensalada de Col	Duraznos
Brócoli			Puré de Manzana	
Coctel de Fruta				
24.°	25.°	26.°	27.°	28.°
Nuggets de Pollo	Palos de Mozzarella	Palos Tostados Francesa	Popcorn Hecho a Pollo en	Pizza de Queso
Maíz al Vapor	Salsa Marinara	Salchicha Molida	Tazon	Brócoli
Coctel de Fruta	Papas Fritas al Horno	Zanahorias	Pure de Papa	Duraznos
	Naranjas Mandarinas	Peras en Cubitos	Guisantes Verdes al	
			Vapor	
			Rebanadas de Manzana	

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.

Cheese Sandwich Opciones alternativas de escuelas primarias:

crema de maní y mermelada (escuelas sin restricción de crema de maní) sunbutter y mermelada (escuelas sin maní) sándwích de queso a la plancha sándwích de queso ensalada de plato proncipal

Escuelas media y superior:

crema de maní y mermelada (escuelas sin restricción de crema de maní) sunbutter y mermelada (escuelas sin maní) variadas alternativas también se ofrecen cada dia cuenta dos dolares pava hacer un pago en linea

Precios de almuerzo escolar- pagado \$2.75 / reducido \$.40, desayuno- pagado \$1.25 / redcido \$.30

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.

Visite nuestro sitio web: http://www.northampton-k12.us/nps-school-lunch

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

El menu está subjeto a cambios.

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

Hay fruta fresca todos los días

USDA es una agencia que ofrece igualdad de oportunidades en el empleo y en la prestación de servicios.