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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



As the weather gets chilly and the holiday decorations flourish, our thoughts turn toward gift giving and celebrations. At Jackson, we are so very fortunate and recognize this time of year as an opportunity to share our good fortune with others. Our holiday tree,

from Big John's Christmas Trees, always looks so magnificent when it first arrives, but takes on an even greater beauty when decorated with hats, mittens, and socks, which are ultimately donated to a homeless shelter to keep others warm this winter. At Primary, the Angel Tree will help make Christmas special for many children throughout Atlanta. Thank you in advance for helping bring those trees to life this season with gifts for others.

Right here at Jackson, we have traditionally pooled our resources and given a monetary gift to our cafeteria and custodial staff from the students and families at Jackson. If you would like to contribute to this gift, please send cash or check (made payable to W T. Jackson Elementary) to the school office by December 16th for any amount you wish. We will then divide the amount collected among our cafeteria and custodial staff to help make their Christmas bright! Your contributions are truly appreciated.

Please be sure to take the time to enjoy the season. Sing a carol, play a game, and otherwise enjoy one another. Mark your calendar for our Holiday concert - December 7th for kindergarteners at Primary, and December 14th, for the chorus on the main campus. These concerts will put us all in the holiday spirit!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 4 Santa for Schools at Park Tavern
Dec 5 Angel Tree to benefit Safe House (Primary)
Dec 5 Spirit Night - Tacos & Tequilas
Dec 7 Kindergartner Holiday Performance (Primary)
Dec 7 Deposit due for 5th Grade trip
Dec 13 Spirit Night - Chick-fil-A
Dec 14 Chorus Holiday Performance (Main)

PTA CORNER

Hi Jackson Families - We hope that everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving Break with friends and family. It is hard to believe, but we only have 2 weeks of school before the winter break begins, and they are busy ones at that. We have Skate with Santa this Sunday, December 4 from 1:00 until 4:00. This fun-filled event is held on the Rink at **Park Tavern** and hosted by our very own Jackson family, **Angela and Paul Smith**. We hope to see many of you there doing your best figure eights, and letting Santa know just how good you have been this year!

On December 7, the Kindergartners will be showcasing their holiday spirit in their annual Holiday performance at Jackson Primary, and on December 14, all main campus chorus students will be accompanied by the 1st graders at the main campus in another special performance sure to put us all in a holly, jolly mood. Both performances will begin at 8:30am.

The holidays are always a time of giving, and Jackson does a wonderful job of aiding those less fortunate than ourselves. We have two wonderful opportunities this holiday season to give back. At Primary, we have our very own Angel Tree to benefit SafeHouse. Please remember that all gifts are to be brought to the Primary campus on Monday, December 5 between 7:30 and 9:00am. At both campuses, we have trees donated by **Leigh Ann and Jimmy Livaditis** and **Big John's Christmas Trees** that need to be decorated with mittens, hats and scarves to be donated to individuals in need. We truly appreciate all of the support that the Jackson community provides for these and all of our charitable efforts.

With the weather taking a turn for the chillier this week, we wanted to remind you to check the Lost and Found for any missing articles of clothing or any other personal items. We will be cleaning these out at the end of the year, and would hate to donate any warm coats or cherished items. *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.

SHOW YOUR SPIRIT!

Every Friday is Spirit Day, 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). If you are interested in ordering this 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.

JACKSON PARTNERS

The holidays are just around the corner! As you are coming up with the perfect gift for family, friends and teachers, please remember our Jackson Partners for Education. A few ideas include:

- **Learning Express** is the place to go for the perfect toy for any aged girl or boy
- Presents, Paper, Printing and Pizazz – ALL are available at your neighborhood **Swoozie's**
- For \$10 receive \$15 worth of frozen yumminess at Menchie's or \$20 for \$30 – the kids will be thrilled.
- Gift cards to be used for a nice dinner out or for picking up a meal to go from **Chick-Fil-A, Nancy G's, Outback, Tacos and Tequilas, Willy's and/or Zoe's Kitchen**. Don't forget many of these restaurants have a fabulous catering menu to help you hold a holiday dinner not to be forgotten.
- A Gift Certificate for pressure washing or window cleaning from **Starbrite Windows** or a certificate to paint the inside or outside of your home with **Castle Painting**
- **Mighty Jumps** gift cards for the kids...let them jump to their hearts' content.
- **Park Tavern** Gift Cards or Skating passes!

- Give the perfect pair of running shoes\gear from **West-Stride Shoes**
- Lice Repellant or Lice Detangler from **elimilice** make for wonderful stocking stuffers
- Give the gift of clutter removal with **1-800-GOT-JUNK** and finally get the junk you wish was no longer in your home, out!
- Consider a gift certificate for a landscape design consultation from **Hamilton Land Services, Inc.**
- Give the gift of health: **Imperator Karate** is the premier martial arts studio in Atlanta, offering classes for adults and children.
- Make a one-of-a-kind tee for that special someone or shop for unique gifts for your favorite teacher, aunt, or hostess at **Big Frog**.
- And finally a tribute to one of the all time greatest ad slogans – be sure to give a Coke and you and your families are sure to... "Have a Coke and a Smile!"

For all the details on each of Jackson's Partners for Education including address, phone and url, go to: <http://www.wtjackson.org/partners.php>

ROBOTIXX

Friday, December 16 at 6-9pm, the North Atlanta High School Robotixx team is hosting an evening for 3rd - 6th graders interested in seeing the Warbotz in action along with other hands-on activities. Registration is \$20 and must be done through the form found online by Wednesday, December 14 at <http://warbotz.org>

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.

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MARK THE
Date to
Skate
 AT ONE OF JACKSON'S
COOLEST FUNDRAISERS

Jackson's fifth annual *Santa for Schools* holiday event is fast approaching: Sunday, December 4. Your family will enjoy a special afternoon filled with jolly festivities, a sweeping Sugarplum buffet, pictures with Santa, and also...be among the first to experience **Park Tavern's ice skating rink!**

The fun begins at 1pm. Take your own keepsake photos with Santa. Enjoy storytelling and caroling with Mrs. Claus. Have your little elves craft ornaments at the bustling activity table as part of Jackson's Roots & Shoots. These will then be hung on a beautiful spruce (courtesy of the Livaditis Family and **Big John's Christmas Trees**) which will be presented to the Fire House across from Primary.

Park Tavern's **The Rink** will be open exclusively for Jackson families from 1-4pm. Limited advanced ticketing for 150 skaters & rentals must be made on-line at www.parktaVERN.com before the event. Day-of skating registration may be available based on skate availability. All children are encouraged to bring their own safety helmets, and other padding is highly recommended. Skates can be rented, but bring your own if you have them!

All proceeds from the \$30 family *Event Tickets* will be donated to Jackson. Skating fees are separate. So save the date and get on Santa's good list by returning the attached \$30 family reservation slip by no later than Thursday, 12/1. Then, get ready for the coolest fun in town – right here at Park Tavern!



Ho-Ho-Ho! Merry Christmas!
 Mr. & Mrs. Claus are back again to support Jackson Elementary with ICE SKATING, festive family photos, Sugarplum Buffet and fun activities!



YES, we're ho ho hoping to see lots of families on Dec. 4th! Make checks payable to Park Tavern – 100% goes back to the school! Return RSVP & payment to teacher.

Jaguar family: _____ **# adults** _____ **# children** _____
Teacher/Grade: _____ **Email:** _____ **PAID \$30?:** _____

Preferred Santa Visiting Times (15 minute windows, beginning at 1pm – last session at 3:45 pm.): 1st Choice _____ **, 2nd Choice** _____