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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Last Friday's auction was really terrific! I know I had a wonderful time, and the art work done by our students was nothing short of phenomenal. I want to personally thank the auction committee for a job well done. The event was flawless, and I think everyone had

a great time, not to mention the extraordinarily generous financial support that resulted. I have always known the Jackson community to come together to support our school, and this was the best example of that community support. Thank you for making those purchases and taking part in the best party in Atlanta! Just having you all there made the evening a success.

The Atlanta Public Schools is reaching out to parents to use the Parent Portal, a computerized access to student grades, that was started a few years ago. While it primarily serves middle and high school families, it is available in the elementary school. At Jackson, our teachers do a great job of communicating student progress to parents and have not always actively participated in listing individual student grades on the portal. If that is something that is important to you, please have that conversation with your child's teacher. To access the Parent Portal, you will need a user name and password. Those are available at the school, as you will have to individually sign for those to gain access. Again, if that is something you wish to pursue, please contact the school office.

We have a wonderful, long Thanksgiving week vacation this year. It is the best time of the year to reflect on your many blessings and hold your family and friends dear. Please enjoy one another, stay safe, and stay happy!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 21-25 School closed - Thanksgiving Break
Nov 29 Spirit Night - Menchie's
Nov 30 NAPPS Meeting (Bolton Academy)
Nov 30 APS Demographic Comm. (North Atlanta HS)
Dec 1 Spirit Night - Outback
Dec 2 5th Grade Skate Night
Dec 4 Santa for Schools at Park Tavern

PTA CORNER

Jackson Families - we enjoyed seeing so many of you walking the red carpet at Jacksonwood, and hope that you all were able to come home with something that you had your eye on; there certainly were many fabulous items from which to choose! The evening could not have been possible without the tireless efforts of **Heather Edmiston** and **Carolyn Wade** and their great team of volunteers; their year and a half of dedication culminated in a fabulous event. Thank you also to our hosts for the evening, **Angela and Paul Smith** and **Park Tavern**, our presenting sponsor, **Giovanni DiPalma** and **Antico Pizza** and all of our generous sponsors and donors. Thank you to our teachers for all of their support through teacher time and the class art projects, and thank you to all of you for all of your support; this truly was a school-wide effort and success. To see some great photos from the night, please visit <http://www.mixtapeentertainment.com/>

We hope that you all enjoy a nice week off from school, and that you have a Happy Thanksgiving with friends and family.

Once we return to school, we have a busy three weeks before the holiday break filled with many fun and exciting events, such as Skate with Santa, musical performances and holiday parties, all of which we look forward to seeing you at. We also have a NAPPS meeting on November 30 at Bolton Academy, so grab your lunch and join us for an hour to hear about what is occurring within our cluster.
Kerri Griggs and Jamie Hubbard

SANTA AND SKATING AT PARK TAVERN

Jackson's fifth annual Santa for Schools holiday fundraiser will take place on Sunday, December 4th, 1-4 pm. Your family will enjoy a Sugarplum buffet, pictures with Santa, ornament making, and many other festive activities.





All proceeds from the \$30 family event tickets will be donated to Jackson. RSVP and payments should be made by Thursday, Dec 1st, at the front office. Skating fees are separate and registration must be made on-line at www.parktaVERN.com.

5TH GRADE SKATE NIGHT

Join us at the Peachtree Presbyterian Gym on Friday, December 2nd for a fun night of skating with your friends! Skate from 7:15 - 8:45pm.

Inline skates, helmets and protective gear will be provided, however you are encouraged to bring your own. Trainer skates are also available for first-timers as a fun and easy way to get started. The cost is \$5 per child (pay at the door).

We will need two volunteers. Parents are required to stay for the duration of skate night.

Please contact Jane O'Malley garrettandjane@comcast.net to volunteer or if you have questions.

ONECAUSE

Are you one of those early Holiday Shoppers? If so and you like to shop online, please go through the One Cause website because 1 - 4% of your purchases will be donated back to Jackson when you designate it as your school. Simply go to www.onecause.com and create a login so each time you shop, you will automatically have a percentage of your purchases go back to the school. There are many merchants available and are being added everyday so check it out and thank you! Questions - Jodi Kiefer wjkiefer@bellsouth.net.

TRUE BLUE SCHOOLS

An easy way to contribute to Jackson without stroking a check is to sign up for the True Blue Schools program available through Georgia Natural Gas. It is easy to register Jackson as "your school" at www.trueblueschools.com and each month GA Natural Gas will donate \$5/customer to the school! Again, if you are an existing customer, it takes less than 5 minutes to sign up and if you are willing to switch, additional incentives will be given to Jackson. Questions - Jodi Kiefer wjkiefer@bellsouth.net.

5TH GRADE CLASS TRIP

Save the Date - May 8th and 9th, 2012

The tradition of the WTJ 5th grade overnight trip rocks on with our **Class of 2012** to a new destination- Camp Blue Ridge! We have some exciting activities planned, which

include: "camp raid", obstacle courses, rocketry, archery, and a great excursion to Tallulah Falls. While this exciting event won't take place until May, we do need to reserve space now with a deposit.

Please make sure to review the paperwork that was sent home with your child. Deadline for \$100 deposit is due on Wednesday, December 7th. Final payment is due Wednesday, February 1st, 2012.

If you are interested in being a chaperone, please contact one of our trip chairs, Kathleen Eidson kathleen_eidson@mac.com or Karen Roman kromandoculaunch@gmail.com

SHOW YOUR SPIRIT!

Every Friday is Spirit Day at Jackson, and it's not too late to purchase your spirit wear to show your Jackson school spirit. We have our new long sleeve unisex tee, white with royal blue "Jackson Elementary" across the chest (\$15). These would make great holiday gifts. If you are interested in ordering our latest tee or any of our items, check out our order forms on the website but please don't turn any orders in before you e-mail us to see if we have the size you are interested in. Kristin Davis, ktd@bellsouth.net or Mary Jackson, frankmaryjackson@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 CAN NOT 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 jtcoop-erga@aol.com.

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

Next publication: December 2, 2011

Atlanta Public Schools Invites You to a
2011 Demographic-Capacity Study Community Meeting
Opportunity to provide input and feedback
on possible solutions to current changes in student enrollment

School Reform Team - 4 NE Cluster

(N.E. Cluster to North Atlanta)

Wednesday, November 30, 2011

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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Dear Atlanta Public Schools Stakeholders,

As you may know, there has been a lot of speculative discussion about the demographic study. We recognize the sensitivity on this important issue and the impact it may have on our school communities. Further, we understand that keeping you informed is our obligation, and we are accountable to the communities we serve.

Community meetings have been confirmed for the week of November 28 – December 1 to provide you an opportunity for further input into this process. During the meeting, independent demographers will present multiple scenarios for your consideration and feedback.

We implore you to review the presented scenarios and provide feedback to ensure that we implement plans that are best for our schools and communities, and most importantly, our students. Again, let me be clear. No recommendations have been made; no scenarios are in our possession and; we welcome and need your input as we move forward with planning.

Thank you for helping us make a difference in the lives of our students in Atlanta Public Schools.

With warmest regards,

Erroll B. Davis, Jr.
Superintendent