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MARK YOUR CALENDAR EDITION

- Mon. May 28** NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day
- Tues. May 29** PJTM EXPRESS begins (see article below)!
DEADLINE for submissions to the Variety Show Student Artwork Slideshow (jordangelabbott@yahoo.com)
VOLUNTEER TEA PARTY – all wonderful volunteers are invited to join us for tea and appreciation
3:15PM in the gazebo (if the weather is good!!)
- Thurs. May 31** all-school assembly honoring our JSS/High School Grads – with KDGners at 2PM – PLEASE NOTE
THE CHANGE OF DATE!!
- Fri. June 1** DAY OF CLASSICAL MUSIC AT JSS – SEE DETAILS ABOVE!
JSS VARIETY SHOW (formerly the Talent Show)
- Thurs. June 7** LAST DAY OF HOLA
JSS PTO meeting 6:30-8PM
- Fri. June 8** FIELD DAY (rain date on Friday, June 15)
- Wed. June 13** GARDEN RETIREMENT POTLUCK for Ms. Bates!! 5:30-7:30PM in the JSS School Garden
- Thurs. June 14** all school assembly “FINE FINE SCHOOL” led by Ms. Agna at 10:00AM
- Mon. June 20** JSS Council meeting 3:30-5PM
- Tues. June 19** 5th GRADE GRADUATION 1:30PM
- Wed. June 20** LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! It's a half-day – dismissal at 12:20PM and bag lunches will be available

FIELD TRIPS

Here are the dates are the dates for the remaining field trips!!

MAY

May 25th Kdg Garcia Smith College Art Museum 10am-2pm

May 25th 2nd Grds McCue/Smith/Walmsley Great Falls Discovery Ctr. 9am-2:30pm

May 25th 1st gr Brown is going with 2nd grade to Great Falls

May 31st 1st Gr Bates Barrett St. Marsh 1pm-2:30pm

May 31st 5th gr Chang to Sojourner Truth statue and Underground Railway walk

JUNE

June 5th 3rd Grds. Cameron/Cora/Gerould Historic Deerfield 9am-2:45pm

June 6th 4th Grds Bredin/Mokerzecki/Strouse Wistariahurst Museum 9am-1:30pm

June 6th 5th Grds. Ames/Chang/Slattery JFK visit 9-12:15pm

June 13th 5th Grds. Ames/Chang/Slattery Skinner Mountain 10am-2:15pm

June 14th Kdgs JReed/MEReed Smith College Art Museum 10:10-1:35pm

June 15th 5th Gr. Ames Look Park 10:00-2:30

MESSAGE FROM MS. AGNA

TODAY

FRIDAY, May 25, I will be walking on the Walking School Bus on the Bike Path, starting at 8:10AM behind Stop & Shop. Please join me!

VOLUNTEER TEA

A reminder that the Annual Volunteer will be on TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2018 at 3:15PM – change of location to the gazebo (weather permitting)! Teachers will send invitation home to their classroom volunteers!

PJTM EXPRESS!

The annual summer food collection for the Northampton Survival Center begins on TUESDAY, MAY 29! Please consider sending in donations of peanut butter, jelly/jam, tuna and mac & cheese with your child(ren). Students, by class, will travel around the school every day, with a shopping cart, to pick up the donations. This is one of our most important projects – please help us support the Survival Center's efforts to provide food to families during the summer months.

CHANGE OF DATE!!

Please note that our annual JSS Alum High School Grad assembly will be on THURSDAY, MAY 31st at 2PM (NOT on Wed., the 30th) due to a scheduling conflict for the NHS seniors! All are welcome to attend!

SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS – ONE MORE TIME!

The JSS PTO maintains a summer camp scholarship fund and welcomes donations of any amount for this, to support students in need. There are many families for whom the summer vacation from school is a tremendous challenge and hardship. These families have employment that does not have the flexibility they need when their children no longer have school to go to. The Northampton Parks & Rec Dept. has the least expensive option for a summer camp – the weekly tuition is close to \$200 for a full day, plus 45 minutes extended time. Please consider giving to this fund – checks to the JSS PTO, with “camp scholarship” in the memo line. If you need a scholarship for your child/children for summer camp, please write to me or email me gagna@northampton-k12.us.


Thank you!

MCAS

We are finished and relieved to be so! Our students definitely did try their best and were so helped to do so by YOU, their families and by our staff/faculty. Thank you all!

Have a good weekend!

With great respect and affection,


Gwen Agna

VARIETY SHOW DRESS REHEARSAL THIS WED., MAY 30 at 3:00

MANDATORY FOR ALL PERFORMERS!

Our second and final rehearsal before the show is this Wednesday, May 30 from 3:00 to 5:30 in the gym. It is really important that all performers be there.

You will receive an email with an approximate time for your child.

Thank you so much for your help and support.

If you have any questions, please contact Liz Horn at elhorn@mindspring.com or Lindsay Sabadosa, our amazing Variety Show director, at lsabadosa@gmail.com

DAY OF CLASSICAL MUSIC AT JSS!

Does your child play an instrument or have a special love of music?

Two Northampton Community Music Center faculty members who will perform at JSS throughout the morning of June 1 as part of Play On! A day of classical music at Jackson Street School.

More about Play On!

Two Northampton Community Music faculty members will visit Jackson Street School on Friday, June 1, to offer live performances in the library.

Play On! is made possible by a generous grant from the Northampton Education Foundation, support from the Jackson Street PTO, and with special thanks to JSS Music Educator, Kim O'Connell.

For more information, email or text Jo Comerford (jo.comerford186@gmail.com / 413.559.1649

What will the musicians play?

Classical favorites like Mozart's Eine Kleine Nachtmusik, Bach's Prelude for cello, Beethoven's Ode to Joy, and more! We can also expect a smattering of popular favorites like the theme songs from Harry Potter and Star Wars. Ms. O'Connell, JSS music teacher, will introduce the composers during music in the next couple of weeks and Ms. Agna will play samples of their pieces during morning announcements in the week before.

JSS VARIETY SHOW - THE BIG NIGHT IS NEXT FRIDAY!

Friday, June 1 at 6:00 pm.

Come see lots of JSS kids performing in an unforgettable show! It is free - and so much fun!

Refreshments for sale in the lobby from 5:00 – 6:00 (Pizza, snacks, baked goods) All proceeds benefit Nature's Classroom

Please bring a water bottle (we will have paper cups, too). Thanks for keeping JSS green!

We also need adult volunteers!

If you are interested in helping (in any way – backstage, shepherding kids or selling food) or have questions about the show, please contact Liz Horn at elhorn@mindspring.com or Lindsay Sabadosa, our amazing Variety Show director, at lsabadosa@gmail.com

FAMILY CENTER COFFEE HOUR ON WED., MAY 30 from 9:00 to 10:00

All parents, guardians and staff are warmly welcome for free coffee, tea, treats and conversation. Younger children always welcome, too! This will be our next-to-last coffee hour of the school year - the last one will be Wed., June 13.

THE STUDENT ARTWORK SLIDESHOW RETURNS!

The variety show organizers would again like to showcase the varied artistic talents of students by including a slideshow of student artwork in the evening's events. If your child would like to have a piece in the slideshow, please send a digital image (.jpg or .jpeg format) and your child's name and grade to Jordan Abbott at jordangelabbott@yahoo.com.

Please also send a photo of the artist to be included with the image (optional).

FREE BOOK FAIR - JUNE 4 & 5

The JSS PTO is planning the annual FREE BOOK FAIR, which will be held on Monday, June 4th and Tuesday 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 in the 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 offload that are not 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 ggrant@gmail.com or Elizabeth Horn at elhorn@mindspring.com. Thank you!

FERIA DE LIBROS GRATUITA

La PTO de JSS está planeando una FERIA DE LIBROS GRATUITA anual, que toma lugar lunes, el 4 de junio y martes, el 5 de junio. Los estudiantes van a asisitirla con sus maestros/as y sus compañeros/as durante uno de estos dos días. Cada niño/a podrá escoger por lo menos un libro (quizás más basado en la cantidad de libros que recibimos) GRATUITO, de manera que todos los estudiantes pueden empezar su verano con libros en mano.

Cómo puede usted ayudar? Necesitamos sus donaciones de libros suavemente usados para niños. Usted puede llevarlos en bolsas o cartones y dejarlos en el vestibulo. Favor de donar sólo libros apropiados para la lectura K-5. Si usted tiene niños mayores, siempre podemos utilizar materia de lectura más avanzada para nuestros estudiantes en los grados 4 y 5. También buscamos en particular novelas gráficas y libros bilingüos. Gracias! Merci! Arigato! Danke! Shukran!

Si usted tiene libros que quisiera descargar que no son apropiados o en condición bastante buena para nuestra feria, favor de considerar donarlos a otras organizaciones o reciclarlos.

Llamada para voluntarios/as – si usted quisiera ayudar con la clasificación de libros o con la feria, favor de ponerse en contacto con Gavin Grant a ggrant@gmail.com o Elizabeth Horn a elhorn@mindspring.com. Muchas gracias!!!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FIELD DAY

June 8, 2018

Magnificent Volunteers ~ Come be part of one of the best days of the year, Field Day!!

We need balloon fillers, popcorn poppers, hula-hoopers, and merry makers of all kinds.

We hope you will be able to join us for the morning or afternoon. Thank you!

Please email Vanessa Keillor at vkeillor@gmail.com to sign up.

Computer Station w/ Printing in the JSS Family Center

A computer station is now available to individuals considered to be family and extended family members of the students

** Students are not permitted to use the computer station **

** This is a public computer, which is monitored by the public school system **

Many thanks go to David Cantler for procuring the computer and setting up the station.

Additional thanks go to the JSS PTO for purchasing the table & printer.

The JSS PTO and David will maintain the printer, but please let the JSS PTO know if the printer is out of toner or paper by emailing: jacksonstreetpto@gmail.com.

*From the JSS PTO Leadership Team
Alana, Alyssa, Gwen, Jo, Julie, Liz & Pallavi*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR ABOVE!!!

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.

Walking School Bus – 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.

Summer Adventures with Audubon

Mass Audubon has published a guide to events, canoeing, and nature walks at 23 different Audubon sanctuaries in Central and Western MA. You can pick up a copy at the Arcadia Sanctuary 127 Combs Rd. in Easthampton or go online to www.massaudubon.org for complete schedules. You can also call 413-584-3009 for more information.