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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Welcome back to a new school year at Warren T. Jackson. This first week has been exciting and also reassuring as our students continue to demonstrate readiness and enthusiasm for a great school year. Thank you for trusting us with your wonderful children. We take that trust seriously and look forward to working with you to ensure success for all Jackson students. We welcome our new kindergarten students and their families to the Primary Campus and have truly enjoyed our second graders moving up to the Main Campus. Our "Seniors" in the 5th grade building set the standard for the rest of our student body. It is our students that truly make Jackson a special place.

Your PTA has also been working closely with our staff to support our efforts here at Jackson. Thank you in advance for your support of the PTA. Without the support of parents' time, talents, and treasure, Jackson might not be the school that it is. We have had a few staff changes to begin this school year. We welcome a new music teacher, Mr. Zachary White, and are sad at the loss of two of our teachers to Brandon, Missy Ramsey and Katie Ingram. Our Instructional Specialist, Ms. Jimmye Hawkins, has been appointed the interim principal at Scott Elementary School, and her duties here at Jackson will be absorbed by our Instructional Coach, Mrs. Molly Hudson. While we will certainly miss Ms. Hawkins, we are proud of her and wish her well in her new position. Because of the financial restraints on our entire system, we are all having to make do with less. Please know that while we will have fewer staff, we will continue to provide quality instruction, manageable class sizes, and many of the programs you have come to expect at Jackson. If we all pull together, this will truly be our best year ever!

Please be sure to complete all of the many forms you have received from the school. We need to have accurate contact and health information immediately to ensure safety. Please sign and return media release forms, technology use forms, etc., as each piece of information is critical to the overall efficiency of our school. Mark your calendars for the first Open House on the main campus on August 24th.

PTA CORNER

Welcome back Jaguars! We hope you all enjoyed your break. The PTA was hard at work over the summer getting the school ready for your children. A special thanks to **Susan Stuart** the Building and Grounds chair who worked tirelessly to get our new field installed at Main Campus and managed a LONG list of much needed maintenance projects. Keep your eyes out for a new addition to the lower playground at Main. The PTA has ordered additional equipment that will be installed in a few weeks. Plan a visit to the Primary to view the fabulous new artwork installed in the Media Center. There are several great projects just breaking ground including an outdoor classroom. Stay tuned for more details on how we are putting your PTA dollars to work!

Celebration of Learning was a huge success thanks to a well-organized and dedicated team. Special thanks to the chairs: **Tara Capoor, Susan Collingsworth** and **Danna Thompson**. Other critical team members were: **Tiffany Walton** our School Supply Chair, she ensured that all the instructional materials were ready, **Rebecca Peckham** for getting our mailing lists in order, and **Lisa Herman** for her many long hours updating the Website this summer. And we can't forget our PTA Board who all pitched in the last week of the summer to get ready for COL. They include: **Jamie Hubbard, Kerri Griggs, Michelle Usey, Terri Bone, Tiffany Walton, Caroline Doherty, Nancy Okeson, Kristin Buhay, Marianna Pressgrove** and **Jennifer Wray**.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug 18 Room Parents Mtg, 9:30 (Main)
Aug 24 Curriculum Mtg, 1st Grade 8:30 (Primary)
Aug 24 Curriculum Night/PTA General
Mtg 7pm (Main)
Aug 25 Early Release
Sep 6 Labor Day - No school
Sep 7 BBQ\Back to School 5:30pm (Primary)

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

Many thanks to **Cheryl Windom, Alexis Ciardella, Mikki Hawkins and Paige Brasher** for hosting a wonderful Teacher Appreciation breakfast for the teachers on their first day back. What a great way to let our teachers and staff know they are appreciated!

New Parents Coffee

It was great to see so many new faces at this annual breakfast. Thanks to **Martha Ashley Holder** for running this event and helpers **Molly Feinour, Tiffany Walton and Jamie Hubbard**.

We are excited to be your PTA co-presidents for this school year and hope you will send us any questions or suggestions you might have!- *Melissa Sturgis & Karen Yanoshik*

FORMS NEEDED

Please fill out the forms that you received at Celebration of Learning or from your child's teacher. Please note, two forms are still to be provided by APS: The "Non-Disclosure of Student Information" and the "Handbook Acknowledgment" page. Both will be in the APS Handbook that will go home in your child's bookbag as soon as it is available.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

The school cafeteria operates on a prepayment system, which you can fund by one of two methods. You can either send cash to the Cafeteria Manager (through your child or their teacher) or you can register your child over the internet at www.mealpayplus.com You will need an id number for your child which will be sent home once we have received them. For now use the cash option, lunch is \$1.75 and breakfast is \$0.75.

CAR POOL NEWS

Please review the transportation procedures located in your information packet from Celebration of Learning. There were created to help with safety and traffic issues. At the Primary, **PLEASE observe the "Right-Turn In Only" Rule from 7:30-8:00 am and the "Right-Turn Out Only" Rule from 2:15-3:00 pm.** Thanks for your cooperation.

ROOM PARENTS MEETING

There will be a meeting for all room parents at Main Campus on Wednesday August 18th at 9:30am. Thanks for volunteering for this important job!

WELCOME DESK NEEDS YOU

Want to stay tuned to what's happening at Jackson? Consider working a shift at the welcome desk at either campus. The office staff appreciates the help and your children LOVE to see you at school! The shifts are 8-9:30, 9:30-

11:00, 11-12:30 and 12:30-2:30. Please contact Denice Burch to sign up at Main: deniceburch@yahoo.com. Contact Vicki McGinty to sign up at the Primary: vmcginty@bellsouth.net.

DO YOU HAVE MINI DV?

Anyone who has a video camera utilizing a Mini DV tape format, please contact Robin Kahn, chair of Publicity, at 404-493-6699. We need a project completed soon. Thanks!

ANNUAL FUND - ABOVE & BEYOND

The Annual Fund is off to a great start – thank you to the 100+ families who have already joined the PTA and donated to our campaign. The PTA is committed to covering shortfalls in APS budgets, and we need your help to ensure Jackson can continue to go above and beyond in providing the outstanding programs and education you expect. Our goal is to raise \$150,000, and we appreciate any donation you can provide, especially in this year without an auction or gift wrap sales. To donate, go to www.wtjackson.org and click on the Annual Fund link (lower left corner). 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, oconnor.kelly@comcast.net, or emilypcarlson@yahoo.com.

CURRICULUM NIGHT AND PTA GENERAL MEETING

The first general PTA meeting will be held at the Main Campus on **Tuesday, August 24 at 7:00 p.m.** All parents are welcome to attend.

Immediately following the PTA meeting, each grade level (2nd thru 5th grade) will have a Curriculum Meeting. Please plan to attend this informative event to ensure your child's school year gets off to a great start. The teachers will discuss the classroom experience and curriculum as well as answer questions that parents may have. **We suggest that you attend this meeting without children.**

The 1st Grade Curriculum Meeting will be held on **August 24 at 8:30 a.m.** at the Primary Campus.

EMAIL UPDATE

We need your email addresses for the Pause and eBlasts!

If you have changed your email address, added one or are brand new, please send an email with your email address to Jennifer Cooper at jcooperga@aol.com so that we can update/correct our list. This will enable you to receive

email blasts with the latest news and our wonderful Jaguar Pause! - *Jennifer Cooper & Lisa Herman*

BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ

Plan to join the Jackson P.T.A. for the **4th annual Back-to-School BBQ** (Primary campus) on **Tuesday, September 7** from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. You will not want to miss this fun-filled, family event with food, music and a chance to visit your child's classroom. Kindergarten field trip t-shirts and other fabulous spirit wear will be sold at this event.

Be on the lookout for a reservation form and more information coming home soon in your child's bookbag. It takes a team of parent volunteers to pull off this great event. If you're interested in volunteering or if you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Huntz (jthuntz@comcast.net) or Laura Fox (laurabfox@comcast.net).

LOST AND FOUND

Please be sure to label ALL of your children's items they are bringing to school, especially outerwear and lunch boxes. I will make every effort to return your lost items, but they must obviously be labelled to do so.

Lost and found is cleared out at the **first of each month** and donated to charity, so please don't wait months to look for a missing item.

Should you have any questions or concerns, I can be contacted at 404-831-8342. - *Lynne Daly*

BUS RIDERS

As we begin the 2010 school year, please be patient as APS continues to work on our bus routes. If you are planning to ride the bus, please make sure that you have turned in a bus form (You can download a copy from wtjackson.org under the *About Us* tab and click *PTA Forms* and then *Bus Form*) so we can ensure that you are placed on a route.

APS has also established a way for families to find their bus stop online: Go to the Atlanta Public Schools Website: www.atlanta.k12.ga.us On the Right side of the page, under Quick Links: click Transportation. The transportation page will appear: click on Bus Routes and School Locator (highlighted blue). A WebQuery Page will appear: Scroll down to "Student Information": Enter your street number, name and your child's grade: then click Go. When the next WebQuery page appears: select your street. The page that follows will contain your child's school, either Jackson Primary or Jackson Elementary: click on the School and The Stop List will appear. The Stop List contains the Stop Time, the Bus Number and the Route Number.

If you have any questions, please contact one of us. We

hope to have all bus routes finalized by Labor Day. - *Kristin Davis, Michele McKinnis & Marianna Pressgrove*

MEDIA CENTER NEEDS YOU

Did you know last year our students checked out an average of **10,000** books per month? We really need your help and I'm sure you will love working in the Media Center as it is truly the heart of our school and a great place to meet the children and teachers of Jackson. With so many students at the Primary Center and Main Campus, the Media Center is a very busy place and could not operate as smoothly without volunteers.

We have openings at both locations. It is a commitment of only two days per month (every other week) for two hours each time. That's only four hours per month and a great way to feel connected. If you are interested or have questions please contact Sarah Shoup sarah.shoup@comcast.net or Jennifer Black jennifer-gblack@bellsouth.net for the Main Campus and Tara Capoor tsweeneycapoor@yahoo.com for the Primary Campus. - *Sarah Shoup*

TEACHER BREAKFAST

Many thanks to our generous Partner, Chick-fil-A, for donating a delicious breakfast for our teachers on their first day back at school! Thanks also to Publix at Chastain Square who helped make our breakfast a success!

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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.

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 jtcooper@aol.com.

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

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Warren T. Jackson Elementary Directory 2010-2011

Advertise your business in the WTJ Directory!

Warren T. Jackson students benefit from a long tradition of excellence in education that grows stronger each year thanks to the hundreds of involved and generous members of the community. Advertising in the directory is another way you can have a direct impact at WTJ.

Here is an overview of directory pricing program:

	Pricing
Black & white Full-page AD	\$340
Color Full-page AD	\$500
Black & white ½ page AD	\$170
Color ½ page AD	\$250
Front- Color inside Cover- (<i>premium space</i>)	\$680
Back-Color inside Cover-- (<i>premium space</i>)	\$680

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DESIGN INSTRUCTIONS: Directory is set up as a 5.5" x 8.5". Please submit Ad as a High Res PDF. If photo is part of the design, please submit as a separate JPEG.

DEADLINE FOR ALL CONTENT: Friday, August 20th