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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

It seems as if we have had one of the busiest February/March I can remember here at Jackson. Our students have been exposed to a variety of talents, from writers and movie stars to famed primatologist, Dr. Jane Goodall, and the impact has been significant. Now is the critical time to focus all of that extemporaneous information and catalog it with the knowledge and understanding we have gained from traditional curriculum. Our 3rd and 5th graders are completing the ITBS this week, which will give us important information about how our students compare academically with students across the nation. After spring break, all students in grades 1 through 5 will take the CRCT which will show us how well they have learned the Georgia curriculum taught in our classrooms every day. We need your help to ensure they are here every day, well rested and well fed, and ready for school. This weekend we will lose an hour of sleep as we move into daylight savings time, so please plan now to minimize any negative impact. Friday, March 12th is an early release day and your students will be dismissed at 11:30. Hopefully that will help set the stage for daylight savings time schedules next week.

Enjoy this extended weekend. Have some fun, read a good book, and hug someone you love.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar 12 Third 9-week grading period ends
Mar 18 PTA Meeting with Nancy Meister & Lynn Handley
Mar 19 Kindergarten Fathers & Friends Breakfast
Mar 19 Jackson Jottings Submission Due
Mar 24/25 Spring Musical
Mar 26 Grandparents/VIP Day (K, 2 & 5)
Mar 31 NAPPS meeting @ E. Rivers
Mar 31 Class Pictures (Main)
Apr 1 Class Pictures (Primary)

PTA CORNER

Hello Jackson Families!

We had quite a week at Jackson last week. Our fabulous Wellness Chairs, **Dina Zeckhausen and Sydney Shipps**, made sure that we continued our wellness initiative with new and interesting activities throughout both campuses. Our week ended with a creative Diabetes Walk chaired by **Chris Cann**. Thank you to these chairs for an excellent and healthy week!

You will not want to miss our PTA meeting scheduled for next **Thursday, March 18, @ 9:30 a.m.** in the Media Center at the main campus. We will have discussions regarding the Recommendation of Overcrowding at Sutton by the APS Board and how this affects our Jackson community. Come share your thoughts and concerns with our APS District 4 representative, Nancy Meister. We will also receive valuable information on how to help our children research material on the internet by our Media Specialist, Lynn Handley. Mark your calendar and stay informed about WTJ!

We would also like to remind parents to please be respectful and pick up your children on time when they attend after school activities. We have lots of parent volunteers who coordinate our incredible programs such as Roots & Shoots, After School Movies, concerts, Brownies/Girl Scouts, etc. Be courteous and remember that their time is valuable. -*Marianna and Jennifer*

BINGO NIGHT

All of us from Warren T. Jackson wish to give a big shout out to THE COUNTRY STORE! They have been very generous with us and we appreciate their support. Thanks to The Country Store for all the donations for Bingo Night! WOW!

JACKSON WELLNESS WEEK

Thanks to all who made Wellness Week GREAT! We are especially grateful to the Anatomy Fair Doctor's who volunteered their time and expertise and to Corey Waller from CORE FITNESS who taught our kids some cool kick boxing moves. Check out www.corefitnessatlanta.com for information about GIRL POWER!: a complete fitness, nutrition and wellness summer camp for girls age 10-14. Thanks also to Whole Foods (Buckhead location) for their nutrition talk and healthy trail mix snack.

USED BOOK SALE

Our book sale is coming soon! Ms Hoekstra is collecting and organizing children's books in good condition for a sale to be held in May. Although focusing on children's books, she will accept books for parents and teachers, videos and computer games. Students who donate books will get to attend a presale for donors only. Proceeds this year will be donated to the Jane Goodall Institute. Book bins are located in the math lab and in the hallway. Please make sure Ms Hoekstra knows who the donor is so they can attend the presale!

JACKSON RAISES OVER \$21,000

Jackson students and teachers have raised more than \$21,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (www.JDRF.org)! This exceeds our goal, and 10 percent of all the money raised will come back to Jackson. On average, the Primary classes had the highest level of participation. And sneaker sales proved to be the highlight of this fundraiser with more than 2,000 sneakers sold between both campuses. We walked for the more than three million Americans with juvenile diabetes including our own Jackson students -- **Cassidy Hragyil** (4th) and **Molly Cann** (2nd) -- who would like to give special thanks.

We would also like to thank everyone who volunteered their time and talents to this fundraiser, including: **Andrea Daniel, Chris Cann, Alex Cann, Kris Bagwell, Nicole Patterson, Denee Sizemore, Molly Feinour, Robin King, Karen Lopez, Cindy Eckardt, Lisa Perlin, Libby Viergever, Cathy Barshay, Karen Lenhart and Julie Thompson.**

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

The 2nd grade roots and shoots club will be collecting items to send to soldiers in Afghanistan until March 19th. Please drop any items into the collection bins at

the front entrance at both campuses. Needed items include: AA batteries, pocket size note books or small drawing pads, disposable cameras, shampoo, deodorant, envelopes, pens, tennis balls, cotton socks (black, green or white), nuts, trail mix, granola bars, crystal light "on the go" flavor packs, ramen noodles, baby wipes.

JACKSON JOTTINGS

FINAL NOTICE! Parents, Friday the 19th is the final day submissions will be accepted for this year's Jackson Jottings! Don't forget to help your creative children bloom in our school's literary magazine.

Congratulations to 4th grader **Orion Sun**, our cover contest winner!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Congratulations and thank you! Due to everyone's efforts, W.T. Jackson sent in \$195 worth of coupons which will be given back to the PTA! \$105 of those coupons came from the Primary and \$90 from the Main Campus - wow! Combined with last fall's submission, we have hit the \$350 mark for the school year. So thanks for taking the extra time to click and send in all those valuable Box Tops of Education coupons and keep 'em coming! Please let me know if you have any question: Jodi Kiefer wjkiefer@bellsouth.net

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

March **green dates** for Jackson eco faculty and families: 7-13 National Groundwater Awareness Week, 15-19 National Wildlife Week, 20 National Agriculture Day, 22 World Water Day, 23 World Meteorological Day, and 27 Earth Hour. More info at <http://eeingeorgia.org/core/event/month.aspx?s=0.0.68.4863> just click on the date title for specific information. If you have some tried, true and tested green links, send them in to Penny @ fsimmons4@aol.com or Rebecca @ rbharrigan@gmail.com

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.

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