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MESSAGE FROM MS. AGNA



VALENTINE'S DAY

I'm sure you've heard from your child's teacher about IF or HOW the class will celebrate this holiday. I've been asked by many to give a gentle reminder to try to limit the amount of candy and sugar that students are given – either attached to the Valentines themselves or what is brought to the



REMINDER

KDG REGISTRATION DAY is Wednesday, Feb. 27, in all the schools AND it is also a make-up day for the Visiting Day missed last Wed, the 30th, due to the 2-hour weather delay. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

MY ANNOUNCEMENT – PART II

First, many thanks to so many of you who have spoken, called, written to me about my plan to leave JSS in June 2020. Your words touch my heart and remind me of how fortunate I am to be a part of this community.

I hope that many of you will be able to join Chip Wood and me at the JSS PTO/Council meeting on Wednesday, 2/13 at 6:30PM. Chip is leading us through the documenting of what makes JSS special and the transition to the next principal. There will be childcare – and pizza at 6PM in the cafeteria!!

Thank you again.

Respectfully and affectionately yours,

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KDG PROGRESS REPORTS HOME TODAY!

Kindergarten families – please check your children's backpacks for their progress reports TODAY!

DIGITAL DISPLAY!

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.

JSS PTO MEETING - WED. FEB. 13 at 6:30 PM in the LIBRARY

Please join us for our next PTO meeting - all parents, caregivers and staff are part of the PTO! After we meet with Chip Wood, we'll discuss upcoming plans and events. We would love your input! Free snacks and free childcare.

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 jacksonstreetauction@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/1FAIpQLScMb9o_jr4gXaHBqmet_4R-zw3SCngfIs6_I1LU2xQAqzlnUg/viewform?vc=o&c=0&w=1

BIG FUN AT JSS ON SATURDAY, FEB. 9th!

VARIETY SHOW, PIZZA, BAKE SALE & DANCE PARTY!

On Saturday, Feb. 9, please come to the gym at JSS for some very special events -

First, at 4:00, it is the JSS Variety Show! This beloved annual show features JSS students from all grades providing amazing entertainment - music, dance, gymnastics, comedy, magic and more!

Come support your friends and have a great time! Bring

your friends and family!

After the show, we'll be selling pizza and delicious baked goods in the lobby to raise money for next year's Nature's Classroom trip.

Plus FREE POPCORN!

And then, from 6:00 to 7:00, enjoy a fantastic Dance Party in the gym!

All events are FREE and open to all family members, staff and friends.

Can't wait to see you there!

Questions? Email Liz Horn at elhorn@mindspring.com or call/text 646-234-8805

We also would LOVE more volunteers for both the Variety Show and the bake sale

(free food for volunteers!)

To volunteer for the Variety Show, email Nicole Walsh at nicolewalsh16@gmail.com

To volunteer or donate food to the bake sale for Nature's Classroom, email Lisa Clauson at lisa.clauson21@gmail.com

BOX TOPS – ONE MORE TIME!!

It's Box Tops submission time! If you have been saving Box Tops, please turn them in by 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

PHOTOS NEEDED!!

Send in your photos for the JSS Variety Show!

Students can share their passion at the Variety Show by emailing a photograph to nicolewalsh16@gmail.com. We welcome you to send photos of artwork, which we have featured in the past. But would also like to extend the invitation to include other interests as well. So if your passion is baking, building snow forts, caring for a pet, or something else we would like to feature it in a slide show to showcase the variety of interests at Jackson Street School.

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!

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

IN THE NEWS

 FRONT PAGE article in the Daily Hampshire Gazette on our Global School Play Day! What a fabulous day it was!

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

Now at Audubon

Winter Walk for Families

February 16, 2019 (Saturday) 10:00am - 11:30am

Location: Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary, Easthampton MA

Instructor: Rebecca Moretti - Environmental Educator

Audience: Family (suitable for children 4 - 12 years)

Members: Adult \$6.00, Child \$6.00

Nonmembers: Adult \$8.00, Child \$8.00

Nonmembers can join today during checkout and take immediate advantage of member prices.

Winter is a unique and rewarding time to be out enjoying the woods and fields of Arcadia. We'll take a walk looking for animal tracks and signs and play a few games to learn about winter wildlife survival.

Instructions and Directions:

Dress in layers to be outdoors and wear appropriate footwear.

Registration is required.

Register online (<https://www.massaudubon.org/program-catalog/arcadia/62469-winter-walk-for-families>) or call 413-584-3009 to register by phone.

First Child in the Woods: Caregiver and Infant/Toddler Walk

February 23, 2019 (Saturday) 10:00am - 11:00am

Location: Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary, Easthampton MA

Instructor: Arcadia Staff and Volunteers

Audience: Family (suitable for children 0 - 5 years)

Members: Adult \$5.00, Child free

Nonmembers: Adult \$7.00, Child free

Nonmembers can join today during checkout and take immediate advantage of member prices.

Join us for the perfect introduction to nature. This one-hour hike will enable your child or children, birth to 5 years old, to gently discover the natural world around them and give you skills to confidently lead explorations of your own. This is an opportunity to explore the changing nature and beauty of Arcadia with your youngster each month.

Registration is required.

Register online or call 413-584-3009 to register by phone.

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, Fri. Feb. 8 KDG Progress Reports go home in backpacks

Wed. Feb. 13 PIZZA – 6-6:30PM in the cafeteria
JSS COUNCIL & PTO meeting with Chip Wood, consultant 6:30PM. Childcare available.

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 5th grade presents 1:30PM

Thurs. Feb. 28 Caregivers Café 5:30-7:30PM

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!)

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

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