

PTA NEWS

Jackson Davis Elementary School

March 2011

Dear JDES Families,
 Remember when you were in school and several students ran for the same class officer position. As adults we no longer compete for these positions, we are all so busy that we wait to be asked to hold volunteer positions--I know I did. Being President of the PTA was not on my to do list, but when asked to do it, I said yes because at Jackson Davis Elementary, I do not run the PTA by myself. I work with a team of really great people--the majority of whom, like me, work full time outside the home. I am asking you to consider being part of this team--you can even pair up with a friend and hold an office. Your children will think you won something if you get involved--mine do and I did. I won the privilege of working with great people and not feeling left out of my child's life at school. Being part of the PTA has enabled me to get to know other parents well, to recognize the children in my child's classroom, to work with the staff, teachers and administrators and to be knowledgeable about what is happening in the county and at the school. We will be advertising open positions soon if we have not already. Please consider joining the PTA Board for the 2011-12 academic year.
 Warm regards,
 Beth Chancy
 2010-11 PTA President

Dear Jackson Davis Family,
 It's hard to believe that we have started the 2nd semester of the school year. Your children and our staff continue to work hard and the results of their efforts have been promising. However, If your child's report card reflects areas for improvement, we welcome your support. For children your are behind their peers, additional practice at home is essential to their success. Please contact your child's teacher for specific ways you may be able to help at home.

On another note, our school was selected as a 2011 Board of Education School of Excellence. Congratulations to our Jackson Davis School Community. In addition, our Jump Rope for Heart, under the direction of Miss Lehman, was a great success. We also look forward to our Spring Carnival, the 5th Grade Musical, and Field day.

Please join me in encouraging your child to do their best every day. We are confident that by working together, your child will be successful on their end of the year tests. Please contact me or a member of our staff if we can be of assistance.

Thank you for your support!
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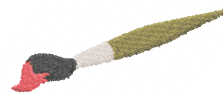


with Mr. Wagner

When: Thursday, March 24

6:30 - 8:00

Where: Cafeteria



Mr. Wagner has some fun crafts planned, including magic noodles, scratch art and fold and dye... and much more!
Parents must accompany their children; no drop offs, please.



PTA Spring Book Fair

March 17—25, 2011

Stop by and check out the books at the PTA's Spring Book Fair. We'll be open before and after school and also during Art Night. Hope to see you there!

Spring CARNIVAL



SAVE THE DATE FOR 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

Spring Carnival

SILENT AUCTION

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

Each year we hold a Silent Auction in order to raise monies for a school in need. In the past, thanks to contributions from local businesses, we have raised money for a new piano, television monitors with computer capability, computer software and classroom materials for our teachers.

This year's PTA Silent Auction proceeds will go towards a new literary program: The Leveled Book Room. This room will provide extra reading material for students based on each student's individual reading level. This program has proven successful across the nation at building reading comprehension skills by allowing students of a certain grade to read books that are within their target level, enabling them to concentrate on comprehension instead of struggling to understand unknown words.

We are holding this year's Silent Auction on Friday, April 29 and we are hoping that you will be able to help us by making a donation. There are several ways you can help!

Merchandise:

Donate electronic items, home furnishings, jewelry, etc.

Gift Certificates or Gift Cards:

Donate goods or services.

Advertising:

Purchase advertising in our PTA Silent Auction Program.

To make a donation or if you have questions, please contact:

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Where Does Your Money Go?

In February, Dr. Russo announced that Henrico County Public Schools will have to cut \$8 million from next year's budget. The money we raise as a PTA becomes even more important to Jackson Davis as the county finds creative ways to continue to fund salaries and the necessary items our schools need. Helping teachers pay for supplies in the classroom, defraying the costs of yearbooks, agenda books, and field trips and funding assemblies and Science Week, are among the many projects our PTA funds throughout the year. In February, our children attended a Math Assembly and participated in fun Science Programs sponsored by the PTA. We appreciate your generosity as we continue to try and help our school.

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 at

pebblebeach@mindspring.com.

Box Tops for Education & Labels for Education

Keep sending in your box tops and Campbell's UPCs. Our winter contest ends on March 11, 2011.

Top classroom will receive a Krispy Kreme doughnut party. All classes that submit 250 or more box tops and UPCs will receive a snow cone party! Thanks for your support.