Jacksonville Elementary Newsletter

October 2022

Message from the Principal:

As I look out my front window here at school, I’m beginning to see the leaves change to golden yellow, and I know that fall is here to stay! I am so proud of how hard our students and staff work each and every day as I walk through the hallways! Learning is taking place at JES!!!

Some updated news on our JES staffing for you…. our front office secretary, Karen Rhymer decided to retire on October 1, 2022. She was with our staff for 6 years and will be missed greatly. She plans to spend her retirement years gardening and enjoying spending time with family. If you would like to send a card or note for her, we can make sure she receives them!

THANK YOU to everyone who helped and participated in the PTA movie night last month. It was a wonderful chance as always, for our community to come together and enjoy some fun with each other. It was just another step back into normalcy here at school.

Safety is one of our priorities here at Jacksonville. Our students and faculty will continue to practice safety drills each month as the school year continues. To date, we’ve had fire drills, severe weather drills and one ALICE drill where we discussed a lockdown situation. We commend our students for their ability to keep calm and follow directions during each drill. Our students are the BEST!!

I am looking forward to some events this month including our annual Halloween Parade, among others. Please check the calendar and the weekly PTA updates. Lastly, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support from home. We really appreciate all that you do for our school and your child!

Sincerely,

Debbie Miller
Oct. 11  JES Picture Day  Order on mylifetouch.com - Picture Day ID: EVTX3K2NH
Oct. 11-28  Socktober sock drive – JES PTA Outreach
Oct. 13  7:30pm JES PTA General Membership Meeting in JES Library & virtual
          Click here to join the meeting. All JES families and staff are welcome!
Oct. 14  6-9pm Parents’ Night Out by JES PTA at Eagle’s Nest Country Club
Oct. 16  11am-4pm – Shop at Chosen (Hydes, MD) to benefit JES PTA
Oct. 18-20  9:05-9:20am School Store - Tues: K & 3rd; Wed: 1st & 4th; Thurs: 2nd & 5th
Oct. 18  Shoessday (sneaker & winter outerwear/boot collection) – JES PTA Outreach
        6:00-7:30pm JES “Under the Stars” Literacy Night for Families
Oct. 20  JES Kindness Week: Wear Pajamas (Dreaming of Kindness)
Oct. 21  Schools Closed for Teachers and Students – MSEA Convention
Oct. 24  Schools Closed for Students – Teachers on Duty – Diwali
        4-8pm Chipotle Hunt Valley restaurant fundraiser for JES PTA
Oct. 25  JES Kindness Week: Wear Tie Dye (Peace, Love & Tie Dye!)
Oct. 26  JES Kindness Week: Crazy Hair & Sock Day (Crazy for Kindness)
Oct. 27  JES Kindness Week: Wear Red and be kind to yourself!
Oct. 28  JES Kindness Week: Favorite Sportswear Day (Work Out Problems with Kindness)
Oct. 31  JES Costume Parade (during school day - details to come from JES)

Other people: "I never want summer to end!"
Me:
You're invited to:
JES’s “Under the Stars”
Literacy Night

When: October 18th 6:00-7:30
Where: Jacksonville ES

Join us for a fun-filled night of reading activities for the whole family!

ALL STUDENT ATTENDEES ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING ONE NEW OR GENTLY USED BOOK

ALL ATTENDEES WILL EARN A HW PASS!

Activities will include:
• Reader’s Theaters
• Book Bingo
• Raffles
• Crafts
• Reading Jenga
• Reading “Under the Stars”
• Spooky campfire stories

No need to RSVP - just show up ready to read!
The Great Kindness Challenge Spirit Week

October 20th - October 28th

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As part of our School Counseling Program, your child’s class will have the opportunity to engage in a counseling core curriculum lesson during the month of October on Bullying. This month’s topic explores what it means to be a bully and how to respond when you or someone else is being bullied.

We will also be having an assembly by Prismatic Magic on the topic of kindness during the month of October along with a Kindness Spirit Week!

It is our hope that the core curriculum counseling lessons will help to promote the social emotional, academic, and career development of our students. We hope that you can help your child reflect on these lessons by discussing their content together. Please feel free to contact us with any questions about the program. We can be reached via email at jsullivan@bcps.org and akountz@bcps.org.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Kountz

**Halloween Parade at Jacksonville**

1. Parade will begin at 9:40 am October 31st. 5th grade will lead the parade, followed by 4, 3, 2, 1 and K.

2. Students will come out the front door on the left side and make 1 single loop around the building. Students will enter back through the front doors on the right side.

3. Parents can attend the parade and stand along the driveway and sidewalks.

4. Students will come to school with their costumes on. They will change out of the costume after the parade ends, so please provide a change of clothing for your child.
5. Remind students no weapons of any kind, and faces cannot be fully covered on the ride into school. They can put decorative masks on when they are prepping for the parade.