



# Jackson Davis Elementary School

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November 2011

## From Our PTA President...

Dear JDES Families:

Wow! Is it November already? Our children have been busy and so has the PTA. Hospitality, Dolphin Fund, student socials, membership, Reflections, Original Artworks, After School Enrichment, and an in-school assembly with Jonathan Austin are just a few of the PTA sponsored programs that have been going on since school started. Would you like to know more about how these programs work? Did you know you could attend a PTA Board meeting without serving on the board? We love to have parents attend and learn more about what we do for the school and our children.

We have a wonderful community at Jackson Davis Elementary. How ever you choose to participate in it makes our school a little stronger because it shows we care about our community. Please remember to join the PTA!

Cheers,

Beth Chancy  
2011-12 JDES PTA President

Subscribe to the PTA listserv. Your contact info will not be shared. Email [jdespta@gmail.com](mailto:jdespta@gmail.com) and put subscribe in the subject line.

## From the Principal...

### Keeping Your Child Safe

During the course of the school year, we conduct numerous drills to keep your child safe. Fire Drills are done once a week for the first 4 weeks of school and then once a month until the end of the year. We also conduct Lock and Hide Drills, which are used in the event there is an act of violence or potential threat of violence on campus. A Severe Weather Drill or Tornado Drill is done twice a year. We also conduct an Emergency Bus Evacuation Drill in the fall and again in the spring. In preparation of the drills, all staff receive training. Students are instructed on what to do by both our leadership team and their teachers.

In addition, we have a Safety Team in place that meets once a month. We also have a positive school wide behavior plan in place (SPLASH) that addresses student safety and well being. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns about your child's safety at school.

Sincerely,

Bryan Almasian,  
Principal

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)

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## DOLPHIN FUND UPDATE!

Thanks to all of the families thus far who have contributed to the Dolphin Fund. So far, donation totals are around \$4500. We over 60% to our goal! 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 purchase wish list items for our teachers! In addition, we have now made it fast and easy to make a donation through PayPal! Go to our website, [www.jacksondavispta.org](http://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. Be sure to 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](mailto:joannadore@verizon.net) or call/text 804-334-6573.

**Reminder: For donations of \$25 or more, you will receive a Dolphin Branded Shopper**

### 1st/2nd GRADE SOCIAL

The 1st/2nd Grade Social will be on Friday, November 4th from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm in the Cafeteria. We'll have pizza, music, games, and more for 1st and 2nd grade students and their families! Information will be coming home soon in your child's folder. If you are interested in sending in a baked good or volunteering to assist with the Social, please contact Julie Coriaty at [Julie.coriaty@gmail.com](mailto:Julie.coriaty@gmail.com).



### YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW

Don't forget to order your copy of the 2011-2012 yearbook. You have until November 30 to order your yearbook at the rate of \$16 (add \$5 if you would like to have a name stamp on the cover only until November 30). Beginning December 1, the price will increase to \$20 for the yearbook. Please contact Caroline Elliott if you have any questions.

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### PICTURES WANTED

Would you enjoy seeing your child's picture in the yearbook? If you have taken pictures in your child's class, at school events, the first day of school or on field trips, please send them to school on a CD to be considered for use in the yearbook. I will only accept emails of pictures if you are only sending in a couple of pictures. Close-ups are especially appreciated. Please contact Caroline Elliott if you have any questions.

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### IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN THE PTA!

We are off to another exciting year at Jackson Davis. Thank you to all of the individuals that have already joined the PTA. For those that haven't, it's not too late to join and receive the benefits of being a member of the PTA. By becoming a PTA member you can help play an important role in the education of our children. You have heard it before: Children learn more and have happier experiences when parents are involved in their school years, and work together with teachers and the community. That is the goal of the PTA, to bring these groups together to share ideas about activities and programs to benefit our children. We understand everyone is busy. It is important to note; your membership is simply that, a membership that works best for you and your family. Your commitment can be small or large. In any capacity, your membership is important for your children! Dues are \$5.00 per individual. Look for more information to come home in your child's folder on how you can join the PTA.

Thank you!

Stacy Foster, PTA Membership Chair

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