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MESSAGE FROM MS. AGNA



REMINDER

KDG REGISTRATION DAY is Wednesday, Feb. 27, in all the schools AND it is also a make-up day for the Visiting Day we missed due to the 2-hour delay. And because we had ANOTHER 2-hour delay this week, we have scheduled one more Visiting Day on March 6. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



CROSSING GUARD ADDITION!

Thanks to the Northampton Police Dept. for responding to concerns about the safety of the crosswalk in front of the driveway into our school, we will soon have a crossing guard there! The dept. has posted the position. If you or anyone you know would be interested in the position, please contact the Northampton Police Dept. – 587-1100.

HANDICAPPED PARKING SPOTS

For those who need them, there are two spots in the parking lot as well as well near the front door of the school – all clearly marked. What's not so clearly marked is the yellow box (it's faded) painted on the blacktop in front of the two spots in the parking lot. That big yellow triangle is to be kept open so that those who need the spots can easily drive into and out of them. I know that people line up in their cars at dismissal time – but PLEASE keep that yellow triangle open and free of cars for handicap parking access! THANKS!

VARIETY SHOW

It definitely was BIG FUN, as advertised! What a winning combination – a slow Saturday in February, 4PM in the afternoon, 20 or so acts, performed in a little over an hour, and followed by pizza and a family dance party! There was an amazing range of acts, great courage in performing and a very respectful and appreciative audience. THANKS so much to all the volunteers, so ably led by Nicole Walsh, Liz Horn and Melissa Power-Greene, sound system run by Ryan Brown, emceed by Mosie Senn-McNally, and of course, all the performers! If I have left anyone out, I hope someone will let me know so I can add in the next newsletter!

FEBRUARY BREAK

It is time to pause for our winter "breather" – school is closed all next week. I hope that your days are enjoyable and safe. I will spend the week with friends in a coastal village (Aberdovey) in Wales. As I mentioned in my letter about retiring next year, I did my undergraduate work in the UK and have maintained friendships over the years with friends I made during those four years I lived in England. We're getting together, renting a house and hanging out. I look forward to reconnecting with them as well as some quiet time for reflection and restoration.

And I'll look forward to seeing you on Monday, February 25th!

Respectfully and affectionately yours,

Gwen Agna
Gwen Agna

BOX TOPS DEADLINE IS TODAY!!

It's Box Tops submission time! If you have been saving Box Tops, please turn them in by TODAY, Friday 2/15, before vacation week. If you haven't been saving Box Tops, it's not too late to start! Ask family and co-workers to save their Box Tops, too! Drop them off in the collection bin by the main office, or your student can give them to their teacher. Each one of those little pink squares = 10 cents for JSS to spend on things the kids and teachers need. We have raised over \$427 so far this year. With your help, we are on track to break the current JSS record of \$544. Can we get to \$600? Can we get to \$700?? Let's try together!

Thanks, Kerry and Suzy

HOLA NEWS

We are sorry to say, but the Tuesday HOLA classes that were canceled because of the early dismissal will not be able to be rescheduled due to the vacation. HOLA forms for Session 3 went home this past Monday, and are due this Friday, February 15. Session 3 runs 3/5- 4/11. Class confirmations will go home the week we return from vacation.

If you did not receive an HOLA form in your child's backpack, please email Ms. BG at hola@northampton-k12.us or call 587-1510, and make sure you press extension 3775

Mark your calendars-

HOLA starts 3/5

HOLA ends 4/11

JSS FILM FESTIVAL!

There is still time to sign up for the Jackson Street School 4th Annual Film Festival! Please contact Jodi Shaw (jodishaw@mac.com) to sign up and for help getting started making your own short film! All films must be submitted by February 25th. The film festival will take place on Thursday, March 7th!

DIGITAL DISPLAY ONE MORE TIME!

Dear Families & Community,

We are excited to announce a new digital display in the front hall. This display was provided to the school through an NEF grant and will be used to showcase the awesome work happening in classrooms across the school. At JSS we always aim to create an open and welcoming environment. We hope that images of the vibrant and creative work students and teachers are engaging in will do just that.

We also want to clarify that these images are only used internally. They are not published anywhere and are not accessible outside of school. We ask that you watch, get excited, and discuss what you see but we ask that you not take any pictures, video or in any other way record the display.

Excitedly,

David Cantler

JSS Caregiver Cafe: Technology and our Children

Many of us have questions and concerns around technology. Our kids keep wanting more tech and it isn't always easy to say no. The data around exposure to tech is alarming and confusing. Come talk with others about how we can best help our children to lead more balanced lives. The Caregiver Cafe (Parent Cafe) is a nationally recognized program to keep children healthy and families strong.

When: Thursday 2/28 and 3/14

Who: JSS families

Time: 5:30-7:30

Dinner and childcare will be provided.

R.S.V.P King, Leah72@gmail.com or Sally.Imbimbo@gmail.com by 2/12 to plan food and childcare.

14th Annual VINS Dog Show Saturday, March 2

Chase away the midwinter blahs at a fantastic family fun event – free for people with or without their dogs! All are welcome to join the fun at the fourteenth “March Forth with Your Dog – Not Your Typical Dog Show” to be held this year from 12-3 Saturday, March 2 at the Northampton High School gym. (The snow date is March 3).

Adults and children can register their dogs to compete in categories like “Best Fetcher,” “Best Dressed,” or “Most Obedient” with preregistration available through February 27.

The two-legged audience attends free with donations welcome.

Food, vendors, cookie decorating, face painting, and a country store raffle will be available. All young and adult dog owners may join the Parade of Dogs at 12:15.

VINS (Volunteers in Northampton Schools) recruits, trains and places volunteers in all district schools, and this is the primary fund-raiser for the organization.

SWING INTO SPRING

Swing Into Spring will be held at the Look Park Garden House on Friday, March 29th! This event is the primary annual PTO fundraiser and we need your help to make it fun and to raise as much money as we can for our awesome JSS community!

Please fill out the form below, email jacksonstreetaucion@gmail.com, or leave a message in the PTO mailbox to let us know how you can help.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMb90_jr4gXaHbqmet_4R-zw3SCngfIs6_I1LU2xQAqzlnUg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1

5th Annual JSS Family Science Night !!!!

We are very happy to announce that Friday, March 22nd, is our Family Science Night, from 6:00-7:30pm.

There will be an optional pizza dinner available from 5:30-6:00 pm. (We will send out order forms closer to the event).

The purpose of this event is to promote the thrill of Science through short and exciting hands-on demonstrations, led by JSS parents or families.

To make it happen, we need volunteers for the demonstrations. Kids love when their families get involved with this, and are often excited to help out their parents. You can suggest your own demonstration, or pick from a list of suggestions.

The demonstration itself should not be longer than 15 minutes, ideally shorter, so it can be repeated and tried by many visitors as students and their families rotate around the school visiting the “science stations” throughout the event.

We are also looking for parents joining the Science Night Planning Committee.

If interested, please email Pallavi at: pallubv@gmail.com or Andrea Doehne at a.doehne@gmail.com

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!

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 – on the first and third Wednesday of the month, 9-10AM.

TODAY - 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 5th grade presents 1:30PM
Thurs. Feb. 28 Caregivers Café 5:30-7:30PM
Tues. Mar. 5 HOLA STARTS!
Thurs. Mar. 7 JSS FILM FESTIVAL
Thurs. Mar. 14 Caregivers Café 5:30-7:30PM
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!)
Fri. Mar. 22 FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT!
Fri. Mar. 29 JSS SWING INTO SPRING AUCTION!
Thurs. Apr. 11 HOLA ENDS!
Thurs. Apr. 25 All-school assembly 1st grade presents 9:10AM
Fri. May 3 GRADES K, 1 & 2 CONCERT 1:30PM in the gym
Wed. May 8 JSS COUNCIL & PTO meeting with Chip Wood, consultant – Details TBA
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

Feb. 27 – 1:30PM 5th grade
Apr. -25 – 9:10AM 1st grade
May 30– 2:00PM KDG - JSS Grads
June 12 – 10:30AM Ms. Agna Fine Fine School

VISITING DAYS

Wednesdays 9:30-11AM
February 27
March 6