



Newsletter

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JSS Office 587-1510

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MESSAGE FROM MS. AGNA

TODAY, Friday, May 17, is a half-day – dismissal at 12:20PM. Staff and faculty have a work day.

And I now begin with another important message from **Ms. Maria and Ms. Deirdre**, in the office – thanks to both of them for keeping the JSS Ship afloat!

Message from the Office

☆ If your child will finish school before the end of the school year, please make arrangements to pick up personal belongings and bulky school work.

☆ Report cards will be handed out the last day of school. If your child is will be out that day we will mail them home.

☆ Next year's class placements will be mailed home shortly after school is out.

☆ If you are planning on moving this summer or you have moved during the end of the school year, please make sure to fill out the attached form. If you have any questions regarding School of Choice or Open Enrollment, please contact Jennifer Towler at

(413) 587-1328.

☆ Address and telephone number changes must be reported to the Main Office, if there is an address change proof of residency is needed. Please fill out the district form, available in the office, and return it to the office.

MCAS

Our final round of MCAS will be next week – 5th grade will take the Science/Technology MCAS on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 21 & 22. You know the drill – good night's sleep, hearty breakfast, try your best and it will be fine!

NOMINATIONS FOR SEPAC AWARDS – ONE MORE TIME!

Please see the form attached for families with students who receive special education who want to nominate/honor employees in the school. May 25 is the deadline for submitting the nominations.


PBJTM – PLEASE BRING IN DONATIONS!!

Our annual collection of peanut butter, jam/jelly, tuna and mac & cheese begins on Monday, May 13 and goes till Wednesday, June 12. The food collected is given to the Northampton Survival Center for its summer food program. It is critical that the Survival Center's shelves are well stocked in the summer for families whose children do not have the breakfasts and lunches provided by schools.

TONIGHT – PRINCIPAL TRANSITION

Chip Wood will join me tonight, as part of the Reading Party, in meeting with families at Hampshire Heights on from 5-6PM. There will be pizza, childcare and interpretation.

Respectfully and affectionately yours,


Gwen Agna

TONIGHT!!

Nature's Classroom fundraiser!

BINGO NIGHT at JACKSON STREET

Friday May 17, 5:30-7:30 (Pizza 5:30-6, Bingo 6-7:30pm)

Suggested Donation: \$2-\$5 per card

All of Jackson St is invited to come play Bingo, eat pizza and maybe win some prizes – all for a good cause! Bingo will be this year's last fundraiser for Nature's Classroom and we look forward to your participation! Email Kerry LaBounty at kdlabounty@gmail.com with any questions.

A flyer about the event is attached - please sign up here to bring in something for the bake sale:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040b48a4a629a57-bingo>

You will be helping kids have an amazing experience at Nature's Classroom.

TOMORROW!

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING - VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Saturday, May 18 is one of JSS's biggest fundraisers - Electronics Recycling!

If you've been before, you know it is a fun, fast-paced morning as tons of people pay to recycle their computers, printers, old appliances, etc., all in the parking lot at Smith Voc. Fees for recycling these electronics go to support JSS - it is a win-win!

We are looking for volunteers from 9:00 am to just after noon to help direct people, unload their items from their cars, take their money, etc.

Please consider signing up at the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040B48A5AF29A75-electronics3>

And please bring your own electronics and encourage friends and neighbors to bring theirs!

HOLA is needing donations of items

Any recycled items that can be upcycled into art- such as cereal boxes, packing materials, corks, plastic food and drink

containers, thread spools, jars with lids, water bottle, coffee cans and yogurt containers and lids, tissue boxes, old CDs and DVDs, string and twine and more (you name it)! Please bring into office, marked for HOLA.

Thank you!!!

GIRLS ON THE RUN

The JSS Girls on the Run team is seeking old clothes to turn into cat and dog toys for a local animal shelter.

We are looking for t-Shirts, socks, denim, fleece and other fabric. Stained, out of shape, or ripped is ok.

But please otherwise clean. We will also need packing paper or old newspapers as filling for the toys!

Easy drop off at collection box in front of the office (look for the GOTR box) by 5/23.

Thank you for your support!

Amy, Andrea, Taylor

Volunteer for Field Day! Friday June 7!

Come join in the fun with your children. We need help in the morning, afternoon, or all day. Each Classroom will come outside and play at each of the stations, we need a lot of parents to help run each of these. It is such a fun day! Sign up via sign up genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoA4EA9A629A2FD0-jssfield1> or Email vkeillor@gmail.com or mjlussier@gmail.com directly

FREE BOOK FAIR JUNE 4th!

The JSS PTO is planning the annual FREE BOOK FAIR, which will be held on Tuesday, June 4th and Wednesday June 5th. Students will go with their teacher and classmates during one of those two days. Each child will be able to select at least one book (perhaps more based on how many books we receive) for FREE so that all students can start their summer with books in hand.

How can you help? We need your donations of gently used children's books. You can bring them in bags or boxes and leave them on the left hand side of the JSS lobby. Please donate only books appropriate for K-5 reading. If you have older children, we can always use more advanced reading material for our 4th and 5th graders. We are also especially looking graphic novels and bilingual books. Gracias! Merci! Arigato! Danke! Shukran!

If you have books that you'd like to off load that are not ap-

appropriate or in good enough condition for our fair, please consider donating them to other organizations or recycling them.

Call for volunteers - if you'd like to help with the book sorting or the fair, please contact Gavin Grant at gjgrant@gmail.com or Elizabeth Horn at elhorn@mindspring.com. Thank you!

FREE PIANO!

Upright piano, in very good condition

Call Sue to arrange pick-up in Northampton: 586-1595

LIBRARY CLOSSES

The end of the school year is upon us – which means that the school library will soon close for borrowing books. All books must be returned to the library by next Friday, May 24.

WORKSHOP SERIES – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Caregivers Café is back by popular demand! It will be on next THURSDAY, MAY 23, 5:30-7:30PM, with pizza and childcare. Sign up on the tear-off below!

And then:

Creating A People-Centered Home VS. A Screen-Centered Home

Thursday, June 6th, 6:30-8PM

The basis for everything that children need to be successful in the world, communication skills, self-care, self-worth, team building, lifelong habits, beliefs, and more, all begin at home. Unfortunately, many of our homes focus more on our electronics than on the real needs of people.

This evening's workshop offers parents the time and support to develop practical solutions to the dominant role that the screens occupy in our homes. That same role that often ignores and denies important things like downtime, connection, quiet, and peaceful mealtimes.

Presenter:

Susan McNamara, M.A., CHHC, is a Certified Holistic Health Counselor who is trained in Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction, and holds a Masters Degree in Counseling Psychology. Susan is an adjunct professor at Westfield State University where one of the topics she explores with her students is the impact technology is having on their health and well-being.

For almost twenty-five years, Susan has been contemplating, researching, and most importantly living the questions around technology and children with her own family and others. She has just finished her first book, *Remembering What Matters Most: A Contemplative Approach To Children & Technology*.

Susan can be reached at 413-527-2230 or thefarmatavalon@hotmail.com. Check out the article in a recent Daily Hampshire Gazette by Susan, entitled "Pandora's phone – and what to do when

your child has seen something she can't unsee online". The link for this is: <https://www.gazettenet.com/Kids-and-screens-23738686>.


JSS Garden News

The greenhouse is now hooked up to electricity and fully functional! A big thanks to **Eric Payne, Jim Mailloux, Mark Lacasse, Tony Kusnierz, Mary Bates, Nick Ames, Hope Guardenier (our wonderful Garden Educator), and parents Scott Biddle, Chris Chamberland and Jared Kajka** for all of their help with the greenhouse project. A very special thanks to our PTO for their support in funding this project! It really did take a village!!!

JSS Farmers Market

We will hold the 10th annual JSS Farmer's Market plant sale in the greenhouse this year! Please come to buy plants to support our garden program on Thursday, May 30th from 2:30pm-3:30pm. We'll have strawberries, raspberries, hostas, horseradish, tomatoes and more!

IN THE NEWS

 The wide-ranging opinions of the rest of the 2nd grade students in Ms. Walmsley's class were published in the Daily Hampshire Gazette section, "My Opinion": **Anthony Maldonado, Myleen Padilla, Yuri Bermeo Pichazaca, Abraham Mason, Juri Khodari, Sylvie McAllister, Noah Bourdon Levy, Lea Rubin-Esposito, Kiah McKahn, Sylvie Whitehill, Maceo Nteta**

 Our own **Ms. B-G – Beth Bellavance-Grace** – was featured in a front page Gazette article on the history of the legend of "Lesbianville", AKA Northampton. Beth and her wife, Karen, were early courageous and principled citizens who stood up to discrimination, stereotyping and social media abuse. We thank them for being the leaders amongst so many who came after.

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

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.

- Fri. May 17** Ms. Agna & Chip Wood meet with families about the transition plan for the new principal at Hampshire Heights in the community apartment #15C, 5-6PM
BINGO NIGHT 5:30-7:30PM – Nature’s Classroom Benefit
- Thurs. May 23** Caregivers’ Café 5:30-7:30PM
- Thurs. May 30** All-school assembly WELCOME BACK JSS/HIGH SCHOOL GRADS – KDGners are hosts 2PM
- Thurs. June 6** HOLA ends!
Creating A People-Centered Home VS. A Screen-Centered Home – workshop 6:30-8PM
- Fri, June 7** FIELD DAY!
- Mon., June 10** RAIN DATE for Field Day
- Wed. June 12** All-school assembly FINE FINE SCHOOL 10:30AM
JSS FAMILY PICNIC and GOODBYE to Mrs. Malynoski, Ms. Cowhey, and Ms. Russell
- Thurs. June 13** 5th GRADE GRADUATION 1:30PM in the gym
- Fri. June 14** LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – dismissal at 12:20PM

ASSEMBLY DATES

- May 30– 2:00PM KDG - JSS Grads
- June 12 – 10:30AM Ms. Agna Fine Fine School

Jackson Street School MCAS Schedule

SCIENCE

5th grade Science/Technology MCAS will be on Tues. May 21 and Wed. May 22

YES I/we would like to attend the following:

3.5. Caregivers’ Café – Thursday, May 23, 5:30-7:30PM _____

4. Creating A People-Centered Home VS. A Screen-Centered Home, Thursday, June 6th 6:30-8PM _____

Name: _____

Number of adults: _____ Number of children who need childcare _____

Please return to the school office or your child’s teacher.



The Special Education
Parent Advisory Committee
Requests the Honor of Your Presence at the

2019

♥ Staff Appreciation Awards

Thursday June 13, 2019

6:30 PM

Northampton High School
Library

Reception to Follow

2018-19 SEPAC Staff Appreciation Awards Nominations

Submission deadline May 25, 2019.

If you have difficulty filling this form out online, please print it and submit it by mail to:

SEPAC-C/O Student Services
240 Main Street, 2ND floor
Northampton MA 01060

Each year we ask students and their parents to share with us their stories of people who have made their school experiences meaningful and joyous this year. Your nomination letter will be read out loud at the ceremony.

We welcome 1 nomination from each student or their family. The nomination may be made by a student, parent, or guardian. To select a staff member for an award complete the information below.

Each person selected will receive an invitation to the awards night celebration, a certificate, and a letter of appreciation.

If you have difficulty filling this form out online, please print it and submit it by mail to SEPAC-C/O Student Services 240 Main Street 2ND floor, Northampton MA 01060

Email Address:

Your Name:

Your Phone Number:

Person You Choose: (you may brainstorm several but only select 1)

The School Where They Work:

_____ or

Bridge Street	Jackson Street	Leeds	RKFRR Ryan Rd	JFK Middle	High School
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Their Relationship to You:

_____ or

Teacher	Para	Administrator	Custodian
Bus Driver	Secretary	Librarian	

Please share why this person is getting your award:

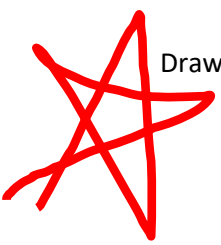
IDEA LIST:

Ms. Katz makes learning fun.
She helps me.
Mr. Smith makes school fun.
I enjoy seeing him everyday.
Ms. Mendez always notices when I am working really hard.

How difficult was this form to complete?

- Very Easy
- Kind of Easy
- About Right
- Kind of Hard
- Hard

Draw a star next to what the part(s) that were hard?



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Westhampton
Williamsburg
Worthington

Summer 2019

Dear Parents:

For the 21st year in a row, the Northampton Survival Center is pleased to offer our Kids' Summer Food Program to eligible children through our food pantries in Northampton and Goshen. This program provides free groceries throughout summer vacation. To be eligible for this program, children must live in one of the towns in our service area (listed on the left) and receive free or subsidized meals through their school. Eligible children range in age from those who have just completed kindergarten to those starting 12th grade in the fall of 2019.

Beginning on June 3rd, eligible families may pick up food from this program in addition to the food they may already be collecting for the family. Once each month of the summer, as they select an assortment of groceries for the household, families of school-age children will select additional grocery items for their kids, including grains, protein, dairy items, fresh produce, and canned fruits and vegetables.

Northampton Survival Center

Mondays: 11 am – 2 pm

Wednesdays: 11 am – 2 pm

Fridays: 11 am – 2 pm

Tuesdays: 4 pm – 7 pm

Thursdays: 4 pm – 7 pm

Every time you come to pick up food, you must bring **current proof of each child** participating in the program (for example: new MassHealth card, recent letter from the school indicating child's name and address, or doctor's bill).

Please also bring a **proof of your address** (recent piece of mail or current bill).

Please feel free to call us at 586-6564, or visit our website at www.NorthamptonSurvival.org. We are happy to answer any questions you may have about this program.

Sincerely,

Sarah Pease
Program Director



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Southampton
Westhampton
Williamsburg
Worthington

Verano del 2019

Queridos Padres,

Por vigésimo primero año consecutivo, el Northampton Survival Center se complace en ofrecer nuestro *Programa de Verano Comidas para Niños* en nuestras despensas de Northampton y Goshen. Todos los niños con derecho al programa recibirán alimentos gratis durante las vacaciones de verano. Para elegibilidad al programa, los niños deben residir en nuestra área de servicios (listado a su izquierda) y recibir comida gratis o subsidiada en la escuela. Otro requisito necesario es haber terminado el kindergarten o estar a punto de empezar el 12º grado en el otoño del 2019.

A partir del 3º de junio, las familias que reúnan los requisitos necesarios podrán recibir alimentos como parte de este programa, además de los que ya reciba su familia. Una vez al mes durante el verano, al seleccionar una cantidad de alimentos para su hogar, las familias con niños en edad escolar podrán seleccionar artículos adicionales de la despensa tales como granos, proteína, frutas y vegetales enlatados, productos lácteos y productos agrícolas frescos.

Northampton Survival Center

Lunes: 11 am – 2 pm

Miércoles: 11 am – 2 pm

Viernes: 11 am – 2 pm

Martes: 4 pm – 7 pm

Jueves: 4 pm – 7 pm

Cada vez que usted venga a recoger alimentos deberá traer consigo **prueba vigente para cada niño** que participa en el programa (por ejemplo: tarjeta de MassHealth nueva, una carta de la escuela con fecha reciente que indique el nombre y la dirección del niño, o una factura médica.)

Por favor traiga también **constancia de su dirección** (una carta o un recibo de servicios reciente.)

Comuníquese con nosotros al 586-6564, o visite nuestra página web: www.NorthamptonSurvival.org. Con gusto responderemos cualquier pregunta que pueda tener sobre el programa.

Atentamente,

Sarah Pease
Directora del Programa

