



# Newsletter

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## MESSAGE FROM MS. AGNA

### CALENDAR CORRECTION!

Please note – there is an incorrect date on the version of the Northampton Public Schools 2018-2019 calendar that we put in the 1st-day folders. There is NO SCHOOL for a Teacher Work Day on FRIDAY, JANUARY 25th (NOT on Monday, January 28th). The correct calendar is on the NPS website. We have extra copies in the school office.

### JSS COUNCIL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

After last night's OPEN HOUSE and the School Council election, we welcome two new parent/guardian representatives to the council. Here are their election statements:

#### NICOLE WALSH

Nicole Walsh is mother of Maceo Golossi in 4th grade, Maylyn Golossi in 2nd grade, and Marco Golossi, a future JSS kindergartener. She was an urban elementary school teacher, private consultant and coordinator of a teacher education program at a university in New Jersey before moving to the valley with her family three years ago. Nicole now supports student teachers at Jackson Street School and other local elementary schools, as a program supervisor for Smith College. She also teaches as an adjunct in the Master of Arts in Teaching program at Mt. Holyoke College. She has a Masters degree in early childhood and elementary education from Bank Street College and continues to study how public schools can best meet the needs of all students and families. She is eager to support the work of the educators, students, and families that make the Jackson Street School community so strong.

#### DAVID LUKENS

David Lukens has a daughter Violet in Maria Garcia's kindergarten class.

Most recently, David was Director of Development at the Montessori School of Northampton where he established a partnership with Forbes Library that resulted in the popular monthly program called Montessori at the Forbes. David has also practiced as an attorney; developed a phone-based-app that allows citizens to cut down on air pollution by reporting instances of illegal vehicle idling; and served on the board of a preschool in Birmingham Alabama.

Above all he loves libraries, uses them intensively, and has served on several strategic planning committees including the Forbes Library strategic planning committee, which drafted a 4-year plan that will help guide decision making from 2019 to 2023. David's interest in serving on the JSS Parent Committee grows out of his abiding interest in early childhood education, libraries, and engendering an environmental awareness in children.

Many thanks to them for joining the JSS Council!

The School Council, made up of staff, faculty, community and family representatives, is charged, by the MA Dept. of Education policy, with developing School Improvement Plans, based on district goals. The School Improvement Plan (SIP) will be presented to the Northampton School Committee, along with all the schools', at their meeting next Thursday, October 11 at 7:15PM at JFK Middle School. We will publish the SIP in a future newsletter.

### MCAS

Parents and guardians of current 4th and 5th graders who were students at JSS last year will receive their children's state test – MCAS –results in the US Mail in the next few days. As part of the results, the MA Dept. of Education included an explanation of the new

rating system and scores. There is also a letter from me, which I recommend you read before sharing any results with your children. If you have questions and/or concerns, please call or email me.

## **UNSUPERVISED PLAY BEFORE SCHOOL**

Thanks so much to those who have sent in the permission forms, stating that your child may play on the playground before 8:35AM when supervision begins. We have observed that there are many students playing before 8:35AM – many more than have sent in the permission forms. I will be contacting all families for whom we have no permission forms – first by letter and then a follow-up phone call. I have attached the permission form again, in case you have misplaced it. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **NEXT WEEK**

Our 5th graders go, with their teachers and chaperones, to Becket, MA. for Nature's Classroom. MANY THANKS to our teachers and all the families for making this happen again this year!

## **NO NEWSLETTER NEXT FRIDAY**

The next newsletter will be on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19 – save up your submissions!

## **DON'T FORGET:**

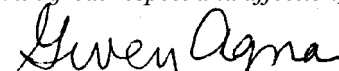
JSS Harvest Week, Oct. 15 – Oct. 19. We will celebrate the fall and harvest season as a school:

- Farmer Day (Tues., Oct. 16)– staff and children dress up as farmers to celebrate the school garden and local farming (hats, bandanas, overalls/blue jeans, etc.).
- “Whole foods for a whole week” - teachers promote healthy snacks in classrooms, and offer snacks from our garden for students.

Harvest Festival and Garden Work Day, Thursday Oct. 18, 3:15-6:00 p.m. (rain date Friday Oct. 19th 3:15-6:00 p.m.). We will get the garden ready for winter from 3:15 to 6:00 while enjoying harvest foods, including soup, salads, breads, drinks and desserts. Classes are invited to make soup, muffins, etc. for the potluck.

HAPPY COLUMBUS/INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY – NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 8.

*With great respect and affection,*



*Gwen Agna*

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## **JSS Music News!**

The JSS Annual Music Concert is now going to be 2 concerts! Due to the amount of people in the gym and cars in the parking lot, a safety issue was raised. In response to keeping all safe and enjoying the amazing performances of our students we are having two different shows. The 3rd, 4th and 5th will have their concert on Friday, March 15, 2019 @ 9:30am. The K, 1 and 2 concert will be on Friday, May 3, 2019 @ 1:30pm. The whole school will be at both concerts and the opening and closing songs, will be sung by all at both. There will only be 3 performances of the individual grades per show, which will make the show shorter (better for our younger students and working family members), more efficient and focused! Thanks for all the support you give to our performers! The shows will be a continuation of the STOMPish theme. We have much more to explore with alternate instruments, rhythms and beat boxing (vocal drum sounds)!!!

*Rhythmically yours, Ms. O'Connell*

JSS Music Concerts

Friday, March 15, 2019 @ 9:30am - grades 3,4,5

Friday, May 3, 2019 @ 1:30pm – grades K, 1, 2

## **Seeking Class Representatives!**

Interested in being a class representative? This is an easy, fun way to get to know the other families and the teacher in your child's class better. Class representatives maintain a class e-mail list, and serve as a liaison between the teacher and the families to make sure everyone is aware of classroom needs and special events. We are still looking for class reps for the following classrooms:

101 Mrs. Reed

116 Ms. Smith

204 Ms. McCue

207 Ms. Cora

211 Mr. Chang

If you're interested in volunteering to be the class rep for any of those classes, please email [alana.kaczmarek@gmail.com](mailto:alana.kaczmarek@gmail.com)

## IN THE NEWS

🌀 Jackson in the Gazette! If you haven't seen the article and photos, check them out! Here's the link to the article and the wonderful video: <https://www.gazettenet.com/Bringing-a-school-wide-smile-to-Jackson-Street-20457554> Jackson's "handlers", **Ms. B-G, Mr. Justin (Gianesin) and Ms. Alessi as well as 4th grader, Gabe Brick**, were all quoted and featured in photos, as were many students (with permission), including 5th grader, **Kyle Waranka**.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### SCI-TECH CAFÉ

Event location: Union Station, 125A Pleasant Street, Northampton MA.  
Light appetizers are available while supplies last, and food is available to order.

Time: 6:00pm

Save The Dates / Upcoming Speakers!

10/22/18: Megan Dobro, Hampshire College (Biology)

12/3/18: Ken Colodner, Mount Holyoke College (Neuroscience)

1/28/19: Katie Mack, NC State University (Astrophysics)

2/25/19: Kaca Bradonjic, Hampshire College (Physics)

3/25/19: Jesse Mager, UMass Amherst (Vet Science)

4/22/19: Bosiljka Glumac, Smith College (Geology)

6/3/19: TBA

**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, Friday, October 5 Heights	WALKING SCHOOL BUS – Ms. Agna, Mr. Strouse and Jackson walk through Hampshire – 8:10AM.	
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	
Mon. Oct. 15-Fri. Oct. 19	HARVEST WEEK in the JSS Garden	
Wed. Oct. 17	Coffee Hour in the Family Center 9-10AM	
Thurs. Oct. 18	Garden Work Day 3:15-6PM (rain date is Friday, Oct. 19)	
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	HOLA DATES!
Mon. Nov. 5	4th grade Family Dinner	Tues. 10/9, 10/16, 10/30, 11/13, 11/20
Tues. Nov. 6	NO SCHOOL – ELECTION DAY	Wed. 10/10, 10/17, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 11/28
Wed.. Nov. 7	3rd grade Family Dinner	Thur. 10/11, 10/18, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15
Thurs. Nov. 8	2nd grade Family Dinner	Questions? hola@northampton-k12.us
Mon. Nov. 12	NO SCHOOL – Veterans Day	ASSEMBLY DATES
Tues. Nov. 13	PICTURE RETAKE DAY 1st grade Family Dinner	Oct. 25 – 9:10AM – Ms. Agna Nov. 30 9:50AM – 4th grade
Thurs. Nov. 15	KDG Family Dinner	Dec. 20 – 2:15PM 2nd grade Winter Solstice
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	



# Jackson Street School 2018-2019 Grocery Card Fundraiser

Want to benefit Jackson Street School **every time you buy groceries?**

Support the PTO and Jackson Street School  
**by buying grocery gift cards**  
to River Valley Coop, Big Y, and Stop & Shop.



- Jackson Street School **PTO receives 5-10%** of the value of each gift card to support the school.
- Gift cards cost and are worth their face value - **you pay NO extra money.**
- Buy as many as you want in \$25, \$50, or \$100 increments.
- Submit your order form and payment in the school office each month (dates are listed to the right). Orders will be available on the Pick-Up Day in the school lobby at morning drop-off (8:30-9:00am) and afternoon pickup (3:00-3:30pm).
- If you have any questions please contact Ashley Miller at [ashleyandkeith@yahoo.com](mailto:ashleyandkeith@yahoo.com).

2018-2019 ORDER SCHEDULE	
ORDERS DUE	PICK-UP DAY
Mon Sept 17	Fri Sept 21
Mon Oct 8	Fri Oct 12
Mon Nov 5	Fri Nov 9
Mon Dec 3	Fri Dec 7
Mon Jan 7	Fri Jan 11
Mon Feb 4	Fri Feb 8
Mon Mar 4	Fri Mar 8
Mon Apr 8	Fri Apr 12
Mon May 6	Fri May 10
Mon Jun 3	Fri Jun 7



**Thank you for supporting Jackson Street School!**



# Jackson Street School 2018-2019 Grocery Card Fundraiser ORDER FORM

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Room # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



# cards	Total
____ \$25 Gift Card	\$_____
____ \$50 Gift Card	\$_____
____ \$100 Gift Card	\$_____



# cards	Total
____ \$25 Gift Card	\$_____
____ \$50 Gift Card	\$_____
____ \$100 Gift Card	\$_____



# cards	Total
____ \$25 Gift Card	\$_____
____ \$50 Gift Card	\$_____
____ \$100 Gift Card	\$_____

**Total enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_ Check enclosed (*made payable to "Jackson Street School PTO" with "Grocery Card Fundraiser" in the memo.*)

\_\_\_\_ Please charge my credit card:

MasterCard or VISA # \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. (mo/yr) \_\_\_\_\_ 3 digit code (back of card) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the Grocery Card order box on the back counter in the school office.

**Thank you supporting Jackson Street School !**



# Jackson Street School 2018-2019 Recaudación de fondos de la tarjeta de comestibles

¿Quieres beneficiar a Jackson Street School cada vez que compras comestibles?

Ayuda al PTO y a la Jackson Street School  
**comprando tarjetas de regalo de supermercado**  
a River Valley Coop, Big Y, y Stop & Shop.



- El PTO de Jackson Street School recibe del 5 al 10% del valor de cada tarjeta de regalo para apoyar a la escuela.
- Las tarjetas de regalo cuestan y valen su valor nominal: **usted no paga NINGÚN dinero extra.**
- Compre tantos como desee en incrementos de \$25, \$50 o \$100.
- Traiga su formulario de pedido y el pago a la oficina de la escuela cada mes (las fechas se enumeran a la derecha). Las tarjetas estarán disponibles el día de la entrega en el vestíbulo de la escuela al dejar a la mañana (8: 30-9: 00am) y en la tarde (3: 00-3: 30pm). If you have any questions please contact Ashley Miller at [ashleyandkeith@yahoo.com](mailto:ashleyandkeith@yahoo.com).

## 2018-2019 HORARIO DE PEDIDO

LA FECHA TOPE	DIA DE LA ENTRAGO
L sept 17	V sept 21
L oct 8	V oct 12
L nov 5	V nov 9
L dic 3	V dic 7
L enero 7	V enero 11
L feb 4	V feb 8
L marzo 4	V marzo 8
L abr 8	V abr 12
L mayo 6	V mayo 10
L jun 3	V jun 7



**¡Gracias por ayudar a Jackson Street School!**



# Jackson Street School 2018-2019 Recaudación de fondos de la tarjeta de comestibles FORMULARIO DE PEDIDO

Fecha: \_\_\_\_\_

Nombre: \_\_\_\_\_

Nombre del estudiante: \_\_\_\_\_ Aula# \_\_\_\_\_

Teléfono: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



# cartas	Total
_____ \$25 Tarjeta de regalo	\$ _____
_____ \$50 Tarjeta de regalo	\$ _____
_____ \$100 Tarjeta de regalo	\$ _____



# cartas	Total
_____ \$25 Tarjeta de regalo	\$ _____
_____ \$50 Tarjeta de regalo	\$ _____
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# cartas	Total
_____ \$25 Tarjeta de regalo	\$ _____
_____ \$50 Tarjeta de regalo	\$ _____
_____ \$100 Tarjeta de regalo	\$ _____

**Total adjunto: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_ El cheque adjunto (*a nombre de "Jackson Street School PTO" con "Grocery Card Fundraiser" en la nota*).

\_\_\_\_\_ Por favor cargue mi tarjeta de crédito:

MasterCard o VISA # \_\_\_\_\_

Nombre en la tarjeta \_\_\_\_\_

Dirección en la tarjeta \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. (mes/año) \_\_\_\_\_ 3 número código de seguridad (dorso de la tarjeta) \_\_\_\_\_

Firma \_\_\_\_\_

Por favor traiga este formulario a la oficina principal.

**¡Gracias por ayudar a Jackson Street School!**

2018-2019 UNSUPERVISED PERMISSION FOR PLAYGROUND  
USE BEFORE SCHOOL HOURS AT JACKSON ST. SCHOOL

There is no supervision by school employees before 8:35AM. All students who wish to play on the playground before school without the employee supervision must have written permission by a parent or legal guardian.

Please sign the permission slip below, indicating that you understand there is not supervision and you give your child permission to play before school unsupervised.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gwen Agna, Principal

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_ to play on the playground before school for the 2018-2019 school year. I understand that this is a safety risk and that there are no school employees supervising my child before 8:35AM on school days.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date



PERMISO PARA EL USO NO SUPERVISADO DEL PATIO DE LA  
ESCUELA JACKSON ST. ANTES DEL HORARIO ESCOLAR  
EN EL AÑO 2018-2019

No hay supervisión por parte de los empleados de la escuela antes de las 8:35 a.m. Todos los estudiantes que deseen jugar en el patio de recreo antes de la escuela sin la supervisión de empleados deben tener un permiso por escrito de un padre o tutor legal.

Por favor, firme la hoja de permiso debajo, indicando que usted comprende que no hay supervisión y le da permiso a su hijo/a para jugar sin supervisión antes del horario de la escuela.

Muchas gracias.

Atentamente,

Gwen Agna, Directora

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Yo, \_\_\_\_\_ doy permiso para que mi hijo/a, \_\_\_\_\_ juegue en el patio antes del horario de escuela durante el año escolar 2018-2019. Entiendo que esto es un riesgo para la seguridad y que no hay empleados escolares que supervisen a mi hijo/a antes de las 8:35 a.m. en los días de escuela.

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Firma del Padre/Tutor

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Fecha