



PTA NEWS



Jackson Davis Elementary School



February 2011

WANTED...



Photos for the Yearbook

What is needed to make our yearbook a success? Photos of as many JDES students and staff as possible. 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.



Collecting pop tops for the Ronald McDonald Houses

is a great way to teach kids about philanthropy and the importance of recycling, and raise funds to help children and their families at the same time. Ronald McDonald Houses collect pop tabs instead of entire aluminum cans because it's more hygienic to store tabs than cans, and collection and storage is easier. One of our parents, Debbie Cook, has volunteered to coordinate this effort at JDES with the help of the SCA. Start collecting and send in your pop tops!! Questions can be addressed to Debbie Cook pebblebeach@mindspring.com.

Dear JDES Families,

January always has me thinking about time and how each year seems to go by faster. Remember, when time seemed like a plentiful resource and we looked for activities to fill it? As guardians of children we are often spread thin with work, helping with homework, managing a household and chauffeuring to lessons. I attended a time management workshop at work earlier this week to see if there were any secrets to balancing life with children. I did not learn any or I would share them here. In fact, the instructor chuckled at the idea of managing time with children in the picture; therefore, I want to thank you all for taking the time to become involved at Jackson Davis Elementary as I for one know how valuable your time is.

Please stay tuned to your child's folder for information about our Spring activities....we look forward to seeing you!

Cheers,
Beth Chancy
JDES PTA President

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Save The Date for PTA

BINGO
Night

Friday, February, 18
5:30-8:00 pm!



Spring CARNIVAL



SAVE THE DATE!
FRIDAY, APRIL 29!

Mark your calendars so that you and your children can attend this fun afternoon at JDES!

Thank you!

Karen Hargrove & Angela Cordero
PTA Spring Carnival Co-Chairmen



Do you collect the tops off of
Coca Cola products?
If so, you can donate your points
to Jackson Davis Elementary at
MyCokeRewards.com.

PTA News...

National PTA and Just Between Friends have joined hands with Dean Foods to promote The Start Right – End Right sweepstakes, a sweepstakes that encourages people to start and end the day with nutritiously delicious milk. PTA members have the chance to personally win \$25,000 and \$5,000 for JDES. This sweepstakes will end on 2/28/11. It's incredibly easy for anyone to participate – just keep buying milk (chocolate counts, too!) Look for specially marked milk caps in stores starting the first week of January. To participate, just enter the cap codes from Pet or Shenandoah Pride at StartRightEndRight.com. Up to THREE cap codes can be entered by a household each day. The more codes entered by a household, the better the chance of being a big \$25,000 winner. And, the more chance your school has of winning \$5,000.

Nominate A Super Teacher

Many of you know and appreciate at least one dedicated Virginia public school teacher who consistently goes the extra mile each day to serve their students and their communities. The Virginia Lottery, the Virginia PTA, and The Supply Room Companies also recognize that Virginia is brimming with these outstanding teachers. These three organizations have partnered for the forth year in a row to bring you the "Virginia Lottery Super Teacher Awards."

Through this program, the Virginia Lottery will pay tribute to those educators who put smiles on their students' faces and who are shaping their futures. The Virginia Lottery will recognize eight teachers across the Commonwealth as "Super Teachers." Each winning teacher will receive a \$2,000 credit from the Supply Room Companies to outfit their classroom as well as a \$2,000 prize from the Virginia Lottery. This year, ONE lucky Super Teacher will win a Royal Caribbean International® seven-day European cruise for two, including airfare. To nominate your "Super Teacher," please go to the website <http://www.valottery.com/promotion/teacher/>. The nomination period launches January 3, 2011 and the submission deadline is February 14, 2011. Follow the Virginia Lottery Super Teacher awards by "liking" the Virginia Lottery on Facebook or follow the Virginia Lottery on Twitter! Dear JDES Families,

Hospitality Corner

Hello all! Happy 2011 from Hospitality In December, we hosted a combined Holiday feast for the JDES staff, which was a huge success! Thank you again to all of our fabulous Volunteers! The staff is so appreciative to have such a wonderful network of volunteers who have extraordinary culinary talents.

Also, because of the generosity of our Davis families through direct donations and other PTA fundraisers, we were able to use money from our Hospitality budget to purchase a Keurig for the teacher's lounge!

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 February Events – Soup Day (2/3), National School Counseling Week (2/7-2/11), Valentine's Day, and Mardi Gras!

Hospitality Committee
Joanna Dore and Cynthia Hess

Dolphin Night Out

Dolphin Nights Out are a great way to help the Jackson Davis PTA raise money and have some fun, quality time with your family.

Most restaurants donate 10% of their sales to the JDES PTA during Dolphin Night Out events.

If you have any questions, please contact Sutessa Ukrop or Ruth Wicks at jdespta@gmail.com

Look for Dolphin Night Out
dates to come home in your
child's folder!