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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Happy New Year, and welcome back to all Jackson Jaguars! I hope everyone had a wonderful break. Along with every new year comes new year's resolutions. At Jackson we resolve to continue our focus on excellence and making the most out

of every opportunity provided. With the wonderful Jackson family all working together, 2012 should be our best year yet!

Atlanta Public Schools is beginning a Saturday Academy program, designed to help remediate students who may be struggling academically. This was originally designed to support students who may have been impacted by the CRCT compromises, but has since been expanded to include any and all students in grades 3-8 who have academic deficiencies and need additional support with deepening their application and understanding of mathematics and/or developing grade level literacy skills outside of the traditional academic day. The Academy will run from January 28th until May 19th, on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We have additional information on the available sites and registration materials in the school office. Transportation will be provided. Please do not hesitate to ask if you are interested. Registration begins immediately.

We will be kicking off our annual Read –A-Thon this month with a special assembly next week. Students will then have several days to enlist sponsors, with the official Read-A-Thon beginning January 20th. There are some exciting things planned for Read-A-Thon, so be sure you have your library card handy and start planning for some great reading.

PTA CORNER

Jackson Families - welcome back, and we hope that you all had a wonderful holiday break! We look forward to a great second half of the year filled with many exciting events, such as Read-A-Thon, Wellness Week, Bingo Night, Seussical the Musical, Grandparents'/VIP Day, Field Day, Jackson Jamboree, and 5th Grade Promotion. They all should be loads of fun!

We would like to thank our Teacher Appreciation chairs, **Tiffany Walton** and **Mikki Hawkins**, and their committee for all of their efforts over the fall, including the fabulous Holiday Breakfast on December 20. We would also like to thank all of the parents who came in to sit with the classes so that their respective teachers could enjoy this holiday treat, and for your support of the custodial staff holiday fund; everyone is truly very appreciative.

The next North Atlanta Parents for Public Schools (NAPPS) meeting is on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 12:00 pm right here at our own Jackson Primary. So grab your lunch and come hear what is going on in the Northside Cluster of schools.

Just a quick reminder that we do not have school on Monday, January 16 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Have a great week! *Kerri Griggs and Jamie Hubbard*

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan 10 Spirit Night - Chick-fil-A
Jan 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Jan 17 Spirit Night - Willy's
Jan 20 Read-a-Thon begins
Jan 24 2nd Grade After-School Movie
Jan 24 Spirit Night - Menchie's
Jan 25 NAPPS Meeting (Primary)
Jan 27 2nd Grade Fathers and Friends
Jan 30 Read-a-Thon ends

PHILANTHROPY

The Philanthropy committee would like to say a BIG "thank you" to all of the families and staff members who participated in *Holiday Helpers* at the Primary Campus. Our school was responsible for providing gifts for 175 children in need by partnering with **Safe-House Outreach**. Please know that you were part of making the holidays a whole lot brighter for many children who may otherwise not have received anything this holiday season. If you have an interest in additional volunteer opportunities, please contact Safe-House at 404.523.2221 or visit their website at www.safehouseoutreach.org, to find out how you and your family can get more involved. SafeHouse welcome volunteers of any age! Again, thank you so much for kindness and generosity!

READ-A-THON

Are you ready to **SOAR INTO READING**? The 2012 Read-A-Thon is scheduled for **Friday, January 20th** through **Monday, January 30th**, and below are some exciting events we have planned for it:

Kick-Off: Some very special birds will help us kick-off the Read-A-Thon with an assembly for students at both campuses on Tuesday, January 10th. The show will begin at 9:30am at the Primary Campus for K and 1st graders. A second show will be held at 1 pm for students at the Main Campus.

Sponsors: A full week will be devoted to obtaining sponsors. The student with the most sponsors at the Main Campus and at the Primary Campus will win a Gift Basket full of prizes that will make students **Soar** with excitement!

Visiting Author: On Tuesday, 1/24, author Diane Shore visits the Primary Campus to share a book or two!

Special Event Days: Start preparing now! We'll have 4 school-wide theme days:

Inside Out & Backwards Day
Funny Hat Day
PJ Day
Crazy Hair Day

Hawks Night: On Saturday, 2/4, at 7 pm we will have Jackson Family Night at the Hawks! Ticket forms to be sent home next week in your child's book bag.

Be prepared to **SOAR INTO READING** this month! The Read-a-Thon Chairs, *Ann Madden, Jada O'Neill, Leslie Ponder and Susanne Wallace*

MEDIA CENTER

We need volunteers to check out and shelve books in the Media Centers at Primary and Main Campus. It is truly the heart of the school and a great place to meet the children and teachers of Jackson. Go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/media37> and sign up to help! You will stay busy, feel appreciated, and enjoy your time there.

If you have any questions please contact: Dana Meyer at rumcake@sbcglobal.net for Jackson Primary; or Judy Chapin at jchapin@mindspring.com for Main Campus.

RISING 6TH GRADERS

Make sure to meet Principal Audrey Sofianos, talk with PTA leaders and parents, meet 6th grade teachers and see classes in progress. Upcoming tour dates are: January 18, February 8, March 7, April 11, May 9, and Summer Tour - June 6

RSVP to Jennifer Miller at (404) 802-5600. If you have to cancel, please make sure to contact Jennifer before your scheduled time.

Rising 6th "Committed Cougar" Skate Party
Save the date - **Sunday, Feb. 5th at 1-4 pm** at Park Tavern's THE RINK. (This event is open to anyone who has made Sutton their first choice for 6th grade and plans to attend in Fall 2012)

RECYCLE CHALLENGE

Keep saving those cans!



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 jtcooperga@aol.com.

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