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WE ARE THANKFUL FOR EDITION

Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Morvidelli's KDG Room 101 friends are thankful for:

My friends

My family

My bike

God

Ms. Agna

My brother

Mrs. Alicia

My sister

Bears

Going to the park

My cat, dog, Mommy and Daddy

Playing with my friends

My wonderful years and memories of J.S.S.

Ms. Jenny Jen and Lilly's KDG Room 105 we are thankful for:

Mother Earth because without her we wouldn't be alive! The whole world!

Our families who protect us and keep us safe, take care of us and love us, watch over us and give us food, who take us places and buy us what we need, do things with us and have fun with us, who read us books, sing us songs and love us always. We are thankful for parents, siblings, grandparents, cousins and everyone in our family. The one family we have right now - we are thankful to you. You gave us life!

Animals - like birds, butterflies, bees, polar bears, gorillas, turtles, fish, cheetahs, pandas - all animals (especially baby animals!).

School - where we make friends and learn things like reading and math, where we have play time and outside time on the playground!

We are thankful for our brains to think with, toys to play with, and homes to live, eat and sleep in.

We are thankful for our pets - who are cute, so cute!

We are thankful for the helpers in the world - like people who help animals.

And, we are thankful for babies.

Maria and PJ's KDG

Room 107 is thankful for brothers, sisters, kind Moms, and all families.

We are thankful for pets, cats, and dogs.

We are thankful for food, water, flowers, and our homes.

We are thankful for Native Americans.

Ms. Martinez's 1st grade Room 102

- I am thankful for clean water.
- I am thankful for the food that mother earth gives us to eat.
- I am thankful for food and water and fresh air and my parents.
- I am thankful for the trees that help us breathe
- I am thankful for the grasses that animals eat so the animals can live
- I am thankful for the Thanksgiving turkey that feeds us!
- I am thankful for the fresh air that helps us breathe.
- I am thankful for water and air and all the air that helps people and animals breathe and how things got to be so wonderful
- I am thankful for the lights that help us see.
- I am thankful for my family. And Minecraft.
- I am thankful for God
- I am thankful for family
- I am thankful for the trees that help us get air
- I am thankful for my family.
- I am thankful that we all grow.
- I am thankful for having a dog at Jackson Street School.

Ms. Brown's 1st grade room 103

Parents
Family
Christmas
Food
Video games
Love and peace
My bed
Africa
Earth
Recess
Bean bags
Birthdays

Ms. Talia's 2nd grade class room 111

We read a book called We are Grateful by Traci Sorell. It's a book written by a Cherokee author about how Cherokee people celebrate gratitude in every season. So ours is a list of grateful fors... <https://www.tracisorell.com/we-are-grateful-otsaliheliga>

I am grateful...
to be alive
to have friends
for libraries
for my family
for schools
for food
for my parents
for my uncle
for my teachers
for animals
for my cat
for my horse
for my brother
that everyone lives peacefully
for doctors
for my chickens
for my pug
to have fun at school
for my puppy
for where I live
for water
for my mom
for my kittens
for frees
my hamster
my dog
my turtle
my dad
my sisters

In Ms. Walmsley's 2nd grade room 113 we are thankful and grateful for...

-this school
-love, hope, food, people helping me, and myself!
-me
-food and water
-Lulu
-love for my Mom, love for my Dad, love for Zoe, love for me
-for Mia
-that I have a bunny, a house, a nice family that takes care of me, that I'm safe, for animals and trees
-my Mom
-that I can speak
-kale chips, Dory Fantasmagory books, and chocolate
-the water, el agua
-pizza, ice cream, and technology
-family, kale chips, air fryer, Dory, my birthday, good jobs
-to know a lot of languages, shelter, food, technology, books, and that I'm tall
-the life I've been given and the way I am educated
-for animals
-yo-yo's
-family, pizza
-my family, being healthy, Jackson Street School and Ms. Agna

Ms. Carlton's 2nd grade room 116

skateboards, my guinea pigs, my friends and my mom, my mom and my bunny, me, my mom, my friends, my dog, myself, my family, my friends, my life, family, friends, my sister, California, dragons and my dog, my family, friends, my dogs, my stuffies, my swingset, my bike and my fish, my chickens, the mountains, my family and my guinea pigs, my family and my brother and sister and friends, family and friends, water and food

Ms. Flinker's 3rd grade room 206

1 my baby brother, big sister, my dog
2 cats, cats and cats
3 my family, my cats, sports
4 school, family and friends, electricity
5 games, Pluto, school
6 my dog, my family, JSS
7 farmers, my parents and friends, my sister
8 people who created basketball, first person who made a comic book, friends
9 a nice principal like Ms. Agna, electricity, my friends and family
10
11 having the best mom, a pet dog, feet so I can run around
12 my pet cat, Jackson, my family and friends
13
14 creator of basketball shoes, my family, the Celtics
15 my uncle is coming for Thanksgiving, my dog, my sister
16 toilets, my dog, baseball
17 spending a year across the country, JSS has art and garden, getting to go to two different countries
18 creator of sports, build-a-bear workshop, my family
19 ..
20 my pets, my friends and family to have a house with good things and good food
21 the inventor of soccer, having the best family ever,
22 friends and family, our school, inventor of potato chips
23 my family and friends, a good house, a good school

Ms. Cameron's 3rd grade class Room 208

I am thankful for...

imagination

Halloween because I got a full sized candy bar

Mira because she plays and sleeps with me

the people who are trying to help global warming

my baby brother because I like to take care of him

my brother and sister because when I am lonely they play with me

my flexibility because it helps me do gymnastics. I am also thankful for my family and friends.

my family because they feed me live with me and love me.

my friends because they comfort me, they make me laugh they are always there for me.

books because they are always there for me, they make me laugh and they always cheer me up.

the Earth it gives us air, soil, plants, trees, land.

my teachers they teach me, they give me an area to learn.

animals they are cute they are cuddly they are soft.

my friends and family because they help me feel good when I'm sad and are always there for me when I need them and love me and books because they comfort me and cheer me up.

my friends because it's fun to play with them when I get bored.

my goldfish I get my fish when I was 7 years old, my brother helped me to find my fish.

my family.

my pet ladybug because I would look at it when I was bored.

Barley my dog because whenever I'm sad she can tell and snuggles with me. I love Barley! We rescued her!

my family, my fish, TV, resources, my toys, our minivan, and nature because it's exciting.

Zoe because she keeps me company when I'm lonely.

having so many friends.

I'll get a million dollars for my birthday.

Jackson because when I am sad he comes on my bed and snuggles me.

my preschool teacher because she was nice to me.

my family because they give me stuff.

my brother because he is a baby.

Mrs. Cora's 3rd grade Room 209 Thankful for

Room 209 students are thankful for lots of things, including:

A great teacher!

Our friends

The playground

Our classroom

My house

Our school

My cousins

Our families

My brain

A great teacher who pushes me to read

A school education

Our class pets

The crossing guards and our principal

The holidays

Modern technology

My familia

Everything!

Room 209 grownups (Mrs. Cora, Ms. Gerould and Mr. Barker) are thankful for our students, our class, and our wonderful school!

Ms. Raymer's 4th grade Room 201 Gratitude

In room 201 we are thankful for...

Friends and family, art, books, and that we are safe.

As individuals, some of us are thankful for

- sewing Christmas presents
- the fall season because it's my birthday month
- playing piano
- my talent in drawing
- a wonderful teacher and so many class materials to work with
- for hearing other's kids' ideas over a cup of tea
- that the cafeteria stopped using styrofoam trays
- My dog
- Iggy Pop and the NY Dolls Personality Crisis
- Ms. Agna making our school amazing!

Things we are thankful for in Ms. Mokerzecki's class room 202.

I appreciate my mom, dad, and bro because they love me and my mom and dad allowed me to be here.

I am also thankful for dogs because they are so loyal and loving.

I am grateful for my friends because they accept me for who I am.

I am grateful for my house because it keeps me warm.

I am grateful for my family and friends because they help me.

I am thankful for my house because it is shelter from the rain.

I am thankful that I have water and that I am alive.

I am thankful for fire because it keeps me warm.

I am thankful for my family because they give me love and everything.

I am thankful for a home and my family because they give me a home and love. I am happy that I have a home and someone that takes care of me.

I am thankful for friends because without friends I would be so lonely.

I am thankful for having shelter because if I don't have shelter I would be cold outside where it is raining.

I am thankful for having food, having a house, and being alive.

I am thankful that we have trains. Trains are so fun to ride and they can bring you anywhere. It is the best. I am happy that we have trains.

I am grateful for my family because they help me.

I am thankful for my parents, dog, and friends. I am grateful for having a body. I am happy I can play football, soccer, and basketball. I'm thankful for my life.

I am thankful because I have my arms that I can use. I am thankful for nature and animals because if there were no animals and nature, there would be no earth and food.

I am thankful for my friends because they play with me.

I am thankful for my family because they love me and give me advice.

I am appreciative of the food my mom cooks.

I am thankful for food, without it I would not be alive.

I am thankful for my dog because she keeps me company and she makes me feel better when I am sad.

I appreciate my great grandma for being alive because she lets us do the things we want.

I am thankful for everything.

Ms. McCue's 4th grade Room 204

We are thankful...

for shelter, water, and a safe place to be.

for going to grandmother's house every Thanksgiving and having a feast with many relatives.

for internet, phones, video games, my hands, my family.

for time to interact with the principal: principal's table, Code of Conduct Meetings...and for the piano.

for family, friends, dogs, life, God, my mom, dad, and sister, animals, plants, clothes, and a house.

for trees because they supply air and for family and friends to keep me laughing every day.

for a kind community, and for having my friends with me. For my family, and having a great teacher with me. I am thankful for my learning.

for all my good friends.

for the lunch people.

for my friends, my principal Ms. Agna, and my family. And for my cat.

for family, friends, shelter, atmosphere, and elements.

for my family, food and water, my cat, my house, my friends, soccer, and softball.

for family, friends, pj day at school, soccer, dogs, manatees, pandas, my house, food and water, books, and fantasy.

for food, water, life and shelter.

for being in this school because I wouldn't have the friends that I have now or my amazing principal, Ms. Agna.

for my dog Darby and my family.

for my family, having Pinklebird and Bunky the Bear as friends, and Elton John.

for my whole family including the animals- cats, dogs, tortoises, bunnies and horses.

for my fierce daughter, my creative students, and my family near and far.

I am thankful that Ms. Agna invited me to be a teacher at this school 11 years ago because I have been learning from her kind and reflective example ever since.

Lauren's 5th grade room 211

I'm thankful for Jeff Kinney.

I'm thankful for having lots of books to read.

I'm thankful for being able to have all of my pets.

I'm thankful for food.

I'm thankful that everybody is welcome at Jackson Street.

I'm glad to be thankful for shelter.

I'm thankful for having my family and for my sister coming back Marine Boot Camp.

I'm thankful for all of my friends at home and at school.

I'm thankful for my family that supports me when I'm having a bad day.

I'm thankful for my stuffy Eunice.

I am thankful for being able to play basketball and for having four cats.

I'm thankful for Magic the Gathering.

I'm thankful for all the pets that I've supported, me, my family, food, water, shelter, football, and the world.

I'm thankful for my family.

I'm thankful for my happy, healthy community.

I'm thankful for food and shelter.

I'm thankful that we get to go to school and have good friends.

I'm thankful for food, shelter, and a good education.

Mr. Slattery's 5th Grade room 212

I am thankful for...

- Family, friends, pets, a home, and a car. My doctor, my dentist, and warm clothing.
- Two loving families to come home to, loyal friends who like me for who I am, my school, and my heated and air-conditioned homes, clean water to drink, and a planet to live on.
- My family helping me with my ADHD
- Friends, family, food, home, water and car, PE, art, library, reading, science, and me.
- My mom and her healing broken arm, my family and teacher, the people who help me at school, my house, and to be at this school.
- My mom. My mom is nice to me, she is very helpful. She will help me do my homework when it is hard, and she will take me to soccer, piano practice, and school. Without her, nothing would be as good as it is now.
- My friends and family, my soccer team and coach, food, water, shelter, and clothes, and my puppy and two kittens.

- My Mom, Dad, Grammy, Bampa, my best friends, Mr. Slattery, Ms. Cameron, Ms. Anderson, shelter, water, clothes, food, education, Boo!, and Ashley.
- I'm thankful that people call me Shrimp. I'm thankful people like me eat food including Shrimp. I'm thankful for my Mom, dog, Dad, water, and shelter.
- For having a home, friends, money for sports, and heat for my house.
- For food, because otherwise we would starve.
- My mom, my dog, my Mimi, my home and family, my friends, and also for my things my mom bought me. I'm thankful for my school, my teachers, and for God for making this planet and animals and humans.
- My friends, my family, weather, toys, my house, and my bed.
- Home, food, water, heat, clothes, friends, family, principal and teacher, writing, books, science, my dog, recess, and break.
- My soft dog, good meals, clothing, friends and family, my body and being health, money, and my mom.
- The Earth and my family (including my cat!)
- My friends, my family, my horses.
- My friends and family, for warmth, food, and water, and for a home and all the things in it.
- My family, friends, and books. For having clean water to drink, to be able to go to school, and a heated and air-conditioned house to live in.
- My fulfilling and challenging job; my forgiving, hilarious, and big-hearted students; my generous and caring colleagues; and a boss who helps me grow, affirms my identity, lets me make my own mistakes, and is there to catch me when I fall.

MESSAGE FROM MS. AGNA

MONTE'S MARCH & BAKE SALE!

Our 5th graders were treated to a presentation by **Monte Belmonte**, local DJ who, among many things, organizes Monte's March, a huge fundraiser for local food banks. Thanks to Mr. Justin (Gianesin), school counselor, Monte shared his story and inspired our students to join in the effort (if not the march itself!). 5th graders will host a Bake Sale on Monday morning, November 25 from 8-8:45AM in the front hall lobby. They are looking for food donations – labelled if there are nuts – as well as customers and donations. What a great community service learning project!

2nd GRADE COLLECTION – AGAIN!

The second grade classes are leading a drive to collect toiletries for the Northampton Survival Center. Please consider sending in toiletries such as shampoo/conditioner, lotion, toilet paper, toothpaste/toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, q-tips, mouthwash, dental floss, and other bathroom items that people might need. Please bring donations to the box right outside the front office. Second Graders will deliver all the donations collected to the survival center. Thank you for your help!

From the JSS Second Grade

THE GIVING TREE

The annual Giving Tree will appear in the front hallway outside the office soon – please bring canned and nonperishable foods for under the tree and gloves, hats, mittens, and scarves to decorate it. The tree will be up through January. We will bring the food collection and the hats and scarves to the Northampton Survival Center and keep the gloves and mittens for extras that we always need at our school!

SUPPORT AT THE HOLIDAYS – AGAIN!

'Tis the season of holidays and gift-giving/receiving. Needless to say, the expectations that children have often do not match what families can afford. Also, heating and other utility costs increase at this time of year – the combination makes for a perfect storm for some families. If you are in a position to help, we welcome the following:

- Monetary donations for the PTO Emergency Fund – and requests from families for aid and support. Please make tax-deductible checks to the JSS PTO, with “Emergency Fund” in the memo line and send to the office. If you need support, please contact me.
- Adopt-A-Family for gift-giving. We will match you with children (anonymous) – their ages and wishes – and ask that you purchase, wrap gifts and bring to the office. If you would like to be “adopted”, please contact me.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

ASSEMBLY TIME CHANGE!

We will hold our Winter Solstice Assembly on Friday, December 20th at 9:30AM (NOT 1:30PM) – apologies for any inconvenience!

A BELATED WELCOME!

The following student teachers from UMASS are working in our KDG classrooms this semester:

- **Juli McBain** in Mrs. Mary Ellen Reed's class
- **Alexandra (Ally) Marcoux** in Ms. Jen Lucine's class
- **Ava McWade** in Ms. Maria Garcia's class

Thank you all for being here for our students!

NEXT WEEK – it is a short week – no school on Thursday and Friday and a half-day on Wednesday.

Yours gratefully and respectfully,


Gwen Agna

HOLA (Hands On Learning Afterschool)

Session 1 is coming to a close, with the last class meeting Tuesday 11/26. It was a great session, with 126 students taking 22 classes (178 in all). Thanks to donations, we were able to provide 37 scholarships. Session 2 is starting December 17th, offering 20 exciting classes where students can learn alongside students from other classes and other grades. Families can sign their children up for one, two, or three days a week. Registration packets will be going home 12/2, and due back Friday 12/6.

Session 2 will run for 6 weeks December 17th- February 6th (since there is no school from December 23-January 1, there will be no HOLA classes during those two weeks), with classes meeting once a week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

HOLA starts when the bell rings at 3:00, and all students meet in the cafeteria. Students will sit at the table labeled for their class, and have 15 minutes to eat their snack from home (please send your child with a snack). At 3:15 the teachers arrive and take students off to their classrooms, where classes will run until 4:30. At 4:30 the students will be brought to the front hall where they can be picked up.

In case too many students sign up for a class, slots will be chosen by lottery. Families are encouraged to list 2nd and 3rd choices.

To make HOLA accessible to as many families as possible, there are different pay scales: \$60 per class= basic fee, and \$30 per class= free and reduced lunch fee. We have a limited number of needs based scholarships available: if you are on free and reduced lunch and cannot afford the \$30.00 fee, you will be asked to fill out a financial aid form.

Questions?

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587-1510 ext. 3775

Look forward to seeing you 12/17!

Ms. BG

Support the PTO Wish List Fund on Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday is December 3! It is an international day of charitable giving at the beginning of the holiday season. This year consider donating to the JSS PTO in support of the Wish List Fund which helps purchase items for teachers and staff that directly benefit the students at JSS. We started the fund last year and have successfully granted over \$5000 in wishes for alternative seating, books, rugs, headphones, technology for the technology lab, helped with supplies for a library maker space, and so much more! Help us grant even more wishes in 2020 by donating this Giving Tuesday.

You can donate online by going to <https://givingtuesday.mighty-cause.com/story/Jsswishlist> or you can write a check to the Jackson Street PTO and write Giving Tuesday in the memo line and dropping it off at the JSS Office.

School Community Dance: Friday, December 6th

Missing the opportunity to catch up with community members on the playground now that winter is rolling in? Join us next month in the gym for a community dance. Free for all JSS students, siblings, and caregivers. Look for a song request box soon in the library where students can share their favorite songs for the dance playlist!

Please note, all students need an adult chaperone. Please do not drop off a child unattended.

Florence Bank Customer Choice Community Grants

Vote for the JSS PTO for the Customer Choice Community Grant!

Florence Bank customers can vote for Jackson Street School for the Customers' Choice Community Grants. Deadline to vote is December 31. Anyone who has an account gets a vote, even kids! Please share with friends, family, and neighbors who bank at Florence Savings bank and ask them to vote for Jackson Street PTO! You can vote online at <https://www.florencebank.com/vote> and enter "Jackson Street School PTO" in the organization name! Ballots are also available at every Florence Savings Bank branch and in the JSS office!

The money we receive from the Community Choice Grants help fund all the amazing community activities the PTO supports like ice cream socials, school dances, science night, and so much more!

Snow Shovel Sale to benefit Nature's Classroom 2020

Thanks to the generous donation of a longtime JSS supporter, we have 30 snow shovels to sell. Proceeds will benefit the Nature's Classroom 2020 trip (this year's 4th graders). Order yours before the snow starts! See the attached flyer for information. Contact Andrea Doehne to order, or with questions: a.doehne@gmail.com

Lost & Found – AGAIN!

The Lost & Found is overflowing with shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, water bottles and more! Please stop by to see if you recognize items that belong to your student.

NEF “Small Change Leads to Big Change” Coin Drive - ends today, 11/22!

If you are reading this message on Thursday night or Friday morning, there’s still time to send coins in to school on Friday. Coin jars will be collected by NEF on Friday, November 22nd.

Northampton Education Foundation is in the home stretch of its Endowment campaign - we are working hard to raise \$1 million by the end of 2019 for bigger grants for all the schools!

In November NEF is doing a “Small Change Leads to Big Change” coin drive in all six Northampton public schools. All money raised will go directly to the NEF Endowment. NEF will announce the total and thank all NPS students publicly on Dec. 3 (Giving Tuesday).

JSS Holiday Store - Donations Needed!

The annual JSS Holiday Store will take place in early December. Donations of new, unwrapped items (such as toys, books, craft items, mugs, candles, games and more!) are welcome and greatly appreciated. Caregivers and students will be welcome to shop. The store will once again feature a \$.025 “Kids Only” shopping table. There is a donation box in the office. Thank you for your support!

JSS Kindergarten Video

School Local is producing videos to highlight the Northampton Public Schools. Videos highlighting the Kindergarten programs in all four Northampton elementary schools have been completed. More videos highlighting each individual school are in the works.

View the wonderful JSS video “A Day in the Life: Kindergarten” via this link: <https://youtu.be/PfKX3CzGSNM>

Thank you, School Local!

GREAT, FREE OPPORTUNITY!

Culturally Sustaining Pedagogies and Teaching for Black Lives

A FREE Workshop Series for K-12 Educators Our students are increasingly racially, culturally, economically, and linguistically diverse. Because education is a civil right, how do we create academically rich and socially just educational contexts and opportunities for all of our students?

This workshop series for K-12 educators will provide space for practitioners to learn strategies for enacting culturally sustaining pedagogy, described by education scholar Django Paris as a way for educators to support racial, cultural, and linguistic diversity in the classroom, which is a form of social justice education. In particular, this series will focus on looking to history to deepen our collective understanding of present day issues.

This series is facilitated by Keisha L. Green (Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies, UMass) and features guest lectures by Five College historians Brittany Frederick (Department of History, UMass), Traci Parker (W.E.B. DuBois Department of Afro-American Studies, UMass), and Erika Slocomb (W.E.B. DuBois Department of Afro-American Studies, UMass) and a keynote address by Dyan Watson (Lewis and Clark) and Wayne Au (University of Washington), co-editors of Teaching for Black Lives.

Participation is FREE and participants will receive a free copy of Teaching for Black Lives.

Open to all educators and aspiring educators in New England, including K-12 classroom teachers, paraprofessionals, school staff and administration, community-based educators, graduate students, and social justice activists. More information.

Participants will:

- Participate in 3 workshops (Saturdays, December 14, February 8 and March 7, 9:00 am - noon, UMass Amherst)
- Attend the keynote event (Thursday, February, 27th, 4:30 pm – 6:30pm, UMass Amherst)
- Read short passages, engage in online discussion, and design/revise a mini-unit.

11 PDPs in History or English Language Arts from the UMass College of Education OR 1 graduate credit in history from the UMass Amherst History Department are available to teachers who complete all components. Receiving PDPs or grad credit is optional. There is a \$147 fee to receive graduate credit.

MORE INFORMATION: <https://www.umass.edu/history/teaching-for-black-lives>

REGISTER by Monday, December 9th. Space is limited!

This series is sponsored by the UMass Amherst Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies, the UMass Department of History’s 2019-2020 History Institute, and the UMass/Five College Graduate Program in History.

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.

Wed. Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Break begins at 12:20PM - the newsletter will not be published.

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

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

Fri. Dec. 6 School Community Dance 6pm-8pm

Wed. Dec. 11 PTO Meeting 6:30-8pm JSS Library

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

Tue. Dec. 17 HOLA Session 2 starts

Fri. Dec. 20 9:30AM All- school Assembly: Winter Solstice Celebration – NOTE TIME CHANGE!!!

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

Wed. Jan. 8 PTO Meeting 6:30-8pm JSS Library

Thurs. Jan. 16 2:15PM All-school Assembly: Honoring MLK, Jr.

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

Mon. Jan. 20 NO SCHOOL – MLK, Jr. Day

Sat. Jan. 25 JSS Variety Show

Fri. Jan. 31 KDG Progress Report Cards go home

Thur. Feb. 6 HOLA Session 2 ends

Fri. Feb. 7 9:10AM All-school assembly – TBA

Wed. Feb. 12 PTO Meeting 6:30-8pm JSS Library

Mon. Feb. 17-Fri. Feb. 21 NO SCHOOL – WINTER RECESS

Thurs. Mar. 6 9:50AM – TBA

Wed. Mar. 11 PTO Meeting 6:30-8pm JSS Library

Thurs. Mar. 12 JSS Annual Film Festival 6pm

Fri. Mar. 13 Staff/Faculty Work (1/2) Day – dismissal at 12:20PM

Fri. Mar. 20 Grade 1-5 Progress Report Cards go home

Fri. Mar. 27 Annual Swing Into Spring School Auction

Fri. Apr. -3 10:30AM All-school Assembly: JFK Jazz Band performance
JSS Annual Science Night

Wed. Apr. 8 PTO Meeting 6:30-8pm JSS Library

Mon. Apr. 20-Fri. Apr. 24 – NO SCHOOL – SPRING RECESS

Wed. May 13 PTO Meeting 6:30-8pm JSS Library

Fri. May 15 Staff/Faculty Work (1/2) Day – dismissal at 12:20PM

Mon. May 25 NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day

Thurs. May 28 2:00PM KDG students host our JSS Grads (tentative date)

Get ready for winter! We are selling sturdy, durable snow shovels to benefit Nature's Classroom 2020!



Kitty is excluded from sale...!!!

Style	Color	Weight	Price
Style 1	Blue	lightweight	\$ 5
Style 2	Red	medium weight, galvanized wear strip	\$ 6
Style 3	Grey	heavy duty, galvanized wear strip	\$ 8

We have a total of 30 shovels available! To order please email Andrea by **Sunday, 11/24/2019** at a.doehne@gmail.com to receive your shovel before the Thanksgiving break!

Please include in your order:

First + last name, homeroom, shovel style, phone # and your pick up option from below. Pay per check at pick up! Make checks payable to "JSS PTO", memo line "Nature's Classroom 2020".

Option A: pick up on Tue, 11/26, 8:15-8:45 am JSS overflow parking lot (basketball court)

Option B: pick up on Tue, 11/26, 2:45-3:30 pm JSS overflow parking lot (basketball court)

Option C: need other pick up option

Happy Winter and thank you for supporting this wonderful JSS tradition!!

The Nature's Classroom 2020 Fundraising Committee