



PTA NEWS

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Message from the JDES PTA President

Dear JDES Families,
The first nine weeks are behind us and wow what a busy nine weeks it was. I would like to send a HUGE thank you out to our Board members, teachers, staff, volunteers and our children for all they have done for the JDES community this Fall. Please stay in touch with us by signing up for the jdespta@gmail.com listserv. Check us out on facebook or come to a PTA Board meeting held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm in the JDES library.
Warm Regards,
Beth Chancy, 2010-11 PTA President

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BJ's Special Membership Offer For JDES!

Offer valid now through December 3, 2010

4 Great Reasons to Join or Renew*

- Get \$10 off our \$45** Annual Membership Fee.
- FREE Additional 3 Months of Membership.
- FREE Second Card for a household member.
- PLUS, BJ's will donate \$5 of your Membership fee to the JDES PTA!

*Just renewed? No problem...

BJ's will add 15 months to your current expiration date. This special offer is NOT valid online or at any BJ's Club location. Applications are available in the JDES office. *Return completed application to:*
PTA Mail Box / BJ's Fundraiser

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PTA Sponsored 3rd & 4th Grade Social Friday, December 3 5:30-7:00 pm in the Cafeteria. Come out for pizza, games, music, and more for 3rd & 4th grade students and their families.

Ask The Principal...

Q: What are Success Assemblies?

A: At the end of every 9 weeks we hold an assembly to recognize student achievement in academics, Accelerated Reader, behavior, and work habits. Students are awarded with a Success Ribbon.

Q: Does the school teach Internet Safety?

A: Yes. All students receive instruction from our librarian and their classroom teacher on Internet Safety.

Q: Did you receive many flower bulbs?

A: Oh my, the response was overwhelming. We collected about 1,000 bulbs in all! Volunteers planted them on October 24th. Thank you to all who helped us.

Q: Are you looking for Business or Church Partnerships to help at Jackson Davis?

A: We welcome partnerships. Please contact me if you would like to help make a positive difference at our school.

Q: Is traffic and drop off in the morning any better?

A: Better, yes. However, we still need to be patient and vigilant to keep our children safe.

Q: What were the results of the parent survey we completed last year?

A: The response was overwhelmingly positive concerning parent satisfaction with Jackson Davis. More information can be found at <http://henrico.k12.va.us/>

Thank you for your continued support.
Bryan Almasian, Principal

Have a fun and safe Winter Break!

WANTED...

Photos for the Yearbook



What is needed to make our yearbook a success?

Photos of as many JDES students and staff as possible.

If you take any pictures at school events or in your child's class, please send them in to be considered for use in the yearbook. Close-ups are especially appreciated! Pictures from the 1st day of school, field trips, grade level socials, classroom pictures and from last year's field day are needed. Please note the grade level or classroom the pictures are of so they can be used in the correct place. The best way to send the pictures in are on a CD or flash drive. I will return them to you if requested.

Contact Caroline Elliott at 527-0125 or elliottc01@hotmail.com with any questions.

Dolphin Fund Update

Thanks to all of the families thus far who have contributed to the Dolphin Fund. So far, donations total around \$5000 with participation from approx 175 Davis families. We are over 50% to our goal. We are extending the donation deadline! So, if you haven't donated and would like to get in that last tax deduction before the year ends, please give today before the campaign ends! The biggest benefit is your donation goes directly to benefit the school and students! As a reminder, the Dolphin Fund is a direct donation campaign meaning 100% of the donations go directly to the JDES PTA and benefit the students and school AND your donation is 100% tax deductible. Direct donation is used to raise money for the PTA in lieu of traditional fundraisers (wrapping paper, cookie dough, etc). Donations are used by the PTA to purchase folders, agendas, supplement yearbook to keep the price low for JDES families, field trips, AR program and much more! Please help us reach our goal of \$8000! In addition, we have now made it fast and easy to make a donation through PayPal! Go to our website www.jacksondavispta.org and click on the Donate button! Or, become a fan of Jackson Davis PTA on Facebook and use the link there! Also, feel free to send cash or check (payable to Jackson Davis PTA) through your child's folder. Please send in an envelope marked Dolphin Fund and include your child's name/teacher's name in the memo line or on a note. Thank you for your support! If you have questions, please contact Joanna Dore at joannadore@verizon.net or call/text 804-334-6573.

Note: The Dolphin Branded item has been sent home along with a receipt for those who have contributed. What you should have received 1 cup + a pencil for each child in your household (example: If you have 2 children, you would receive 1 cup + 2 pencils). If you didn't receive your item and/or your receipt was incorrect, please contact Joanna Dore using the contact information above!

Hospitality Corner

Hello all! November was a month of birthday celebrations! Hospitality celebrated Mr. Almasian's birthday and Mrs. Stallings birthday by providing small tokens of appreciation and yummy birthday treats on behalf of the Davis family! We were unable to host a Thanksgiving Feast due to some scheduling conflicts. However, in December, we will be hosting a combined Holiday feast for the JDES staff! We will solicit volunteers to provide goodies for the feast.

Thank you again to all of our fabulous volunteers who help make each event a success! The staff is so appreciative to have such a wonderful network of volunteers who have extraordinary culinary talents. If you have not done so and would like to volunteer for Hospitality, it is not too late! You can send a note through your child's folder or contact Joanna Dore or Cynthia Hess directly using the contact information below.

Upcoming January events – Soup Day

Hospitality Committee
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News From The Book Fair

A big thanks to all of you who supported our recent book fair. We especially want to extend our tremendous thanks to all the wonderful people who so generously volunteered their time to help make the PTA Scholastic Fall Book Fair such a great success! We were even able to surpass our sales goals this Fall!! These funds will not only benefit the library, but the school as a whole as well. We certainly could not do it without all of you. And of course, a special thank you to our awesome librarians, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Ripley for their continued work and support! Thanks again and we'll see you in the Spring!
Celia King/Mary Smith