

# Jackson Davis Elementary School

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## From Our PTA President...

Dear JDES Families:

Despite Irene, I hope all of your children got off to a great start this school year. As Henrico County celebrates 400 years, let's help our county continue to shine by working toward Henrico County Public Schools' vision is to be The Premier School District in the United States. One of the ways we can do this is by having every parent become a PTA member. For just \$5, you can help demonstrate to the district, the county, the state and the nation that we have a strong school. Furthermore, you can help build our community by just participating in our community building events like Dolphin Nights Out, having your child enter art work in Reflections, attending our Grade level socials, buying spirit wear, and/or donating to our Dolphin Fund.

This month we have a special program on October 18th at 6:30. Mr. Almasian has offered to do a special question and answer session with the parents of Jackson Davis in the cafeteria. We hope to see you !

Thank you,  
Beth Chancy  
2011-12 JDES PTA President

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## From Our Principal...

Dear Jackson Davis Families:

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year. With the earthquake and hurricane behind us, we are looking forward to sunny days and a great school year. Although we experienced much success last year, we continue to strive to be the best elementary school we can be. As you are aware, the partnership between parents and teachers is essential to our success. I encourage your involvement and appreciate your continued support. Please contact us if we can be of any assistance. Thank you.

Sincerely,

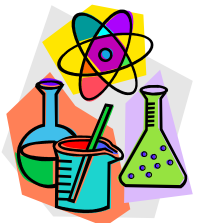
Bryan Almasian,  
Principal @ Jackson Davis Elementary

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)

## 2011-2012 After School Enrichment

After School Enrichment will be held on Tuesdays, September 27 - November 1, from 2:15 to 3:15. Registration information will be coming home the second week of school! We will be bringing in some new classes, as well as some returning ones.

Questions? Contact Lindsay Holt at [lindsayholtz@msn.com](mailto:lindsayholtz@msn.com).



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## **Jackson Davis Elementary School 2011-2012 PTA Membership Form**

### **Top Ten Reasons to Join the PTA!**

- 10: Joining the Parent Teacher Association benefits your child!
- 9: There's no better way to know what's happening in your school.
- 8: The PTA offers a variety of programs designed for parents as well as students.
- 7: PTA functions are opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, building rapport and discussing issues that are on your mind. You can share ideas, concerns, and experiences.
- 6: By volunteering with your PTA, you put your skills and hobbies to use for a noble cause - your child and all children in the community.
- 5: PTA can be a way for you to more effectively suggest change at your child's school.
- 4: By getting involved at your child's school you'll be part of the solution, helping make positive changes. Local PTAs play an important role in fundraising to provide building improvements, curriculum-based programs, and social events.
- 3: By becoming a PTA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.
- 2: Individuals and local units can take advantage of a host of benefits from PTA membership including discounts and offers from member benefits providers and sponsors, magazine subscriptions, leadership training, e-newsletters and much more.
- 1: **Because it only costs \$5.00 to become a PTA member!!!**

Who can join the PTA? Everyone - parents, educators, students and other citizens active in their schools and communities - is invited to join our not-for-profit parent association. Simply send \$5.00 per person in an envelope to the school. Be sure to include your name, your child's name, and the grade and teacher name. Your membership card will be sent home with your child. Look for a sign up form to come home in your child's folder soon!

Thank you for your support!  
Stacy Foster, Membership Chairman

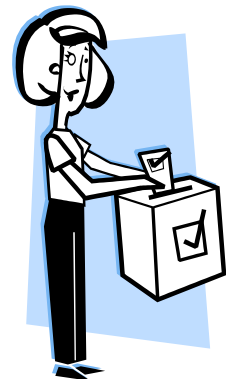
### **Make Your Voice Heard!**

It is the right of every Virginia PTA member to access the Proposed Legislation Program and to vote on its contents. This year, there are two Legislation Action Items ("LAIs") and one Policy Statement ("PS") proposed for the consideration of all PTA members. Make your voice heard and vote! You can view the LAIs and PS on the **Virginia PTA website at [www.vapta.org](http://www.vapta.org)**.

Click on the "Library: Forms & Documents" button, then scroll down and click on "Legislation Library." Under the "Categories" header, click on "Legislative Positions," then 2012 PLP. If you did not turn in a ballot at Back-to-School Night, **you can vote online until October 22, 2011 at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2WSWRHL>**.

Questions?

Contact Stephanie Hiss at [shiss23218@yahoo.com](mailto:shiss23218@yahoo.com).



# Reflections, Reflections, Reflections!

We are so excited here at Jackson Davis about the students participation this year in Reflections!

**The theme for the 2011-2012 is "Diversity is.....".**

Information fliers and entry forms will be coming home in student folders. Copies of these forms will also be at a table during Back to School Night. There will be class parties awarded to the two classes with the most participation! So students, let's get creative and start working on your entry. Please remember that students can submit more than one entry, but **you must have an entry form for each piece submitted!**

If you have any questions about Reflections, you may contact Lisa Benton-Hawkins at [benefitservices@comcast.net](mailto:benefitservices@comcast.net).

JDES PTA is gearing up for our 3rd Annual Direct Donation Campaign - **The Dolphin Fund**. Direct Donation is just that - a donation made directly to the JDES PTA. 100% of the proceeds benefit the school and students. The donations are tax deductible and some companies offer matching gifts.

The PTA's goal this year is to raise \$8000. The money raised will go to improve technology, subsidize field trips, school assemblies, grade level socials, the Accelerated Reader program, awards, and much, much more!!!

The minimum donation is \$1.00. A contribution of \$25 for every student at JDES will reach the goal! The FALL fundraising campaign will run between August - October 31, 2011. Each family who donates \$25 or more will receive a Dolphin branded reusable grocery bag.

Donating is easier than ever with PayPal! **Go to [www.jacksondavispta.org](http://www.jacksondavispta.org) and click on the Paypal/Donate button!** Please be sure to include your student's name(s) and teacher in the comments.

Thank you for your support of the Jackson Davis PTA! **Every \$\$ counts!!! If you have questions, contact Joanna Dore at [joannadore@verizon.net](mailto:joannadore@verizon.net) or call/text 804-334-6573.**

## **The Original Artworks PTA fundraiser is back!**

This program allows you to have your child's very own artwork reproduced onto a selection of over 20 quality products. These products range from magnets, mugs and mouse pads to T-shirts, tote bags and tiles. They make great gifts!

**Please watch out for this order form to be returned no later than October 28th to ensure delivery before Winter Break.**

If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Walker 217-7089, [mdwalker173@aol.com](mailto:mdwalker173@aol.com) or Becky Hansell 270-1395, [bhansell@verizon.net](mailto:bhansell@verizon.net)

## **Volunteers Needed!**

We are looking for a network of volunteers who are interested in helping throughout the school year with grade level socials, volunteering in the cafeteria during lunch, Reflections, Back to School Night, Bingo Night, Restaurant Spirit Nights, Art Night, Spring Carnival, Teacher Appreciation Week, Book Fair, copying for teachers and any other event the PTA or the school staff may need assistance with.

If you haven't filled out the flyer that came home with your children but are still interested in signing up to volunteer or have questions, please feel free to email me. We would love to have you be a part of our volunteer program!

**Sherry T. Parker, Volunteer Coordinator**  
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## **PTA/Scholastic Fall Book Fair**

Autumn is fast approaching, and with it the **Jackson Davis PTA Scholastic Fall Book Fair**. The book fair is a highlight for the students, a wonderful opportunity for parents to purchase great books at discounted prices and a super fundraising event for our school.



The Fall Book Fair will run November 3rd - November 11th.

We are in need of volunteers to make this a success. We need assistance with set-up, helping children make "wish lists", working 30 minute shifts during sale hours and helping pack up at the conclusion of the book fair.

**If you are interested in helping us make this a success for our school, please email Celia King at [celiacking@msn.com](mailto:celiacking@msn.com).**



## Jackson Davis Dolphin Night Out

### 2011-2012

1. **Chick-Fil-A:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of EVERY month from 5:30-7:30pm. Spin the wheel and earn free food.

September 8 <sup>th</sup>	February 2 <sup>nd</sup>
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	March 1 <sup>st</sup>
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	April 5 <sup>th</sup>
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	May 3 <sup>rd</sup>
January 5 <sup>th</sup>	June 7 <sup>th</sup>

**Be sure to  
friend the  
JDES PTA  
on  
Facebook!**

2. **Five Guys:** Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 4-10pm (10% of sales)
3. **Padow's Hams and Deli:** Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-9pm (10% of sales)
4. **Cheeburger Cheeburger:** Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> ALL Day at both Glen Allen and The Village Shopping Center locations
5. **Rudino's:** Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 5-9pm (15% of sales)
6. **Panera:** Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm (Parham location)
7. **Five Guys:** Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 4-10pm (10% of sales)
8. **Chuck E Cheese:** Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 3-9pm (15% of sales)- *Student Holiday*

### **Papa John's Fundraising Nights: October 18th - 20th**

October Jackson Davis Days at Papa John's are October 18th, 19th, and 20th. Order online during those days using promo code JDPTA and our PTA will get a portion of the sales. This offer valid at ALL Papa John's stores in the Richmond area. If you order direct from the store, just send in your receipt to school. Thank you for your support!

### **Box Tops for Education Labels for Education**



Thank you to everyone who submitted box tops and Campbell's UPCs for our summer collection contest. All submissions are still being counted. Look for a flyer coming home this month with the winners as well as information for our first classroom contest of the year. Thank you for your support!