



Jacksonville Elementary School

3400 Hillendale Heights Rd. Phoenix, MD 21131

410-887-7880

<http://jacksonvillees.bcps.org>

PARENT BULLETIN



Debbie Miller, Principal
Marlana Mathis, Assistant Principal

March 2017

Message from the Principal:

Happy March! I've made a decision to put away all of my winter clothes! I'm welcoming spring here to Jacksonville Elementary! I know our children will be so happy to be able to play outside when the warm weather and dry fields finally come.

In February, our school celebrated Black History Month with a variety of activities including learning about famous African Americans, completing trading cards, and answering trivia. Make sure you ask your child what they learned!

On March 2nd, JES celebrated Dr. Seuss Day! The day was spent listening to stories, watching a staff play, and reading with class partners. The day ended with a birthday celebration with our classroom door winners. Congratulations to Ms. Harlee, Mrs. Hourihan, and Mr. Brown.

Does your child often have difficulty following multiple step directions? Do you feel like you tell them the same things over and over? Do they have trouble completing homework or organizing themselves? Then March 13th is for YOU! This year we are holding 2 parent nights based off of topics parents often discuss with the administration and staff. March 13th will be the first parent night on the topic of Executive Functioning. The April meeting will be about Childhood Anxiety. These evening events are open to all parents. It will be held in the Cafeteria from 6:00-7:30. Please plan to join us for this informative meeting.

March 14 and 15 brings the Kindergarten registration process here to JES! Please make sure you let friends, neighbors and contacts know to complete the request form, so an appointment can be made. I am very excited to meet our new incoming kindergarten families and students. It is not too late to call us for registration information.

Mark your calendars!!! April 4, 5, and 6 Jacksonville Elementary will proudly present "The Lion King." This play features many of our JES students. Ticket

information will follow in the next week or so. Come and support our “Pride” of student actors!

Finally, please take the time to review the drop off procedure found on the next page. The main road into the school and driveway are becoming a dangerous place...Please make sure you review this important information. Also be advised that parents are free to park in the front parking lot during pick up time. This may help alleviate some of the parking issues on the top lot. Make sure you utilize the crosswalk and are not crossing in between parked buses to walk and pick up your child from the 2/3 hallway.

In closing, I hope that each of your families has a wonderful, and warm March.

Debbie Miller



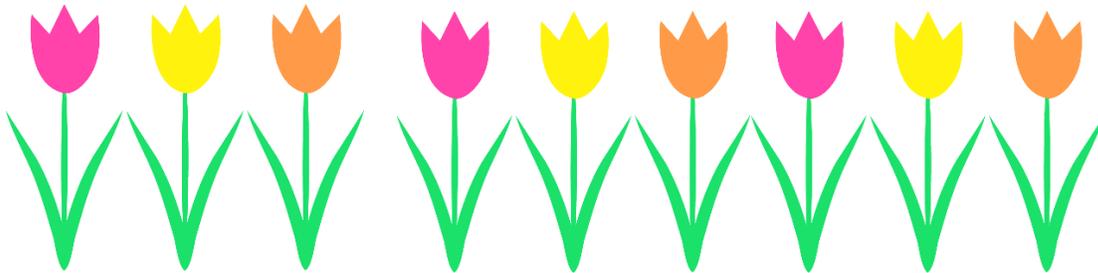
Focused on Quality



Committed to Excellence

March Calendar

| | |
|------------|---|
| March 7-17 | Toiletry Drive for Hereford Food Bank |
| March 13 | Parent Night - Executive Functioning |
| March 14 | Pi Day- Penny War Kindergarten Registration - by appointment 4:15 Site Base Meeting |
| March 15 | Kindergarten Registration - by appointment |
| March 17 | Green Day |
| March 21 | PTA Meeting@ 6:30pm |
| March 22 | Beans and Bread |
| March 28 | Papa John's Night |
| March 31 | 12:50 Dismissal |



Baltimore Museum Of Art Exhibit: 2017

Congratulations to two Jacksonville students whose artwork will represent our school in an exhibit of student artwork at the Baltimore Museum of Art.

Baltimore County Schools are exhibiting K-12 pieces in this exhibit titled [“Art is for Everyone.”](#)

Our student representatives are: **Madison Shultz...grade 5
Rebecca Liao....grade 5**

Rebecca’s oil pastel painting of a flower and Madison’s blind contour drawing of a model will be on display in the museum galleries.

The reception for artists and their family will be on Sunday, April 30th 2017 from 1-4pm.

The exhibit will be open from April 26-30.

Stop by the B.M.A. to see all the fine student artwork on display in this wonderful exhibit.



Community Art News:

Congratulations to Leah Kropp a 5th grader at JES!

Her oil and chalk pastel artwork of a flower was published on the cover of The Villager magazine!

We are very proud of Leah's success!

TRANSPORTING BY CAR

Driving students to and from school is strongly discouraged in light of the large number of buses being employed to transport students. When it is necessary to drive students to school, however, students should be discharged at the center of the parking lot directly in front of the school so that students can use the crosswalk printed on the driveway.

1. Only drop off at the parking lot side of the "Student Drop-Off Zone" where the signs are posted.
2. Have your child/children prepared to exit the vehicle immediately when pulled up to the "Student Drop-Off-Zone" area. (Remember, there are other cars waiting to pull up and drop off.)
3. Drivers are NOT to drop off children anywhere else other than at the designated "Student Drop-Off Zone."
4. Remember that children are to exit from the vehicle from the passenger side only. NEVER have a child exit into the parking lot on the opposite side.
5. Please wait your turn in the line of cars to drop off your children. Do not try to pass on the left side of the line of cars on either the main road coming in, or in the designated drop off zone. The main road into the school, Hillendale Heights, is a 2 lane road, one lane in each direction.
Cars and buses need to be single file until the split point where buses and cars go into the other areas and staying to the right side of the road.

Dear Jacksonville Elementary School Students, Families,
Teachers and Administrators:

Let us start by saying how touched, grateful and humbled we are by the incredible outpouring of love, support and prayers we have received since Maddox was diagnosed. We never thought we would say we are shocked by what the Jacksonville family displays in its generosity toward others, since it has always been there, but we are truly overwhelmed and amazed by your incredible thoughtfulness. The numerous cards with their positive messages, as well as the gifts and treats we have received, have proven to be uplifting in so many ways. As we go through this journey, it is so wonderful and comforting to know that we have an entire community behind us. It is hard to put into words our heartfelt gratitude, but to each and everyone of you, a big hug and a sincere Thank You.

Danny & Erin Jones