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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

We are off to a great start at Jackson Primary. With three weeks of school "under our belt", the primary students have adapted well to the routines of kindergarten and first grade. They are learning to be IB students and are demonstrating the 3 C's of care, concern and courteousness. We are very proud of their efforts and their progress.

Thank you! Thank you! We are all enjoying the beautiful mural funded by the PTA. The colorful book characters holding the IB attitudes make the library bright, cheerful, and welcoming.

Coming soon! As the seniors at Jackson Primary, our first grade students and their classes will participate in the morning announcements. Along with Madame Cirra and Ms. Simmons, the students provide the daily weather forecast, lead the pledge to the flag, and tell us what's cooking in JP's kitchen (lunch menu). We look forward to having our first graders become our morning broadcasters in a few weeks.

Save the date! Jackson Primary students and parents are invited to a Back to School Night on September 7th. Make your reservations now to enjoy a BBQ dinner, spend time with other primary families, and visit your child's classroom.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sep 6 Labor Day - No school
Sep 7 BBQ\Back to School 5:30pm (Primary)
Sep 17 5th Grade Father & Friends 7:30
Sep 19 Family Photo Day
Sep 21 PTA General Meeting
Sep 22 Picture Day (Main)
Sep 23 Picture Day (Primary)
Sep 24 Patron Party
Sep 26 Family Photo Day
Oct 1 Family Movie Night
Oct 3 Family Photo Day

PTA CORNER

What a great turnout for the first PTA meeting of the year and Back to School Night! We hope you found the night to be very informative and you enjoyed visiting your child's classroom. A BIG thank you to **Marianna Pressgrove** for organizing such a successful evening.

We also want to thank **Nancy Meister** of the Atlanta School Board. She answered questions centering on the potential solutions to the overcrowding at Sutton Middle School. The two options still on the table are: 1) Splitting Sutton into two distinct middle schools, one would be at Sutton and the other at the current North Atlanta High School campus; 2) Keeping one middle school but splitting the student body, putting a sixth grade academy on the Sutton campus and 7th and 8th graders at the current North Atlanta High School campus. If you want to voice your opinion about this situation the time is now! Email Nancy Meister at- nmeister@atlanta.k12.ga.us or Email Dr. Reich at reich@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Jodi Keifer has been doing a wonderful job managing our "Company Rewards Program." Please visit our website for details at wtjackson.org and click on the link found on the homepage. Don't forget about those BOX TOPS, PRINTER CARTRIDGES, ONE CAUSE SHOPPING and GEORGIA NATURAL GAS "www.trueblueschools.com"

Get excited for the Primary Open House on **Tuesday, September 7th**. Parents will get a chance to visit their child's classroom(s) and enjoy a yummy BBQ dinner. So "round up" your family and join us.....the fun begins at **5:30**.

Thank you **Fran Grice** and **Merrimac Penman** for a great room parent meeting. Please remember to contact your room parent/teacher to volunteer in the classroom or help with a PTA event. We have so many awesome volunteer opportunities for you! - *Melissa Sturgis & Karen Yanoshik*

ANNUAL FUND - ABOVE & BEYOND

The Annual Fund continues to make great progress, but we need help from as many families as possible. Each dona-

tion enables us to provide an education **Above and Beyond** other schools. For a minimum donation of \$25, you will receive that all important directory and a car sticker. Please remember this is a year without an auction or gift wrap sales. To donate, go to www.wtjackson.org/annualfund.html . You can download the donor form and send or mail it to the school, or you can donate online via Paypal. Be sure to check out the exciting incentives offered at the various levels, including a fabulous donor party (on September 24th) and chances to win an iPad or a reserved parking space for 6 events of your choice. Questions? Contact us at sarahrgray@gmail.com, kellyoconor4@gmail.com , or emilypcarlson@yahoo.com.

WTJ FALL FAMILY PHOTOS

WTJ Fall Family Photos - A 5th Grade Fundraiser with photographers Margie Erdoes and Jo Reeves. All proceeds will benefit the 5th Grade Class Rock Eagle Trip in May.

Mark your calendars:

Sunday, September 19th (9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)
Sunday, September 26th 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)
Sunday, October 3rd (9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

Forms are coming home with your child or they can be found in the offices at Main or Primary. Please return forms to your child's teacher with your preferred day and time. Questions??? Mary Ann Hammond at M_A@Bellsouth.net or 404-314-1995

BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ - PARKING INFORMATION

The fourth annual **Open House and Back-to-School BBQ** (Primary campus) is **Tuesday, Sept. 7** from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. It will be a fun-filled, evening with food from the Bonk Family's One Star Ranch, music, and an open house with a chance to visit your child's classroom.

All R.S.V.P. forms must be returned by Wednesday, Sept. 1. No walk-up dinners will be sold the night of the event. Additional forms are available at the Primary welcome desk.

Parking around the campus is limited. Northwest Presbyterian Church, just up from Jackson Primary on the left, has given us permission to park in their south parking lot just off of Conway Drive. There will be police officers to direct you. If you park on Exeter Close or Carriage Way, please be courteous to the neighbors and obey the signs.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Huntz jthuntz@comcast.net or Laura Fox laurabfox@comcast.net

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Are you looking for a fun and rewarding way to get involved at Jackson? Then volunteer to be a part of the Outdoor Classroom committee. We are in the process of creating

interactive outdoor learning spaces throughout the Main campus. Areas of focus include edible gardens, a science garden, nature trail, composting, pollinator garden and bird watch area. Our first activity will be a fall planting of edible plants and herbs on **Wednesday, September 1st and Thursday, September 2nd**. Please let us know if you'd like to help! Penny Simmons fsimmons4@aol.com or Rebecca Harrigan rbharrigan@gmail.com.

SUNSHINE FUND

Do you know of a recent event in a Jackson teacher or administrator's life that needs recognition? Then please contact The Sunshine Fund committee and we'll send the card, flowers, dinner or gift on behalf of The Jackson Family! Please send your request with all pertinent details to Lee Llewellyn at Leeb12@hotmail.com or 404.520.8312.

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BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION - FUND RAISER

Please remember that one easy way to contribute to Jackson is to participate in the Box Tops For Education program by clipping coupons from many of the items you already buy. Here is how you can help: 1) Buy your favorite Box Top Products. 2) Cut out the Box Top coupon (pink & white) from each package. (My kids timed this process – takes 3 to 5 seconds!) – this time of year there are many promotions too! 3) Send your Box Tops to school with your child. 4) Register at www.boxtops4education.com for other ways to help. They often run daily sweepstakes and other offers (including coupons for you!) so but joining the website, you can really help. Our school is listed under zip code 30327 as Warren T. Jackson.

KID CHESS

Kid Chess would like to congratulate all of last year's W T Jackson participants, including our champions, **Zach Slaton** and **Jake Churchill!** Kid Chess meets on Wednesdays starting in September. For details about the program, please visit www.jacksonafterschool.com or call us at 770-575-5802.

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 CANNOT accept your late entry. We appreciate your understanding and your ON TIME submissions. Questions? Contact Douglas H. Duerr, Editor 404.582.8432 or duerr@elarbeethompson.com