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JSS Office 587-1510

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MESSAGE FROM MS. AGNA

TODAY

if you're reading this on Friday morning: Walking School Bus on the bike path starting at 8:10AM behind Stop & Shop supermarket.

Also, today is the all-school assembly at 9:10AM – families are welcome. And then the Ice Cream Social at 6-7PM. Bring a picnic dinner if you'd like and join others on the Ms. Agna Playground. Ice cream is free, thanks to the JSS PTO!

BEFORE SCHOOL PLAY

I want to remind you or inform you that supervision on the playground before school begins at 8:35AM. If your child has breakfast before school, that begins at 8:25AM – Mr. Ames, the library ESP greets students at the door at 8:25 and leads them to the cafeteria. Buses arrive at about between 8:35 and 8:40. If they arrive before that, the bus/van drivers have the students wait on the bus because they know that supervision does not begin until 8:35.

We know that students come before 8:35 – we see students playing. It is important that you know that they are unsupervised. If you allow your child(ren) to play before there is supervision, we ask that you sign a release, acknowledging that you know there is no supervision. The form is attached to today's newsletter and is available in the office if you want to pick one up.

After school play on the playground is up to caregivers to supervise. By signing our release form, you also acknowledge that you understand there is no after school supervision either. We do have an afterschool program on site through the YMCA – they have their own schedule and supervisors.

Apologies for the "legalese" in this message but we are so concerned about safety as well as making sure you know what we can provide and what we do not. If you have any questions, please email or call me. Thank you.

FAMILY DINNERS

We're excited that Family Dinners are scheduled for September this year. These dinners are such great ways for us to connect with you, the grade levels. The JSS PTO underwrites these dinners and rely on donations as well. All dinners start at 5:30PM. There will be a basket for this when you come to the dinner. The dinner is simple –cheese pizza, salad greens, water, and cookies. We will include a sign up form in next week's newsletter – it's important to know how many are coming so we order enough of the food! At 6PM, the students go either outside or to the library, depending on weather, with childcare professionals until 7PM. The teachers and I meet with you to go over what's in store for the coming year. Thanks to JSS Council for initiating these dinners – we've been doing them for many years now.

JSS COUNCIL

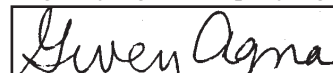
Please join us if you'd like to know more about the workings of the Council at our first, organizing meeting next Tuesday, September 10, 3:30-5PM. There will be more information about the Council in next Friday's newsletter and the upcoming elections for both the parent/guardian/caregiver positions and the staff/faculty positions on the Council.

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

Please see attached, in English and in Spanish, a letter from Dr. Provost, outlining his plan for the search for the new principal, who will begin next July 1, 2020.

Have a great weekend!

Yours gratefully and respectfully,


Gwen Agna

Welcome to the PTO: Sept. 11th!

Every second Wednesday of the month a PTO meeting is held in the JSS library from 6:30-8:00pm. Anyone in our school community- caregivers, teachers, and faculty are encouraged to come. Our PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) strives to support and strengthen our school community through family friendly events outside of school hours, cultural and fun presentations for students during school hours, and granting supply requests for teachers to support their curriculum. Please join us next Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30 pm for our first meeting of the year- childcare and pizza will be provided. This month we will talk about fun ways you can be involved at JSS, hear from local organization School Local and their exciting new project promoting our public schools, get an update on our beautiful school garden, and a check in with Principal Agna.

We look forward to seeing you there!

The JSS PTO Leadership Team

Alana, Ashley, Beth, Johanna, and Marta

jacksonstreetpto@gmail.com

The JSS Carnival is Back- Sept. 14th!

Our beloved school carnival is back to JSS this year and happening on Saturday, September 14th from 10am-2pm. Full of fun midway style handmade games, an inflatable obstacle course, a bake sale, and cool prizes! This year's profits from the carnival will help fund our Fifth Grade's trip to Nature's Classroom in Fall of 2020. Come join us for fun and a great cause!

As with all school events the success of our carnival is dependent on people power! Volunteers are needed to help make the carnival a success! Please use this link sign up to volunteer for a shift: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B49A9AD23ABF94-jsscarnival>, or email Beth Maurer: jssvolunteers@gmail.com

Stop & Shop A+ Rewards Program

The Stop & Shop A+ Rewards program will begin on September 6, 2019. Please register your Stop & Shop card for the program, and select Jackson Street School (ID# 05379) to help earn money for our school. There's no cost to you, only cash rewards for our school! See the attached flyers for more details.

HOLA!

HOLA (Hands On Learning Afterschool) is an after school enrichment program that runs for 4 six week sessions throughout the school year. Classes meet once a week on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, from 3- 4:30. Classes cost \$60/session, and there are some scholarships for families who qualify for free and reduced lunch. Session 1 starts 10/8 and runs through 11/26. Registration packets will go home the week of 9/23, and will be due back Friday 9/27.

Any questions, call Ms. BG at 587-1510 ext. 3775 or email hola@northampton-k12.us

HOLA is needing donations of items

Any recycled items that can be upcycled into art- such as cereal boxes, paper towel rolls, magazines, corks, thread spools, egg cartons, jars with lids, milk/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.

GUESS THE WALL BALLS!

Mr. Mark went up on the roofs and gathered all the wall balls from last year. Can you guess how many he got? Put your guess on a slip of paper with your name and bring it to the office. The winner will be announced in next week's newsletter.

(And if you have any wall balls to donate, talk to Ms. Vivian or Ms. BG) Guesses need to be in the office by Wednesday, 9/11!

JSS WALKING PROGRAM

We are looking for volunteers for our beloved Walking Program this Fall & Spring. During recess, a parent volunteer sets up cones for any interested 1st-5th grade students to walk (or run, skip, hop, stroll, etc.) laps. Each participant has a card which gets punches for laps, and their milestones are marked with trinkets, announcements on the PA system and stickers! Kids absolutely love it, and we are excited to offer it as often as we can.

Recess is scheduled with two breaks between 3 groupings, stretching from 11:00 to 1:05. It often works well to have a volunteer do the first half (set up just before 11:00 and continue to 12:00ish) and another do the second (12:00 to 1:05, with quick clean up), so really any amount of time you have to give helps! We have wonderful parent volunteers starting up shortly on Tuesdays and Fridays, and another who is available Mondays for the 2nd half ... might you be available the first half?

We certainly welcome volunteers to do the Walking Program on another weekday as well. If you are interested and available for any of this, we would be thrilled and would love to hear from you. Even if you're not available this Fall (until it gets too cold for us adults to stand outside), please let us know if you might be available in the Spring, once things warm a bit and we start again.

Thanks so much. Beth Maurer jssvolunteers@gmail.com

ICE CREAM SOCIAL - TODAY

Please join the JSS School Community for a Back to School Ice Cream Social this Friday, September 6th from 6-7pm behind the school, near the Be Kind mural & the Ms. Agna Playground. Free ice cream will be provided by the PTO. Consider packing a picnic dinner & staying to play with friends at the playground!

We hope to see you there!


2019-2020 UNSUPERVISED PERMISSION FOR PLAYGROUND USE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL HOURS AT JACKSON ST. SCHOOL

There is no supervision by school employees before 8:35AM or after 3PM. All students who wish to play on the playground before school or after school without employee supervision must have written permission by a parent or legal guardian.

Please sign the permission slip below, indicating that you understand there is not supervision and you give your child permission to play before or after school unsupervised.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Gwen Agna, Principal

I, _____ give permission for my child, _____ to play on the playground before and/or school for the 2019-2020 school year. I understand that this is a safety risk and that there are no school employees supervising my child before 8:35AM or after 3PM on school days.

_____ Parent/Guardian Signature

_____ Date

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 the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, from 9-10AM, beginning Wed. Sept. 4. The JSS PTO meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

The Walking School Bus (Fall & Spring) – Ms. Agna alternates on Fridays around 8:10AM between the bike path (starting behind Stop and Shop) and Hampshire Heights, starting at the bottom of the hill near the CVS plaza.

TODAY - Fri. Sept. 6 – Ms. Agna on the Walking School Bus on the Bike Path – 8AM behind Stop & Shop or join us along the way!

All-school assembly 9:10AM in the gym – families are invited to join

PTO Ice cream social 6-7PM behind the school, near the Be Kind mural and the Ms. Agna Playground

Tues. Sept. 10 JSS COUNCIL MEETING – 1st of the year! 3:30-5PM in the library. All are welcome! Future meeting dates to be set at this meeting

Wed. Sept. 11 PTO MEETING – 1st of the year! 6:30-8PM in the library. All are welcome!

Sat. Sept.14 PTO Carnival

Tues. Sept 17 2nd grade Family Dinner 5:30-7PM

Wed. Sept. 18 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS – Professional Development Day

1st grade Family Dinner 5:30-7PM

Thurs. Sept. 19 KDG Family Dinner 5:30-7PM

Tues. Sept 24 5th grade Family Dinner 5:30-7PM

Wed. Sept.25 4th grade Family Dinner 5:30-7PM

Thurs. Sept.26 3rd grade Family Dinner 5:30-7PM

Wed. Oct. 2 Coffee Hour in the Family Center 9-10AM

Thurs. Oct. 3 JSS OPEN HOUSE 5:30 Doors open for Family Photos and displays in cafeteria, School Council election, among other things! 6-7PM Classrooms are open

Fri. Oct. 4 Half-Day – Staff/Faculty Work Day – dismissal for students at 12:20PM in the elementary schools

Mon. Oct. 14 NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day Holiday

Tues. Oct. 15 -Fri. Oct. 18 NATURE'S CLASSROOM for 5th graders – details to follow...

Coffee Hour in the Family Center 9-10AM

Wed. Oct. 24 Coffee Hour in the Family Center 9-10AM

Mon. Oct. 21-Fri. Oct. 25 Family/Teacher Conferences – half-days in the elementary schools (Evening conferences on Oct. 22 & 24). Dismissal every day at 12:20PM

Tues. Nov. 5 Election Day – NO SCHOOL/Faculty & Staff Professional Development Day

PTO ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE!

Mon. Nov. 11 NO SCHOOL – Veterans Day (observed) Holiday

Wed. Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Break begins at 12:20PM

Thurs. & Fri. Nov. 28 & 29 NO SCHOOL

Wed. Dec. 4 Staff/Faculty Work (Half) Day dismissal at 12:20PM

Fri. Dec. 13 – Grades 1-5 Progress Report Cards go home in backpacks/folders

Mon. Dec. 23 -Wed. Jan. 2 (first day back) NO SCHOOL – December Holiday Break

Fri. Jan. 17 NO SCHOOL for students – Staff/Faculty Work Day

Mon. Jan. 20 NO SCHOOL – MLK, Jr. Day

Fri. Jan. 31 KDG Progress Report Cards go home



Jackson Street School (ID# 05379)

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Friends:

Welcome back to the start of a new school year and to a new year of A+ School Rewards! This year's A+ Program runs from September 6, 2019 through March 14, 2020.

Our school **Jackson Street School, ID# 05379** has the opportunity to participate in and earn **CASH** from A+ School Rewards, a great fundraising program run through your local Stop & Shop!

Former Supporters:

You DO NOT need to re-register your card if your school selection(s) remains the same as last year.

New Supporters or Existing Supporters Wishing to Make Changes:

- Beginning *July 26, 2019*, visit stopandshop.com and select "SIGN IN" at the top right to log into your online account. Once logged in, select "MY ACCOUNT", followed by "MANAGE MY ACCOUNT", then "REWARDS & SAVINGS" to select your school.
- If you do not have an online account, visit stopandshop.com and click "REGISTER". Follow the prompts to create your online account. Once logged in, follow the same instructions as noted above.
- You'll need your 13-digit STOP & SHOP CARD number and the School ID number. If you need assistance, call 1-877-366-2668 option 1.

To earn points:

- Use your registered STOP & SHOP CARD each time you shop at any Stop & Shop, and you will earn CASH for our school. You can confirm your school selection by logging into your account.
- At the end of each month, your points are calculated and converted to CASH rewards. These CASH rewards for our school are updated monthly. You can track our progress when you sign in to your online account.
- Our school will receive one CASH rewards check at the end of the program and can use this cash for any of our educational needs.

Also, please encourage your family members and friends to support our school. This could result in more cash rewards for our school!

Thank you for supporting our school.

Sincerely,
JSS PTO

1-877-275-2758

askaplus@cranecommunications.com



A+ REWARDS PROGRAM 9/6/19 – 3/14/20

OUR SCHOOL: Jackson Street School

OUR ID#: 05379

Rewarding Your School is STILL as easy as 1-2-3!

Get Started at STOPANDSHOP.com

FOR ASSISTANCE CALL 1-877-366-2668 OPTION #1

1) Register for an online account or sign in to an existing one



Savings

Shop

Savory
Fast, Fresh & Easy™



Pharmacy



Wellness



Register



Find a Store



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Sign In

2) Access your account settings



My Account



Manage Your Account



Rewards & Savings

3) Select your preferred school(s) to reward

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Gas Rewards

\$0.00

Off per gallon

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(Jackson Street

School ID# 05379)

Estimados Padres:

Bienvenidos de nuevo al inicio del año escolar y a un nuevo año de A+ School Rewards.

A partir del 6 de Septiembre de 2019 hasta el 14 de Marzo de 2020, Jackson Street School (#05379) tiene la oportunidad de participar y ganar dinero de A+ Rewards, un gran programa de recaudación de fondos a través de su tienda local Giant!

Antiguos partidarios: No es necesario volver a registrar su tarjeta si su selección de escuela sigue siendo el mismo que el programa del año pasado.

Para participar:

- A partir del 26 de julio de 2019, visite www.stopandshop.com para ingresar a su cuenta. Luego seleccione MI CUENTA, GESTIONE MI CUENTA, RECOMPENSAS Y AHORROS para seleccionar su escuela.
- Si no tiene una cuenta en línea, visite www.stopandshop.com y seleccione REGISTRAR para crear una.
- Necesitarás tu número de 13 dígitos Stop & Shop Card y el número de identificación de la escuela

Para asistencia llame 1-877-366-2668 #1

Para ganar puntos:

- Utilice su Stop & Shop Card cada vez que compres en Stop & Shop, y podrás ganar dinero para nuestra escuela. Puede confirmar su selección de escuela iniciando sesión en su cuenta.
- Al final de cada mes, los puntos se calculan y se convierten en premios en efectivo para nuestra escuela. Estas recompensas en efectivo son actualizadas mensualmente en la página web de Stop & Shop A+ comenzando en Octubre.
- Nuestra escuela recibirá premios en efectivo en la forma de un cheque al final del programa y pueden utilizar este dinero para cualquiera de nuestras necesidades educativas.

También, por favor anime a sus familiares y amigos para apoyar a nuestra escuela. Esto podría resultar en más premios en efectivo para nuestra escuela.

Gracias por apoyar nuestra escuela.

Cordialmente,

Jackson Street School PTO

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A+ REWARDS PROGRAMA 9/6/19 – 3/14/20

NUESTRA ESCUELA: Jackson Street School

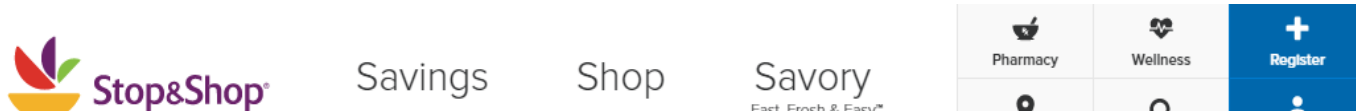
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APOYAR A NUESTRA ESCUELA ES FACIL!

EMPEZAR: STOPANDSHOP.COM

Para asistencia llame 1-877-366-2668 *OPTION #1*

1) Regístrese para una cuenta en línea o inicie sesión en una existente



2) Acceda a la configuración de su cuenta



3) Seleccione su escuela preferida



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