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MESSAGE FROM MS. AGNA

WALKING SCHOOL BUS

If you are reading this early enough, I will be walking on the Bike Path with Jackson this morning – 8:10AM behind Stop and Shop! This is the last Walking School Bus of the season – last week was the last one for Hampshire Heights.

GROWTH MINDSET

From the Mindset Scholars Network:

“A growth mindset is the belief that intelligence can be developed. Students with a growth mindset understand they can get smarter through hard work, the use of effective strategies, and help from others when needed. It is contrasted with a fixed mindset: the belief that intelligence is a fixed trait that is set in stone at birth.

In a growth mindset, people believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work—brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment. Students’ beliefs about intelligence have important consequences for how they experience school and how they respond to setbacks and adversity. When students hold a fixed mindset, school can be a threatening place because they may be worried about proving their ability or avoiding “looking dumb.” This can lead students to avoid challenges and give up when they struggle. But when students hold a growth mindset, they may experience school as an exciting place to grow, embracing challenges as opportunities to develop mastery.”

We at JSS work towards cultivating growth mindsets in students AND in the staff/faculty. Our BIG IDEAS school rules help to create an environment – they are:

- Be kind
- Be respectful
- Be safe
- Try Your Best
- Play Fair
- Have Fun

These “big ideas” are the framework for all that we do at JSS. Check out the newly-repainted murals on the back of the school (they’ll be mounted again soon!). Ms. Lilly, our art teacher, and students painted these a few years ago. Ms. Lilly just “refreshed” them and serve as good reminders especially when playing outside where conflicts may arise amongst students.

Many of us grown-ups have to work on this too – especially if we’ve developed “fixed mindsets” about what we can and can’t do. I’ve attached a graphic that reminds us all of the “self-talk” we can employ to help us in moving from fixed mindsets to growth ones. As with most of the life, this is a journey that we are all on, no matter our age and stage! 😊

NEXT WEEK’S FAMILY DINNERS

We have three more coming up!

- Monday, Nov. 5 – 4th grade

- Wednesday, Nov. 7 – 3rd grade
- Thursday, Nov. 8 – 2nd grade

Please sign-up by filling out the tear-off at the end of the newsletter or email me to let us know if your family is coming and how many will be eating!

Have a lovely weekend and don't forget to set your clocks back an hour before going to bed on Saturday night!

With great respect and affection,

Gwen Agna
Gwen Agna

JSS SWAG ORDERS DUE TODAY, NOVEMBER 1!!

If you plan to order the JSS "swag" – t-shirts, tote bags, pennants, please do so BY TODAY!! Order forms are in the office!

BOX TOPS!

For November 1st, we successfully submitted over \$400 worth of boxtops. We will definitely break our record because we raised a little over \$500 for the whole year last year! We would love to shoot for \$800-1000 for this year and we think we can do it. Our next deadline is March 1st so we will need everyone to keep collecting over the coming months and we will remind you to turn them in around February vacation. Thank you so much to everyone for all your effort – every little bit counts!

Kerry and Suzy

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS & ADDITIONS

Please note the following corrections and additions to the directory.

And if you find other errors or omissions, please let me know so we can print them in a future newsletter.

Thank you!

- Liz Horn, elhorn@mindspring.com or 646-234-8805

For Room 105 (Kindergarten, Jen Reed) Please add the following:

Lopez, Bliss

Emily Laufer 241 Jackson St., Apt. 10-B
Northampton, MA 01060 413-570-6300
emily_laufer@yahoo.com

For 107 (Kindergarten, Maria Garcia) Please add the following:

Lukens, Violet
David Lukens and Katy McColl Lukens
45 Ridgewood Terr. Northampton, MA 01060
908-328-1435, David's cell Katy cell: 908-328-1437
katymccollwork@gmail.com davidclukens@gmail.com

For student Julia Steinberg, her mother Thuy Nguyen's email should read: nguyen_thuy21@hotmail.com

FOR 102 (1st grade, Sarah Carlton) Please note the following:

For student Alona Fleisher, please correct the phone number for Naomi Fleisher, Alona's mom. It should read: 914-584-0037 (not 413)

For Room 211 (5th grade, Tom Chang) Please add the following:

Gonzalez, Gabriel
Carmen Gonzalez 256 State St., Apt. F
Northampton, MA 01060 413-588-7313

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY -

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING IT!

At the start of the school year, families opted to receive the newsletter in paper form, via email ("paperless") or both ways.

We want to make sure that everyone is receiving the newsletter each week, in whatever way works best for them.

If you have NOT been receiving a weekly newsletter, please let me know. And if you would like to start receiving it in another format (paper, email or both), we are happy to do that.

Thanks!

- Liz Horn, Volunteer Coordinator, elhorn@mindspring.com or 646-234-8805

PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR CHILD'S T-SHIRT SIZE

FOR THEIR FREE JSS T-SHIRT!

We are so excited to give every JSS student a free JSS t-shirt in our great new design!

If you have not already (at Open House, your teacher conference or by email) given us your child's t-shirt size, please do so ASAP.

Please send your child's name, classroom and size (Youth XS, S, M, L or XL or Adult S, M or L) to:

Alana.Kaczmarek@gmail.com

Thank you!

LOOKING FOR PARENTS TO JOIN THE TEAM FOR AMAZING JSS EVENTS: INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

SWING INTO SPRING AUCTION

JSS FILM FESTIVAL

JSS has a number of incredible annual events, which are highlights for students, families and staff. There are great parent volunteers who have led them every year, but we need YOUR HELP to make them happen this school year. We have seasoned volunteers to show us what we need to do, and are looking to assemble a team or volunteers for each event. No experience necessary, no intimidating commitments. We promise to support you and make sure you are having a great time along the way!

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT is a wonderful evening of learning about other countries and cultures through exhibits, performances, and of course, food! It is tentatively scheduled for a Friday in April. There is a planning meeting for anyone interested this Monday, Nov. 5 at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria (right after the 4th grade family dinner)

SWING INTO SPRING AUCTION is JSS's biggest fundraising event - and a great party, too! It will be on the evening of Friday, March 29 at the Garden House at Look Park, with lots of great silent auction items, music and refreshments. We need all hands on deck to make this stellar event the best it can be!

JSS FILM FESTIVAL. This will be the fourth annual one - and it is not-to-be-missed! We will invite short film (1-2 minutes) submission from any JSS students, and then will present the show, with popcorn, to families, staff and the community at the JSS Film Festival. Come join the cast and crew!

Interested? Please...

- Come to a PTO meeting (the next one is Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 6:30 pm in the library, and the December one is on Wed., Dec. 12 at 7:00 pm)

- Check the newsletter for upcoming event meetings, like the International Night one this Monday, Nov. 5 at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria

- Email Liz Horn, Volunteer Coordinator at elhorn@mindspring.com or Alana Kacmarek, PTO President at Alana.Kacmarek@gmail.com

We will connect you!

Thanks so much for your help - together, we can make sure these amazing events continue and thrive!

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE COMING UP ON TUESDAY, NOV. 6 - CAN YOU BAKE OR VOLUNTEER?

On Tuesday, Nov. 6 there will be no school at Jackson Street, but the building will be open as a polling place. With so many people coming through our school, it is a great opportunity to raise money for JSS! We will be hosting a bake sale from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Can you bake or buy something to sell at our bake sale? We also need volunteers to staff the bake sale. Children are welcome to accompany you, and if you can only come for part of a shift, that's fine too! Please specify if you are donating a dish, volunteering a shift or both. Food donations are welcome anytime during the day (or can be dropped at school the day before). Thanks for any help you can provide... - Liz Horn, ELHORN@mindspring.com

NOVEMBER COFFEE, TEA & HOT CHOCOLATE ORDERS DUE THIS MONDAY, NOV. 5

Please get in any orders for delicious JSS coffee, tea or hot chocolate by Monday, Nov. 5 at 9:00 am. You can submit an order form in the office or email your order.

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, Nov. 9.

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!

FAMILY CENTER COFFEE HOUR ON WED., NOV. 7

Please join other parents and guardians for our bi-weekly Coffee Hour on Wednesday, Nov. 7 from 9:00 to 10:00 am in the Family Center (across from the cafeteria).

Every other Wednesday morning, parents, guardians, younger children (we have toys and crayons!) and staff are warmly welcome to gather for (free) coffee, tea and treats. Ms. Agna often drops by to join the conversation.

It's a great chance to catch up with other parents.

Please join us!

(Coffee hour is the first and third Wednesday of the month (next one after this is Wed., 21) - please check the newsletter for any changes!)

Free Yoga Classes at Karuna

Friday, December 7th 4:00 - 5:00

A gentle, mindful practice for all teachers and staff. Come and let go of your stressful week with some movement, breathing, and meditation.

Friday, December 14th 4:00 - 5:00

An active, playful class for teachers, staff, students and FAMILIES. Come and experience for yourself what happens every day at the JSS Mindfulness studio.

KDG REGISTRATION

As the district begins preparations for 2019 Kindergarten registration, please let Jennifer Towler, school registrar, know if you have a child who will be 5 by August 31, 2019 and will be registering them for Kindergarten. It's important that all 5 year olds who are eligible for Kindergarten be accounted for so families will receive all the necessary information about Kindergarten Info nights, Visiting Days, Buddy Days and Playground Play dates. Please email or call Ms. Towler: jtowler@northampton-k12.us or 413-587-1328.

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!

- 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

TOY FUND APPLICATIONS

The Berkshire Children and Families Agency is currently accepting applications from families who wish to be considered for this year's Sidney F. Smith Toy Fund. The fund gives parents vouchers for children ages 1 - 14 to be used for holiday gifts.

Applications will not be taken over the phone. The required eligibility forms can be picked up at the following locations:

Berkshire Children and Families
220 Russell St. Hadley

United Way
71 King St. Northampton

Amherst Family Center
1200 N. Pleasant St. Amherst

Amherst Survival Center
138 Sunderland Rd. Amherst

Center for New Americans
42 Gothic St. Northampton

Easthampton Community Center
12 Clark St. Easthampton

Hilltown Family Center
9 Russell Rd. Huntington

South Hadley Family Center
7 Woodbridge St. South Hadley

Community Action Offices
17 New South St. Suite 116 Northampton

Daily Hampshire Gazette
115 Conz St. Northampton

Applications must be mailed to: Sidney F. Smith Toy Fund c/o Berkshire Children and Families, 220 Russell St. Suite 200 Hadley 01035

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY
NOVEMBER 26, 2018**

JSS FAMILY DINNERS

4th – Monday, Nov. 5

3rd – Wednesday, Nov. 7

2nd – Thursday, Nov. 8

YES, we are coming to the 4th 3rd 2nd grade Family Dinner (circle all that apply!)

How many are coming?

_____ Adults to 4th 3rd 2nd Family Dinner

_____ Children (ages) to 4th 3rd 2nd grade Family Dinner

Dinner of plain cheese pizza, salad greens/dressing and cookies is served from 5:30-6PM

6-7PM Grown-ups meet in the cafeteria. Children meet in the library with childcare providers

Please tear-off and return to your child's teacher or to the office. You can also email Ms. Agna: gagna@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.

TODAY, Friday, November 2 WALKING SCHOOL BUS – Ms. Agna and Jackson walk on the Bike Path – 8:10AM LAST ONE OF THE SEASON – See you in the spring!

Mon. Nov. 5 4th grade Family Dinner

Tues. Nov. 6 NO SCHOOL – ELECTION DAY

Wed., Nov. 7 Coffee Hour in the Family Center 9-10AM
3rd grade Family Dinner

Thurs. Nov. 8 2nd grade Family Dinner

Mon. Nov. 12 NO SCHOOL – Veterans Day

Tues. Nov. 13 PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Thurs. Nov. 15 KDG Family Dinner

Wed. Nov. 21 Thanksgiving Break begins at 12:20PM

Mon. Nov. 26 Welcome back to school!

Tues. Nov. 28 1st grade Family Dinner

Wed. Dec. 5 Teacher Work (Half) Day

Fri. Dec. 22-Tues. Jan. 2 (first day back) NO SCHOOL – December Holiday Break

Fri. Jan. 25 NO SCHOOL for students – Teacher Work Day

Fri. Mar. 15 GRADES 3,4 & 5 CONCERT 9:30AM in the gym (YES, we know it's a half-day –dismissal is at 12:20PM, plenty of time for the concert!)

Fri. May 3 GRADES K, 1 & 2 CONCERT 1:30PM in the gym

HOLA DATES!

Tues. 11/13, 11/20

Wed. 11/7, 11/14, 11/28

Thur. 11/8, 11/15

Questions? hola@northampton-k12.us

ASSEMBLY DATES

Nov. 30 9:50AM – 4th grade

Dec. 20 – 2:15PM 2nd grade Winter Solstice

Jan. 11 –10:30AM 3rd grade MLK, Jr.

Feb. 27 – 1:30PM 1st grade

Mar. 29 – 9:50AM – Ms. Agna

Apr. -25 – 9:10AM 5th grade

May 30– 2:00PM KDG - JSS Grads

June 12 – 10:30AM Ms. Agna Fine Fine School

GROWTH MINDSET SELF-TALK

ATTITUDE & EFFORT DETERMINE HOW MUCH I LEARN

I CAN
BE BRAVE & STEP OUT OF MY COMFORT ZONE

CHALLENGES HELP ME GROW

I'LL TRY A
DIFFERENT STRATEGY

EFFORT MAKES ME STRONGER

I CAN WELCOME
FEEDBACK

GETTING BETTER TAKES TIME

HOW CAN I BUILD ON MY STRENGTHS?

I CAN CHOOSE A GROWTH MINDSET

LEARNING IS A
JOURNEY

I CAN
KEEP AN OPEN MIND

LEARNING IS MY GOAL ... NOT PERFECTION

MISTAKES HELP ME IMPROVE

NEW THINGS ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ME TO LEARN

IT'S
OK TO NOT KNOW SOMETHING

WHEN I ASK
QUESTIONS, I LEARN

SUCCESS OF OTHERS INSPIRES ME

PLAN B MIGHT WORK

IT'S OKAY TO TAKE
RISKS

WHAT CAN I LEARN FROM THIS?

I CAN CHOOSE TO
TRY AGAIN

UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS ARE ALL PART OF THE PROCESS

VALUABLE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN EVERY FAILURE

XYZ DIDN'T WORK I'LL TRY ABC

I DON'T KNOW
HOW TO DO THIS...
YET!

ZANY IDEAS CAN LEAD TO AMAZING THINGS



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 debajo del mural Be Kind, cerca del parque infantil, al dejar a la mañana (8:30-9:00am) y en la tarde (3:00-3:30pm).
- Si tiene alguna pregunta por favor contacte a Ashley Miller en 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	\$ _____
_____ \$100 Tarjeta de regalo	\$ _____



# 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!



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 under the Be Kind mural near the playground 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.

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 !

Northampton Reuse Committee's

Fall Recycling Rally

Saturday, November 3, 2018 • 9 AM to Noon

Smith Vocational High School 80 Locust Street, Northampton

IMPORTANT: Document shredding services will not be available

1 →

Jack-o-Lanterns

Must be free of paint/varnish
candles/wax & plastic



2 →

Clothing & Textiles

Must be dry & clean



3 →

Select Medical Equipment

Via Reupment
No crutches, canes, commodes.
More details on website (below)



4 →

Bicycles

via Bikes Not Bombs
Suggested \$10 per bike donation
to offset shipping expenses



5 →

Select Bulky Rigid Plastic

Only tubs, crates, bins, barrels,
buckets, & lawn furniture



6 →

White Styrofoam

Large white chunks only,
Must be rigid, dry & clean



Visit www.northamptonma.gov/re-events for important details
or call 413-587-1059

