



# Newsletter

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If you wish to have a copy of this letter written in Spanish, French or Arabic, please contact the school department at 587-1315. Si le gustaria esta carta en Espanol, es possible. Llama 413-587-1315. Si vous voulez une copie de cette lettre en Français, veuillez contacter le Département de l'École 587-1315. إذا في سدرملا قرادإب لاصتالا يجرى، في برعلا غللاب ةبوتكم ةلاسرا هذه نم ةخسن لعل لوصرحلا في بغرت تنك اذا 587-1315.

## MESSAGE FROM MS. AGNA

### One more time -

PLEASE see date corrections in the calendar below for the MLK, Jr. All-School Assembly and for the MLK Jr. Holiday (no school)!! Our assembly will be on Friday, January 18 and the holiday on Monday, January 21.

### GIVING TREE – ONE MORE TIME!

It's still up! We keep it up for the month of January to make sure the Northampton Survival Center's shelves are well-stocked after the holidays. Please send in boxed/canned goods as well as mittens, gloves, hats and scarves. THANKS!!

### BUDGET SEASON – PART II

The Superintendent, John Provost, has asked all families and staff to fill out a Budget Survey. It is online on the Northampton Schools website, the JSS PTO Facebook page and went out as an email blast from Liz Horn to all who have given their email addresses. Please consider filling this out – it is so important that we hear from YOU as we develop next year's budget!

### WELCOME STUDENT TEACHERS!

We are so fortunate here at JSS to have student teachers again this semester. They are:

- **Ms. Kimberly Maule** from UMASS, working in Mrs. Sadie Cora's 3rd grade
- **Mr. Alfred Kimani** from Smith College Graduate Program, working in Ms. Kim Gerould's 3rd grade
- **Mr. Juan Rubio** from UMASS, working in Mr. Chang's 5th grade
- **Ms. Emily Govea** from Smith College, working in Ms. Joan Cameron's 3rd grade

Welcome to our team!!

Respectfully and affectionately yours,

*Gwen Agna*  
Gwen Agna

## **KDG PROGRESS REPORTS**

For KDG families: Progress reports will go home in backpacks on Friday, February 8th – please look out for them!

## **THE JSS VARIETY SHOW**

Is your child interested in performing in this year Variety Show, scheduled for Saturday February 9th? If so please bring them on January 14th or 15th to the school library at 3:00 to register for the Variety Show and have them show us their act. Attached to this newsletter you will find the permission slip required for all participants. Please fill it out and bring it with you on the 14th or 15th. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help on the 14th or 15th, please email Nicole Walsh [nicolewalsh16@gmail.com](mailto:nicolewalsh16@gmail.com)

### **Other dates to keep in mind:**

Rehearsal January 28th afterschool in the gymnasium

Dress Rehearsal February 6th afterschool in the gymnasium

Variety Show February 9th at 4PM

(volunteers needed for all dates)

## **MINDFULNESS WEBSITE – ONE MORE TIME**

An Invitation From Ms. Alessi:

Please visit the Mindfulness at JSS web site. There are yoga moves, special breathing techniques, and even a section for Jackson - coming soon.

Just go to the Northampton Public Schools site, click on “schools”, find Jackson Street and...get green!

## **PARENT CAFÉ SERIES FLYER!**

Kindergarten families – check your child’s backpack for a flyer about a series of gatherings for preK and KDG families on Thursdays during the month of January! If you did not receive the flyer, please call the school office and we’ll make sure that you get one!

## **REAL (Racial Equity and Learning) Northampton Story Sharing Event!**

REAL Northampton invites you to a story sharing event on Sunday, January 27th from 3pm to 5pm in the JFK Community Room. Come together and build community through sharing something about your experience of race and racism in the Northampton Public School Community. Trained facilitators will create the space for everyone who wants to share. Everybody is welcome – students (6th grade and up), staff, teachers, caregivers and all identities. Food and childcare provided!

Participants are invited to stay after the event to formally record and submit a story to the REAL collection.

REAL (Racial Equity And Learning) Northampton is funded by the Northampton Education Foundation and is comprised of teachers, staff, students, and family members across the district. The overall mission of REAL is to support and strengthen our school community by developing an intentionally anti-racist culture.

Questions? Please contact these school parent reps:

Bridge Street: Benita Jackson ([benitajackson@gmail.com](mailto:benitajackson@gmail.com))

Jackson Street: Jenny Bender ([jenny.bender@comcast.net](mailto:jenny.bender@comcast.net))

Leeds: Bill Brown ([liam.brown1963@gmail.com](mailto:liam.brown1963@gmail.com))

Ryan Rd: Suna Turgay ([sunaturgay@hotmail.com](mailto:sunaturgay@hotmail.com))

JFK: Noel Raley ([noelraley@yahoo.com](mailto:noelraley@yahoo.com))

NHS: Jen Berneche ([jenberneche@gmail.com](mailto:jenberneche@gmail.com))

## **Equidad Racial y Aprendizaje Racial Equity and Learning (REAL)**

Northampton le invita a usted a un evento de compartir cuentos, patrocinado por el PTO de JFK, el domingo 27 de enero de 3pm a 5pm en la sala de la comunidad de JFK. Habrá comida y cuidado de los niños.

Ven y crea una comunidad, a través de compartir su experiencia de raza y racismo en las escuelas públicas en Northampton. Los facilitadores entrenados crearán el espacio para cada uno que quiere compartir. Todo el mundo es bienvenido – estudiantes (grado 6+), personal, profesores, cuidadores y cualquier otra persona.

Se invita a los participantes a quedarse después del evento para registrar y enviar historias para la colección REAL

REAL Northampton está financiado por la Fundación de Educación de Northampton y está compuesto por maestros, personal, estudiantes y miembros de familia en todo el distrito. La misión en general es apoyar nuestra comunidad escolar desarrollando una cultura intencionadamente anti-racista.

¿Tiene Preguntas? Por favor póngase en contacto con uno de estos representantes:

· Bridge Street: Benita Jackson ([benitajackson@gmail.com](mailto:benitajackson@gmail.com))

· Jackson Street: Jenny Bender ([jenny.bender@comcast.net](mailto:jenny.bender@comcast.net))

· Leeds: Bill Brown ([liam.brown1963@gmail.com](mailto:liam.brown1963@gmail.com))

· Ryan Rd: Suna Turgay ([sunaturgay@hotmail.com](mailto:sunaturgay@hotmail.com))

· JFK: Noel Raley ([noelraley@yahoo.com](mailto:noelraley@yahoo.com))

· NHS: Jen Berneche ([jenberneche@gmail.com](mailto:jenberneche@gmail.com))

## IN THE NEWS

🎭 Our own special education teacher, **Ms. Stephanie Flinker**, has a role in the Amherst Leisure Services' production of Peter Pan – this weekend and next at Bowker Auditorium at UMASS. Check the website for dates and times!

## 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!

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

### Vacation Week Programs at Mass Audubon's Arcadia Sanctuary

Come to Arcadia to explore the natural world during school vacation!

Children ages 5–12 may sign up for one or all four days since activities will differ. Programs run 9:00 am–3:00 pm each day.

#### February

We will begin each day with games, followed by a morning circle that will introduce the themes. Much of each day will be spent outdoors searching for animal tracks and signs, watching birds, and learning about winter adaptations. We will play plenty of games and have a daily nature mystery and riddle.

Register Online: [https://www.massaudubon.org/program-catalog/results/arcadia/exact/\(keywords\)/february-vacation](https://www.massaudubon.org/program-catalog/results/arcadia/exact/(keywords)/february-vacation)

Or call: 413-584-3009

#### April

We will go on lots of hikes, visit a vernal pool, look for spring wildflowers, and search for early insects. We will have a new theme each day as well as nature riddles, mysteries, and games. A complete list of what to bring will be sent upon registration.

Register Online: [https://www.massaudubon.org/program-catalog/results/arcadia/exact/\(keywords\)/february-vacation](https://www.massaudubon.org/program-catalog/results/arcadia/exact/(keywords)/february-vacation)

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# **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.

- Wed. Jan. 16** JSS Council Meeting 5:30PM in the library  
JSS PTO meeting – with the JSS Council 6:30-8PM
- Fri. Jan. 18** All-school Martin Luther King Jr. assembly 3rd grade presents 10:30AM
- Mon. Jan. 21** NO SCHOOL – MLK, Jr. Holiday
- Fri. Jan. 25** NO SCHOOL for students – Teacher Work Day
- Fri. Feb. 8** KDG Progress Reports go home in backpacks
- Sat. Feb. 9** VARIETY SHOW! 4pm
- Thurs. Feb. 14** HOLA ENDS
- Fri. Feb. 15** LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE FEB. BREAK
- Mon. Feb. 18-** Fri. Feb. 22 NO SCHOOL
- Mon. Feb. 25** WELCOME BACK!
- Wed. Feb. 27** All-school assembly 1st grade presents 1:30PM
- 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!)
- Thurs. Apr. 25** All-school assembly 5th grade presents 9:10AM
- Fri. May 3** GRADES K, 1 & 2 CONCERT 1:30PM in the gym
- Fri. May 10** Alex Smith Trio RETURN ENGAGEMENT – stay tuned for details!
- Thurs. May 30** All-school assembly WELCOME BACK JSS/HIGH SCHOOL GRADS – KDGners are hosts 2PM
- Wed. June 12** All-school assembly FINE FINE SCHOOL

## **ASSEMBLY DATES**

- Jan. 18 – 10:30AM 3rd grade MLK, Jr.**
- Feb. 27 – 1:30PM 1st grade**
- Apr. -25 – 9:10AM 5th grade**
- May 30 – 2:00PM KDG - JSS Grads**
- June 12 – 10:30AM Ms. Agna Fine Fine School**

## **VISITING DAYS**

**Wednesdays 9:30-11AM**

**January 9, 16, 23, 30**

**February 6, 13, 27**



## JSS VARIETY SHOW 2019

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

Describe your act: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there anyone else in your act with you? If so, please list their names:

Music (if any): Remember that you will need to email an audio file for any recorded music

Anything else we should know to support your act?

Family/guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Please make sure your child can attend:**

Rehearsal : Monday, January 28th, 3:00 – 5:30 pm:

Dress rehearsal: Wednesday, February 6th, 3:00 – 5:30 pm  
(mandatory for all performers)

VARIETY SHOW: Saturday, February 9, 4:00 pm

I hereby give permission for my child to be photographed/videotaped in the 2019 JSS Variety Show.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/guardian signature

*If you have any questions, please let us know!*

Nicole Walsh, Variety Show Coordinator: [nicolewalsh16@gmail.com](mailto:nicolewalsh16@gmail.com)

Liz Horn, JSS Volunteer Coordinator: [elhorn@mindspring.com](mailto:elhorn@mindspring.com)



# 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](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 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](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	\$ _____
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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!**