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PARENT BULLETIN



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Dear Parents,

It is difficult to believe that December has arrived! Where has the time gone? Soon we will see flurries of snow...and as always flurries of activity in our building of working students!

I want to take the time to send out a special thank you to the PTA, JES staff, families, and students who provided the meals that shipped out before Thanksgiving. It made me teary to see our children creating cards, stuffing bags full of food, and filling them with love. Many of the bags even went to our own JES families. Let us remember that needs of others can also be right next door.

Additionally, please take the time to stop into ShopRite to thank the general manager and employees. As a community partner, they provided a tremendous amount of food, including turkeys, for our food drive!

Our American Education Week visitation was awesome. It is so nice to see many faces of parents, grandparents, and family members be so supportive of our school and our children. The PTA also provided a lovely brunch each morning that was enjoyed by all!

In the coming months as the snowflakes begin to fall, make certain your child is aware of their emergency dismissal plan. In the event of an early dismissal, they should know how they will get home...bus, car rider, or walker. Remember that our Play Center is NOT open when we have an early school closing. Coats, hats, and gloves are a must, as we still go out to play, even on cold days!

In this past month, our students have had the opportunities for many field trips and in school activities. A special thank you goes to our PTA for their constant support of these great school events. Many of our children have spent time on the stage enjoying peer time after lunch, or visiting the Carson Room to read. Please continue to consider volunteering for these areas. These two programs have made a huge impact on the behavior and positivity in our cafeteria. If possible, please continue to donate hand wipes or diaper wipes to help keep little and big hands clean. Thank you to those who have already sent in!!

Finally, may you find the holiday season peaceful, family-filled, and sweet. Spend the time cherishing the minutes with the ones you love. I will be thinking of all of you, and hoping you have a lovely winter break.

With Candy Cane Dreams....

Debbie Miller

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December Calendar

December 13	7:00 PM Winter Concert
December 16	Ugly Sweater Day
December 19	Green & Red Day Kindergarten to Senior Center Train Garden
December 20	Holiday Sock Day
December 21	Holiday Hats & Accessories Day
December 22	PJ Day
December 22	Christmas Break Begins at the end of the day
January 3	School Reopens
January 13	Hat Day
January 6	Deadline for recipes for PTA cookbook



PTA has updated their calendar also: It can be found at the link below.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NyS5IUk8RI-ZXGPnIVkHR8VZqODIV07sw33nn3Qb_1w/edit?usp=sharing

GRADING POLICY QUESTIONS?

As members of the Hereford Zone Safety Advisory Committee, I thought you may be able to help us increase awareness of the following meeting: on December 14th at 6:30 pm in the Hereford High School Library, Linda Marchineck from the BCPS Office of Curriculum and Instruction will be explaining and taking questions on the new BCPS grading policy. Ms. Marchineck helped develop and refine the new grading policy. We are trying to spread the word to all PTAs and parents in the Hereford Zone. The meeting is open to all schools and grades. We hope you can attend.



Please join us for the

JES Winter Concert

presented by the 5th grade Strings, Band, and Chorus
Tuesday, December 13, 2016
7:00 PM

Strings arrive at 6:15, Band at 6:30, and Chorus at 6:45.

We look forward to sharing our music with you!



2016 Fire Department Poster Contest News:

Our Jacksonville third graders participated in this year's poster contest. Each artist created a poster to convey this message Baltimore County Fire Department theme:

Don't Wait:Check the Date

All of our art students planned pictures and words to help show their ideas about fire safety. They cut out their pictures and wrote fire safety tips as they arranged their poster artwork.

Jacksonville El. artists have been awarded three Fire Department Prizes.

Our winners are: first place, Cami Reed \$100, honorable mention Sadie Kelly and Samuel Carroll \$25: These students will receive their awards at a special awards ceremony for their families 7PM, in December at Loch Raven High School, Wednesday December 7th! The ceremony starts at 7pm.

They will receive their cash awards, and a winner's bag from the Fire Department.

We are very proud of all our third grade artists! And our WINNERS!!!!

Congratulations again, Cami, Sadie, and Samuel!!
