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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Jackson survived the recent "leveling" in APS with minimal damage to our staff and programs. We did have to lose one very valuable member of our faculty, Mrs. Lisa McAdams, who has been transferred to F L Stanton Elementary. Mrs. McAdams was

our Early Intervention Program teacher and worked with select small groups of students needing extra support in reading and math. We certainly miss her already and wish her well in her new assignment. Other teachers on staff will work together to take over her responsibilities and we expect the impact on our students to be minimal.

On a happier note, we are looking forward to this year's Fall Festival. We are combining the old Pumpkin Patch and the Turkey Trot to produce a new and improved Fall Festival. The weather promises to be beautiful, the runners ready, and the fall decorations superb. Please plan to join us for a fun filled day!

If you have a 4th or 5th grader and you are still considering middle school options, please plan to join us for an informative morning with Audrey Sofianos later this month. We look forward to the discussion and the opportunity to answer your questions about "Why Sutton?"

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct 10-11 Fall Break
- Oct 11 Spirit Night - CANCELLED due to Fall Break
- Oct 12 Sutton Tour for Rising 6th Graders
- Oct 14 Spirit Night - Mighty Jumps
- Oct 17-18 Book Fair Preview
- Oct 18 Spirit Night - Willy's
- Oct 19-22 Book Fair
- Oct 20 Rising 6th Grader Parent Party
- Oct 21 4th Grade Fathers & Friends
- Oct 22 Fall Festival
- Oct 25 Future Sutton Cougar Parent Coffee
- Oct 28 4th Grade After School Movie

## PTA CORNER

Hello Jackson families! We hope that all of you are enjoying this stretch of nice, cooler weather. Please remember to label all of your children's clothing as during these cool mornings and warm afternoons, the layers are shed, inadvertently left behind, and then find their way into the Lost and Found. We would hate for someone to lose their favorite sweatshirt in the clean out at the end of the month.

With the change of seasons comes some changes to both inside and outside of our campuses. **Samantha Schweizer** and **Michelle Tekin** (Decorating) have done a great job getting us in the spirit of fall and excited for the Fall Festival on October 22, and **Rebecca Harrigan** has our gardens and Outdoor Classrooms looking their best and ready to enhance our childrens' daily enrichment.

Back by popular demand, we have our skate nights again this year, with the first one for Kindergartners today. We appreciate **Jane O'Malley** again coordinating one for each grade with Peachtree Presbyterian Church, and hope to see you all out there.

We hope that you all enjoy the Fall Break weekend! *Kerri Griggs and Jamie Hubbard*

## \$25 FOR ANNUAL FUND

What does \$25 get you these days? A lunch for two in Buckhead, 5 Grande Lattes at Starbucks®, an Under Armour® shirt, a football, >25 songs on iTunes® OR **Membership in Jackson's PTA, Jackson Support sticker for your car AND your school directory** - what a bargain! Our most sincere thanks to the 51% of you who have joined the PTA and contributed to Annual Fund this year. Directories have been distributed and we will continue to get them out to new donors on a weekly basis. Our goal for this year is to show APS and the Georgia legislature that Jackson has full support of it's families by achieving 100% membership in our PTA. Please join now by sending a check in your child's book bag (forms are at the front desk of both locations) or by going to [www.wtjackson.org](http://www.wtjackson.org) and clicking the **DONATE NOW** button. If you have questions, contact your Annual Fund committee (Angie Holmes, Celeste Hunt or Dana Ugwonali).

## FALL FESTIVAL

We have some amazing artistic talent at Jackson! The students voted, and our winner this year is **Mason Lassiter** in **Ms. Schneider's** class. His running pumpkin will be featured on the Fall Festival Fun Run T-shirt. Congratulations Mason! Our second place winner this year is **Charlie Hill** in **Ms. Moore's** class. His running leaves will be featured on the Fall Festival Fun Run water bottle. Congratulations Charlie! Our other talented finalists were: **Jasmine Rodriguez, Hannah Hume, Virginia Bynum, Louise Richens, Shashank Umesh, and Jack Neill.** Great job to everyone!

Have you been practicing your running? The Fall Festival Fun Run is Saturday, October 22! Remember, the Fun Run is now part of the Fall Festival including:

- \* A Cookie and Cupcake Walk
- \* Gem Mining and Geode cracking
- \* Sand Art
- \* Pumpkin decorating
- \* Bake sale and apple dipping
- \* Tattoos and face painting
- \* Pony rides and petting zoo
- \* Inflatables galore
- \* Chick-Fil-A, Pero's, Zoe's and Menchies
- \* The one and only DJ Willy WOW as the Master of Ceremonies, and much more!

Make your plans now to be at Jackson on Saturday, October 22 from 9am to 1pm for a morning of fall fun! Be sure to visit the Book Fair in the media center while you are at the Fall Festival - "To the Book Fair and Beyond"!

Want to volunteer? Please email Ashley Gelber at [ashrawls@bellsouth.net](mailto:ashrawls@bellsouth.net). Questions? Please email Paige Perdue at [paige@perduegroup.com](mailto:paige@perduegroup.com) or Ania McBreen at [aniamcbreen@comcast.net](mailto:aniamcbreen@comcast.net).

## CALLING ALL 5TH GRADERS

Before you make your decision on where to send your 6<sup>th</sup> grader next year, we encourage you to try to attend all three events that are available this month:

**October 12<sup>th</sup>** - Sutton Tour for rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents: For reservations call Jennifer Miller @ 404-802-5600. Please meet at the theatre room at Sutton at 9AM. (Three of our Jackson Parents will be conducting the tours.)

**October 20<sup>th</sup>** Thursday from 7 -9PM - Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grader Parent Party: Meet the Sutton principal, Ms. Audrey Sofianos, and teachers at the annual Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grader Parent Party at the home of Susan and Mark Loeffler. Details on the Parent Party are included in an attachment. Please RSVP Allison Ferguson ([FERG9167@bellsouth.net](mailto:FERG9167@bellsouth.net)).

**October 25<sup>th</sup>**- Tuesday from 9AM- 10:30AM Rising Middle School Parent Coffee: Meeting will be held at Jackson main campus.

Hear about the day in the life of a Sutton middle schooler from some of our former students. Our panel will also include Sutton Principal- Ms. Audrey Sofianos, Sutton 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor- Jamie Saul, and Sutton Middle School IB Coordinator- Nina Edelstein. They will address your questions on middle school transformation program, curriculum, administrative support, International Baccalaureate program, enrollment statistics, standardized test scores, art & music programs, sports & intramural offerings and much more! Details are provided at the end of the Jaguar Pause. (Please note 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents are also invited to this event.)

## LIGHTS, CAMERA, AUCTION!

Many thanks to the 200 Patrons who filled **Claire and Jason Zintak's** home last Friday night. You have continued to show your support to the school by your generous donations. A huge "thank you" also goes to **Lea Smith, Angie Holmes** and the Zintaks for hosting such a fabulous affair.

Wondering how you can help this year? We are depending on every Jackson family to make this Auction a success. Do you own a business where you can donate services? Or a retail business with some goods to be had? How about that vacation home that could fetch a high price at Auction? go online and donate at [wtjackson.org](http://wtjackson.org) or email Lonii Herman at [lonii\\_herman@yahoo.com](mailto:lonii_herman@yahoo.com)

Finally, registration to the auction could not be easier. Just head to [wtjackson.org](http://wtjackson.org) Don't forget to sponsor a teacher (and guest) to attend this event at any level you want. Your contribution goes into a pool, so you can show our teachers how much we appreciate them and send all of them to this event.

## OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

On the last day of summer, Jackson's Outdoor Classroom committee partnered with the 2nd Grade Roots & Shoots to plant cool season crops, including a variety of lettuces, kale, collards, arugula, radishes, turnips and beets in the front of the school and in the science garden. We'd like to thank our parent volunteers for helping to clean up the garden beds and for guiding our students through the planting process. We are also grateful to **Hamilton Landscaping** for providing the crucial step of tilling the beds and cleaning out old crops. They made our job so much easier! We were joined by **Paula Guilbeau**, a local farmer from Heirloom Gardens and her farmhand, **Justin**, who provided meaningful insight and guidance. Please visit **Heirloom Gardens** if you are shopping at the Peachtree Road Farmers Market on Saturday mornings. Meeting farmers like Paula is an excellent way to get your kids excited about gardening and a visit to the farmers market is a great educational outing.

The next Outdoor Classroom project will be to plant a shade garden and build a compost area. Please let us know if you or your child are interested in joining our com-

mittee and taking part in improving the outdoor learning spaces on our beautiful campus. Don't forget to take any opportunity you can to learn outdoors in our gardens and on the nature trail. These unique spaces were recently featured in the Buckhead Reporter!

Finally, if you are shopping at **Pikes**, be sure to give WT Jackson's name at checkout. We have a Play in the Dirt account and will accumulate points toward future savings and gift certificates for each dollar you spend. It's an easy way to support the Outdoor Classroom.

Looking forward to seeing you in the gardens. Rebecca [rbharrigan@gmail.com](mailto:rbharrigan@gmail.com)

## BOOK FAIR RETURNS

The Scholastic® Book Fair is returning to Jackson from October 19 thru October 22. Flyers will be coming home with the students next week, and there will be preview days on October 17 and 18. The Book Fair will also be open during the 4th Grade Fathers and Friends Breakfast on October 21 and during the Fall Festival on October 22. Get ready to READ!READ!READ!

## COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

Morris Brandon is hosting a series of discussions throughout this school year under their Community Enrichment Resource Program and has graciously invited the Jackson community to join them. The next discussion is entitled "Brain Training" and will be held at the Morris Brandon Main Campus Media Center on Monday, October 24 at 7:00pm. The directors of Learning Rx will speak on the different learning styles and how brains work in relation to learning and cognitive skills ability, how high learning is achieved and what parents can do to assist. The is a free program and open to all Jackson parents and teachers.

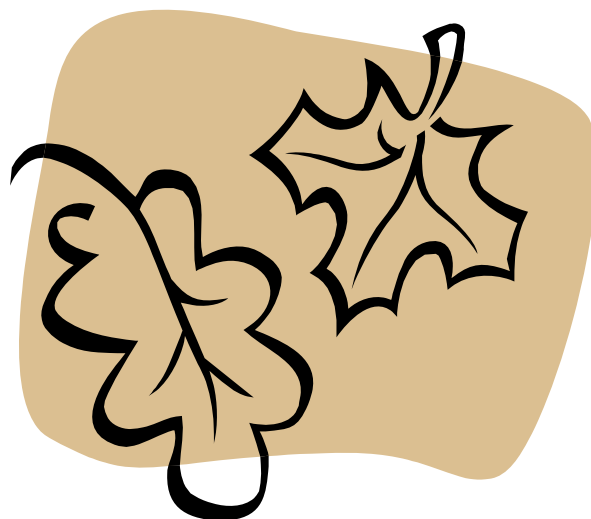
## PATRON PARTY

Thank you to all the Jackson families who contributed to the Annual Fund and/or Auction at the Patron level. If you attended the Patron Party on Friday, September 23rd you were treated to a wonderful evening of spirits, food and fun and we hope you met some new friends. We are so grateful for your support and for helping to make Jackson the amazing school that it is. We would like to thank **Claire & Jason Zintak** for opening up their lovely home to us - it was the perfect venue for a wonderful night! Additionally, our vendors: **Peachtree Tents & Events, Capital City Liquor, Nancy Gs, Whole Foods Buckhead, Chez Gourmet Catering** helped out with discounts and/or donations to make the night successful. Thank you to our committee, **Carolyn Wade, Heather Edmiston, Celeste Hunt, Lonii Herman, Amy Pearce, Kristin Little, and Hilary Bell**, and to **Kerri Griggs** and **Jamie Hubbard** for giving of your time and talents. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Auction!  
*Angie Holmes & Lea Smith*

## SPIRIT NIGHT

Mighty Jumps will host a Jackson Spirit Night on October 14th from 6-8 p.m. Families and Staff are invited for a fun night out at Mighty Jumps with a portion of the proceeds to benefit Jackson! Pizza and snacks will be available for purchase. Entry - \$9.00 per each child

\*Parents receive \$25 discount off any party package when booking at time of visit.



### 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](mailto: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.

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*An Evening with Audrey Sofianos*

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# Sutton Prospective Parent Coffee



*The Warren T. Jackson PTA cordially invites our 4th and 5th grade Jackson parents to a preview of the*

## *Sutton Middle School Experience*

*Jackson Main Campus Cafeteria*

*Tuesday, October 25th, 2011- 9AM-10:30AM*

*A panel of the following will be there to answer your questions:*

*Sutton Middle School Principal- Ms. Audrey Sofianos  
Warren T. Jackson Principal- Dr. Lorraine Reich  
Sutton PTA Presidents- Leigh Darby and Margaret Long  
Warren T. Jackson PTA Presidents- Kerri Griggs and Jamie Hubbard  
Sutton Tour Co-Chair- Sydney Shipps  
Sutton Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor- Jamie Saul  
Sutton Middle School IB Coordinator- Nina Edelstein  
And three of our Jackson student alumni*

*Hear about the day in the life of a Sutton middle schooler from some of our former students. Our panel can address your questions on middle school transformation program, curriculum, administrative support, International Baccalaureate program, enrollment statistics, standardized test scores, art & music programs, sports & intramural offerings and much more!*

*Refreshments will be served.*

*If you have any questions, please contact our Sutton Liaison Team:*

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