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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



I am so looking forward to this weekend's Fall Festival. The weather promises to be clear and crisp, our runners warmed up and ready, and pumpkins aplenty. It seems our new playground fence will be completed in time to en-

close a variety of fun-filled activities all designed to foster an appreciation of nature and family togetherness. I hope you plan to join us for our first combination Pumpkin Patch and Turkey Trot – all at the same time.

As many of you may already know, Mrs. Betsy Walker is leaving Jackson at the end of October to join her husband as he undertakes an exciting professional opportunity in Palm Springs, California. We will miss Betsy dearly, but wish her well as she transitions to southern California. Mrs. Lori Dewberry is taking over Mrs. Walker's class, and the transition has already been fairly seamless. It does seem as if there is never a dull moment at Jackson, but it is those challenges and opportunities that help develop the kind of character growth we all want for our children – the ability to adjust, to problem solve, and to “make lemonade out of lemons”! Our school year continues to get better and better!

In no time the auction will be upon us. I hope you have had a chance to look over the various “Teacher Time” offerings available. It's always fun to spend time in a more personal way with teachers, and I hope you find those activities interesting and fun. We really depend on the revenue from the auction to help us supplement our classrooms and programs here at Jackson and thank you in advance for your support. It truly does make a difference.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct 22 Fall Festival  
Oct 24 “Brain Training” - Morris Brandon  
Oct 25 Future Sutton Cougar Parent Coffee  
Oct 25 Spirit Day - Menchie's  
Oct 27 Spirit Day - Outback  
Nov 3 Art Sales (Primary)  
Nov 11 Auction

## PTA CORNER

Happy Fall, Y'all! We certainly have been busy Jaguars over the past 2 weeks, and have plenty more to come over the next few weeks. We would like to thank **Hannah Morris**, our Philanthropy chair, for coordinating the Bert's Big Thank You letter campaign for our troops that will be serving overseas on Thanksgiving Day. There were many wonderful letters and drawings in our contribution, and we are thrilled that Jackson was able to participate in their efforts to collect 400,000 letters.

We hope that many of you have already noticed, and will notice this weekend, our brand new fence around the 2nd grade playground. This has been a much-needed project for quite some time, and we are grateful to Dr. Reich for pursuing it with APS - it looks great!

Another addition to both campuses has been permanent signage recognizing our generous Partners for Education participants. A huge thank you needs to be extended to **Millar Freeman** and **Danna Thompson** for all of their efforts in attracting so many wonderful business partners, and to **Robin Kahn** for all of her efforts in ensuring that our sign looks as great as it does. Remember to please support all of our partners as they support us.

We have 2 exciting events coming up, and look forward to seeing you all out and about at them both. The Fall Festival (formerly the Pumpkin Patch and the Turkey Trot) is [this Saturday, October 22 from 9:00 until 1:00](#). The weather is predicted to be perfect, and with all of the activities planned, there is sure to be something for everyone. In just 3 weeks time, we will be hosting our biannual auction, which is always a fabulous evening for a very worthy cause - our children and our school. The teacher time events are open for bidding, and you don't want to miss out on these priceless experiences for your children! Please be on the lookout for more exciting items up for bid.

Finally, we want to remind everyone that a survey is being conducted by APS with regards to capacity within our buildings. Please take a few moments to fill out this survey as the results are being used to formulate suggestions to the Superintendent and Board of Education as to how to address our growing population within our schools. The

survey should be completed by [October 31, 2011](#) to ensure inclusion in a community meeting the first week of November. The link to the survey is [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/APS\\_Capacity\\_Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/APS_Capacity_Survey) Here is your opportunity to make your voices heard! Have a great weekend! *Kerri Griggs and Jamie Hubbard*

## OOEY GOOEY

There will be fabulous items for sale at the Bake sale this weekend during the fall festival. Coffee cakes, chocolate cakes, key lime cupcakes, apple praline loaves, cookies galore and much much more! Please plan to purchase delicious goodies for yourself, or engage in a random act of kindness and buy something for a neighbor. This is a fifth grade fundraiser so please help support our fifth graders. They do so much on campus for the younger kids so this is your chance to give back to them! Contact Kelli Bynum at [DRKMB@mindspring.com](mailto:DRKMB@mindspring.com) with questions.

## LIGHTS, CAMERA, AUCTION!

JACKSONWOOD is ready to unveil some of the greatest artwork of our time. Our Kindergartners and 1st graders have been hard at work under the direction of our own Bart Susany creating one-of-a-kind masterpieces to be sold on November 3 at our Primary School turned Gallery from 5:30 - 7:00. Make sure to mark you calendar to come by for refreshments and browse the Gallery. Art will be sold at \$30/piece or \$50 for 2 pieces.

Our 2nd - 4th graders have created the most unique class pieces yet. Take a peek at what local artist Joey Shannon was able to help some of the 4th grade classes create at [wtjackson.org](http://wtjackson.org).

Don't forget about the 5th grade art that will prove to be the most dramatic ever. Famed artist, Steve Penley, will guide our students through his signature style with a Statue of Liberty replica.

Get your auction tickets now at [wtjackson.org](http://wtjackson.org) and grab a piece of art history!

## THANKS TO THE TROOPS

Over the past few weeks, classrooms and families at home have been busy writing letters to our troops overseas to express our thanks for their service. The *Bert Show's Big Thank You* is hoping to collect over 400,000 letters to send in time for Thanksgiving. Jackson Elementary students, from all grades, submitted 238 letters. Many thanks to the students who participated in spreading appreciation and support to the dedicated men and women who will be away from home this holiday season serving our country.

If you still want to contribute letters, please visit The Bert Show's website to find a drop-off location near you: <http://thebertshow.com/the-bert-shows-big-thank-you>. The FINAL deadline is October 28.

## 5TH GRADE TRIBUTE ADS

It's time to think about purchasing a 5<sup>th</sup> grade tribute ad in this year's yearbook! A tribute ad consists of a message to your 5<sup>th</sup> grader accompanied by individual photographs or a collage. An order form with instructions for how to create your ad went home in backpacks earlier this week. **Get yours in by 11.11.11 (Auction day!) to receive a discount.** Email Rebecca Peckham [rlpeckham@comcast.net](mailto:rlpeckham@comcast.net) with any questions.

## 2D GRADE SKATE NIGHT

All Second Graders are invited to dress up in your Halloween costumes and join your friends for a fun night of roller skating at the Peachtree Presbyterian "Gym". Save the date - Friday, November 4th. Beginners and experienced skaters are all welcome.

Inline skates, helmets and protective gear will be provided, however you're encouraged to bring your own to ensure there is enough for everyone. Trainer skates are also available for first-timers as an easy way to learn.

Skate any time between 6pm and 7.30pm for just \$5 - it's easy and fun!!  
Watch out for the flyer in your child's book bag.

Contact Jane O'Malley at [garrettandjane@comcast.net](mailto:garrettandjane@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

## ROOTS AND SHOOTS

The Kindergarten and 1st Grade classes will be holding a Roots & Shoots event on Thursday, October 27 at Chastain Park. We will be meeting just below the Chastain Park playground after school from 3:45 pm to 5 pm to help clean up the park and spread mulch. All children must be brought and accompanied by a parent for the duration of the event. Please have your child bring a bucket from home. The Chastain Park Conservancy will provide some shovels, rakes and gloves.

Please email Leslie Roth (the 1st Grade Roots & Shoots rep) at [lesannlev68@aol.com](mailto:lesannlev68@aol.com) if you plan to attend so we can get an estimated headcount. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Leslie Roth or Jaclyn Schoknecht (kindergarten Roots & Shoots rep) at [ja-clyn.sf@gmail.com](mailto:ja-clyn.sf@gmail.com).

## 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.

### YEARBOOK PHOTOGRAPHERS

Smile! Please be on the lookout for our yearbook photographers throughout the year at all of our fun Jackson events as they want to capture all of the memories to include in our yearbook at the end of the year.

### EB AWARENESS WALK

Please join Jackson Kindergartner Ellie Tavani and her family for the 3rd Annual Epidermolysis Bullosa Awareness Walk at Chastain Park on Saturday, October 29, 2011. See attached flyer for details.



### ENERGY AUDIT

A cool breeze coming through your window can feel really refreshing- but not if it's winter. Air leaking out through windows and under doors can make homes up to 30% less energy efficient. You can keep the heat in and the cool air out ( or vice versa) by tracking down and plugging up those leaks. Now is a great time to take care of this.

Check out this website from Georgia Power to see how to receive a free in home energy audit: <http://www.georgiapower.com/earthcents/residential/energy-checkup.asp>

THANKS AND THINK GREEN~

From, Your GreenThink Committee



#### 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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**Come join Ellie Tavani and her family for the 3rd Annual Epidermolysis Bullosa Awareness Walk at Chastain Park!**

(meet at the corner of W. Wieuca Rd and Powers Ferry by the tennis courts)

**With awareness brings hope for a treatment and/or cure for the worst disease you had never heard of.  
Register in advance at**

**[www.butterflywishesforellie.com](http://www.butterflywishesforellie.com)**

\*there is no cost to walk



Check in/registration begins at 8am, walk begins at 9am.

One lap around Chastain Park!

For more information on Epidermolysis Bullosa, visit [www.debra.org](http://www.debra.org)