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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



It seems we just started 2012, and it is already February! Time continues to march on...Thank you for a fabulous Read-A-Thon. Our students and teachers have been reading and having fun with literacy and the benefits of that effort will be felt throughout the school

year. Thank you for your support of that effort and your support of Jackson.

I am pleased to inform you that we now have on staff a full time counselor, **Dr. Danette Smith**. Dr. Smith is highly qualified and well experienced and promises to positively impact our school in so many ways. I hope you get a chance to meet her individually. Her office is in the 5th grade building, but she can be found just about anywhere on either campus, working with teachers or students. When you see her, please introduce yourself. I think you will like her!

The latest maps from the demographic study are posted on the APS website. This week's meeting at North Atlanta was full with many families voicing their opinion. For Jackson, the impact of the proposed redistricting is negligible since our boundaries have not changed. The biggest impact will be seen at the middle and high school levels. If you have not done so as yet, please review the proposals and share your opinion with the school system. I don't believe any decisions are imminent, but expect something by April.

Enjoy this pretty mild winter weather and have a fabulous February!

PTA CORNER

Hello Jackson Families - Wow, we certainly do have a school full of readers! Based upon a quick estimate, it looks like our students have read 1,000,000 minutes over the past 10 days - way to go!! We would like to thank our Read-A-Thon chairs - **Ann Madden, Jada O'Neill, Leslie Ponder** and **Suzanne Wallace** - for doing an outstanding job in getting us all to "Soar Into Reading." We would also like to thank all of the parents for their support throughout the past 10 days; we could not have done it without all of our classroom Read-A-Thon liaisons, parent readers and sponsors. We look forward to seeing many of you at the Hawks game on Saturday night, and cannot wait to see all of the Jackson students participating in the pre-game festivities.

We do have many more exciting events to come, such as Bingo Night, Wellness Week, Seussical the Musical and Grandparents/VIP Day, and hope to see many of you at them. Please remember that we are currently filling positions for next school year, and would love to have your involvement. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or to sign up!

We hope that you recently received the eblast with the update regarding the latest round of demographers' proposals. We ask you to please complete the survey, and we will continue to provide you with any updates as they become available.

We hope that you have a great week! - *Kerri Griggs and Jamie Hubbard*

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb 6 Spirit Night - Tacos & Tequilas
- Feb 7 Parents of APS Legislative Reception
- Feb 10 1st Grade Fathers & Friends
- Feb 14 Spirit Night - Chick-fil-A
- Feb 16 Deadline to order year book
- Feb 17 No school - Presidents Day Holiday
- Feb 20 No school - Presidents Day Holiday
- Feb 24 Bingo Night

CAR POOL REMINDERS

There have been a few instances of where the carpool policies have not been followed, and so the following are a reminder: At the Primary campus, please do not line up on Hillside Drive. This is very dangerous for all as cars coming up Hillside cannot see a car sitting there given that this is a blind corner.

At the Main campus, please do not pull down past the carpool line, pull into a spot across from the Media Center entrance and then get of your car to walk through the line to pick up your child. This is dangerous for you, your child and the cars in the carpool line.

In both instances, this is also a form of cutting the line, and not fair to those waiting. If you have any questions, please refer to the blue pages of the Jackson directory.

READ-A-THON

Congratulations to all students for **SOARING** through a week of reading! Jackson's annual Read-A-Thon ended this week and everyone did a great job. Pledge Sheets were sent home yesterday and all pledge money must be returned by Thursday, February 9th. Prizes for our top readers will be handed out next Friday, February 10th. Tomorrow night is Jackson night at the Hawks. The game starts at 7:00pm!

A special thank you to authors **Diane Shore** and **Kim Siegelson** for sharing some wonderful stories with our students earlier this week. We also thank **Learning Express, Swoozies, WestStride, Willy's, Chick-fil-A at Northside Drive, Tacos & Tequilas, Publix at Chastain Square and Target** for their generous donations to the Read-a-Thon. Thank you for your support of the Read-a-Thon and helping our kids **SOAR INTO READING!**

NAPPS NEEDS YOU!

The North Atlanta Parents for Public Schools (NAPPS) was founded in 1975 and represents a cluster of 8 schools, all located within North Atlanta neighborhoods. Our credibility stands on the foundation and reputation of our past NAPPS Board members. Previous and current board members have served on the APS Board of Education, are proven Atlanta business leaders, and active community advocates.

We have three openings for next years' Board and we also have opportunities for those who would like to volunteer their time (as much or as little as you have to give) to NAPPS. If you are interested in hearing about how you can volunteer in your cluster, please email Angela Boardman at aboardman@vb-marketing.com or call 404-217-7562.

PARENTS OF APS RECEPTION

Please join us for the: Parents of Atlanta's Public Schools Legislative Reception, which is an opportunity for elected officials and their constituents to meet and discuss education issues over dessert and coffee. Tuesday, February 7, 2012 7-9pm Atlanta Public Schools -- Center for Learning and Leadership, 130 Trinity Avenue, Atl, Ga 30303

RSVP parentsfromatlanta@gmail.com or 404-234-7234

BINGO NIGHT

It's time to sign-up for Bingo Night . . . and you do not want to miss this super fun event! Fliers should be in your child's book bag now. So, dig it out and reserve your spot! Bingo Night will take place on Friday, February 24th. Doors will open at 6:15 with Bingo calling from 7:00 to 8:30. There will not be an organized dinner before the event this year, but popcorn, candy and drinks will be served. Prizes will be plentiful with some old favorites (gift cards, video games, sports equipment, etc.) and some new items that you will want to take home.

Bring your whole family . . . and your good luck charm . . . and join us for a great night! Contact Ellen Black (ellentblack@comcast.net) with questions.

YEARBOOK ORDERS DUE FEB 6

Make sure to order your yearbook before time runs out! 20% more fun filled pages and an original Penley on the cover! Deadline is February 16th (Order form attached).



BRICKS CAMPAIGN

Last chance to order a personalized brick to be added to the Main Campus Amphitheater this spring! Please use the attached form and contact Jodi Kiefer at wjkiefer@bellsouth.net with questions.

Jaguar Pause Submissions

Submissions for the Jaguar Pause are due by 2:30 pm, Monday of the week of publication. ALL article submissions should be emailed to jaguarpause@yahoo.com. PLEASE be mindful of our deadline. There may be some occasions when we simply CAN-NOT accept your late entry. We appreciate your understanding and your ON TIME submissions.

Would you like to receive the Jaguar Pause by email? For parents, please go to www.wtjackson.org and click on "contact us" to subscribe. For grandparents, please send your email address jtcoop-erga@aol.com.

Questions? Contact Douglas H. Duerr, Editor (404.582.8432 or duerr@elarbeethompson.com).

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Yearbook Order Form

20% more fun-filled pages!

List all children receiving a book and return one form by February 16 in the care of the oldest child you listed on this form.

Parent: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

You will receive an email as your receipt.

Student's Name:

Teacher's Name:

Grade:

The first book is \$30. Additional books are \$28 each.

1 x \$30 = \$30
__ x \$28 = \$__
Total = \$__

check # _____

Please make check payable to WTJackson PTA

Fifth grade parents who purchased an ad, please use price scale and box below:

Ad size	First Book	Additional books
Full page	Free	\$28 each
Half page	\$15	\$28 each
Quarter page	\$20	\$28 each

__ Free = \$ 0
__ \$15 = \$__
__ \$20 = \$__
__ \$28 = \$__
Total = \$__

If pressed, do you know what it means for your school to be an IB World School?

Do you wonder what your child does in your IB school all day, and how that might differ from other curricula?

Would you like to know what you can do at home and at school to support IB learning?

We invite you to attend the Parent Session of our upcoming International Baccalaureate Orientation Seminar!

After years of offering IB teacher training workshops, we at CASIE know that parents are an often-overlooked piece of the IB puzzle.

Your child's IB education does not end at the school door.

This half-day workshop will familiarize you with core IB concepts, explain what IB looks like in the classroom, and offer strategies for supporting the IB curriculum at home. Concurrent with a full-day workshop for teachers and school administrators, our parent strand will answer all of these questions and more.

A networking lunch to follow will afford you the opportunity to network with IB school teachers and administrators at a mid-day lunch

(additional cost).

Expressly designed for:

- Parents of students at IB schools
- PTA officers and school foundation boards at IB schools
- Staff at IB schools

International Baccalaureate Orientation Workshop

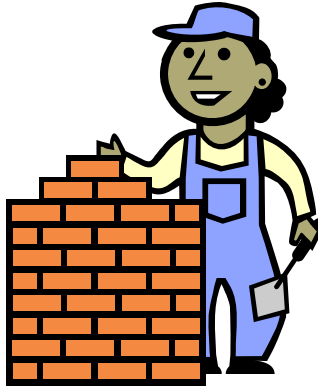
Tuesday, March 6, 2012

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Atlanta International School
2890 North Fulton Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30305

Registration cost: \$40 through February 14th
networking lunch for an additional \$20

Registration is available online at <http://www.casieonline.org/events>



There's No Place Like Jackson!
W.T. Jackson PTA Brick Campaign

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Child's Name (only oldest if more than one) _____

Grade/Teacher _____

Address _____

Zip Code and Phone _____

Email _____

Payment: \$50.00 per brick made payable to **Warren T. Jackson**

Engraving:

1st line (14 character max)

2nd line (14 character max)

Please attach payment along with order.
If ordering more than 1 brick, please make copies of this form.

Thank you!