



# Jackson Davis Elementary School

March 2010

## From the PTA President

### President's Message

Wow—the holidays are behind us, Spring Break is right around the corner and before we know it the year will be over! We in the PTA are busy getting ready for next year. The Nominating Committee is in full swing. We will vote on next year's board at the April PTA Membership Meeting. If you want to be help in any way please contact our Nominating Committee: Ruth Wicks, Sutessa Ukrop and Joanna Dore. They would love to hear from you! You can help in a small way or a large one—all PTA members are welcome!

Each year the Henrico County PTA honors outstanding volunteers at each of the schools in Henrico County. If you would like to nominate a person for their outstanding volunteer dedication to Jackson Davis, please contact me. You can either email me or put their name and a short paragraph on why you are nominating them in my folder in the PTA cabinet in the cafeteria. It is always hard to pick one person since there are many people who work diligently to make Jackson Davis a great school, but this is a way to show your appreciation. We thank all of our fabulous PTA, parent volunteers, teachers, administration and staff and wish we could recognize everyone's help, but Volunteer of the Year is a way to recognize one outstanding person. Please nominate and when nominations are announced, please vote!

Have a great month!

Susan Markel

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If you would like to be included in the PTA parent notification system email please send a request to [jacksondavispta@gmail.com](mailto:jacksondavispta@gmail.com) and you will be added to the address book. Thank you!

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### Nominations Now Needed

For

### VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR!!!!

If you want to nominate someone, the following information is required:

Name and reason for nomination:

Please forward to me by email or by putting in my folder in the cafeteria. Thank you!

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## PTA Spring Carnival

### JDES Spring Carnival

Friday, May 7  
3:00 to 7:00 pm

The students look forward to this fun event, and it is one of the major annual fundraisers for our school.

Please mark your calendars for the 7<sup>th</sup> of May, and be ready to enjoy an afternoon of fun!

## March Madness at JDES

Pajama Day  
Friday, March 5

PTA Meeting and  
3rd Grade Performance at 7:00 pm  
Tuesday, March 16

Wear Green Day  
Wednesday, March 17

Student 1/2 day  
Thursday, March 18

PTA Book Fair  
March 18—March 26

Art Night  
Thursday, March 25

3rd & 4th Grade Socials  
Friday, March 26

## PTA Spring Book Fair

Look for the PTA's Spring Book Fair coming this month! A flyer from Scholastic will be coming home shortly previewing some of the books and attractions that will be available during the fair.

The fair will be open Thursday, March 18th through Friday, March 26th. Hours will include time before and after school, as well as some special designated time slots for additional shopping.

As always, we will be in need of our wonderful volunteers to help with working shifts during the fair, assisting the younger children in creating their "wish lists" as well as setting up and taking down the book fair. The book fair is an important part of our fundraising efforts for the PTA, particularly helping to purchase more books and equipment for the library. If you think you may be available during this week to volunteer, please let us know at [celiacking@msn.com](mailto:celiacking@msn.com).

Thanks so much,  
Mary Smith and Celia King

## Box Tops and Labels for Education

Thank you to everyone who sent in box tops/Campbell's UPCs for our Fall Collection Contest. The top classroom was Mrs. Elsea's 5th grade class. Second place was Mrs. Jefferson's 2nd grade class.

Our Winter Collection Contest is now underway. The top classroom will receive a Krispy Kreme doughnut party. Second place gets a popcorn party. Thanks for your support!

## Principal's Message

Dear Jackson Davis Family:

As we enter the last semester of the school year, I encourage your continued support. We recognize the value of what you do at home to help your child be successful and we are most appreciative. As the curriculum becomes more challenging and the pace quickens, we will need to increase our efforts to keep our children focused and productive. I look forward to the continued success of our students and staff.

### ASK THE PRINCIPAL

**Question:** Will missing all those days because of snow have any impact on my child's education?

**Answer:** Not really. We'll be fine.

**Question:** The budget looks scary for next year. Are you worried?

**Answer:** Sure. A little bit. However, I am confident there will not be an impact on the quality of instruction we provide at Jackson Davis.

**Question:** The traffic is still ridiculous in the morning and some people drive like fools. What can be done?

**Answer:** On some days, it is congested. We have notified the county police to help monitor the roads.

**Question:** Can I still join the PTA?

**Answer:** Yes. Please do.

**Question:** Is the school doing anything to help the people of Haiti?

**Answer:** Yes. We did a coin drive and the SCA will donate the proceeds from the sale of SME-CILS.

**Question:** When is Kindergarten Registration?

**Answer:** Tuesday, April 27th

Bryan Almasian

Principal

Jackson Davis Elementary School

*If you have any questions, please contact me at 527-4620 or email me at [balmasian@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:balmasian@henrico.k12.va.us)*

## Dolphin Night Out

Every Monday order from  
**Pizza Express**  
*(carry out or delivery)*  
 Just mention JDES when you order.

**Five Guys Burgers & Fries**  
 Monday, March 22  
 4:00—10:00 pm

Check to PTA website for updates on our  
 Dolphin Night Out locations!



## Classroom News

### Kindergarten

We are so glad to see the snow begin to melt and have all of the students back at Jackson Davis. February has been an exciting month. We continue learning word families and high frequency words in Language Arts. They are now realizing that they can read and it is very exciting for them.

In Math we have been counting to 30, learning the days of the week, months of the year and the four seasons. We continue to learn about Famous Americans in Social Studies. Ask your children what they know about Abraham Lincoln, George Washington and Betsy Ross. Our topic this month in Science has been solids, liquids and gases. The students brought pictures to school and we made posters for each of the states of matter.

We celebrated Valentine's Day and the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School. It's been a very busy month.

### 1st Grade

February was a busy month for first grade. We had a lot of catching up to do following our extended snow break! As we enter March, the students will make a clock to learn and practice telling time to the hour and half – hour. We will begin our unit on maps and will learn all about locating places on maps, identifying cardinal directions and understanding map legends. As a culminating activity, the students will create their own community maps that will include shops, parks, houses, schools, and libraries. Hold on to your hats as we roar into March!  
The First Grade Teachers

### 2nd Grade

Second graders continued to work hard even with all the snow! We learned all about Famous Americans and their contributions. In March Ms. Lee's and Mrs. Shadwell's class will learn all about Ancient Egypt and read the novel, Mummies in the Morning. Mrs. Jefferson's class will learn all about Ancient China and read the novel, Day of the Dragon King. While Mrs. Bailey's and Ms. Salvo's class will learn

all about magnets and work on a poetry unit. After about two weeks on each unit, each set of classes will switch to the next unit.

March will be a busy month for math. We will learn all about fractions. Students will work with unit fractions like  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{8}$ , and  $\frac{1}{12}$ . Not only will they learn to understand fractions of a shape but also of a set of the same objects. We will then move on to telling time. Students will practice telling time to the nearest quarter hour and begin to learn to tell time to the nearest five minutes.

We also continue to work hard to become better readers and writers. In March students will start to learn about prefixes and suffixes. In writing students are working on adding details to their writing to create a 5-7 sentence paragraph. We will also continue to work on letter writing. Remember that students who want to earn the Accelerated Reader Prize at the end of the year need to have a total 75 points for the year. The second grade teachers challenge each student to read at least 15 AR points the third nine weeks! We know you can do it, so keep reading!

**Please check the JDES website for updates on what 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are working on now.**

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#### The Mission of the PTA

To support and speak on behalf of the children and youth in the schools, in the community and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children; To assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children; To encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation.