

PTA NEWS

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Jackson Davis Elementary School

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From the PTA President



Dear JDES Families,

Hello! I am honored to be serving as your PTA President this year. With your assistance, the PTA will help Jackson Davis "Growing a Garden of Learning." Your support means that we can continue to help the teachers with their classroom expenses, purchase additional learning materials like AR books and classroom agendas, bring educational assemblies to the school, improve physical spaces and defray the costs of field trips and yearbooks, and do many more things to help make Jackson Davis a great place for your child to be.

PTA Board Meetings are typically held at 6:00 pm at Jackson Davis on the third Tuesday of the month. Anyone is welcome to attend. Our first general meeting will be held during both sessions of Back to School night on Tuesday, September 21st. Look for information that will come home in your child's folder through the school year. We will do our best to keep you informed. Please join the PTA and help us build a community that you and your child are proud to be a part of this year!

Sincerely,
Beth Chancy, JDES PTA President

Join the PTA Email List.

Just send an email to JDESPTA@gmail.com
and put 'subscribe' in the subject line.
It's that simple and a great way to stay informed!

JDES Spirit Wear

We hope everyone was able to preview the new designs and items we will be carrying this year during Meet the Teachers Day. Select new spirit wear items will be available for purchase on Back to School Night: September 21. Look for details in your child's folder, and an order form for our newest apparel. Please contact Amy Swartz at a2swartz@verizon.net with any questions.

Kindergarten Social

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

5:30—7:00 PM

Parents of Kindergarteners, mark your calendars! We are having a Welcome Social for Kindergarten students and their families on Friday, October 1st. Try to attend this fun event where you can meet parents of your child's new friends, and the children can see each other in a fun social setting. Look for details in your child's blue folder.



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. Please watch out for this order form, to be returned no later than October 25th to ensure delivery before Winter Break. If you have any questions, please contact

Margaret Walker 217-7089,
mdwalker173@aol.com or
Becky Hansell 270-1395,
bhansell@verizon.net

PTA Fall Fundraiser

Jackson Davis PTA is gearing up for our 2nd annual Direct Donation campaign - The Dolphin Fund. Direct Donation is just that - a donation made directly to the Jackson Davis PTA and 100% of the proceeds benefit the school and students. The donations are tax deductible and some companies offer matching gifts (matching gift depends on the company and typically requires a minimum contribution).

The PTA's goal this year is to raise **\$8000** (slightly higher than last year). All money raised by the PTA benefits the school and ultimately the students! The PTA funds go to subsidize field trips, coordination of in school assemblies, grade level socials, the Accelerated Reader program and awards, and much, much more!!! If you would like to participate, the minimum donation is \$1.00 (participation is voluntary). Just think, if a contribution of **\$13 or more** was made for **every** student at Jackson Davis, we could achieve our goal!

The FALL fundraising campaign will run between August - October 31, 2010. Each family who participates will receive a Dolphin branded item and **IF** we reach our goal of \$8000, all of the students will receive a special treat AND the PTA will not have to sponsor a traditional fundraiser later in the year!

There will be a table set up for the Dolphin Fund during Back to School Night! Stop by and see what the Dolphin Fund is all about! Thank you for your support of the Jackson Davis PTA! Every \$\$ counts!!! If you have questions, please feel free to contact Joanna Dore at joannadore@verizon.net or call 804.334.6573.

Wondering How You Can Get Involved? Become a Room Parent!

This is a fun way to get to know your child's teacher and classmates. Room Parent Sign Up sheets are located on the School's website

www.jacksondavispta.org

Contact Laura Manning if you have any questions!
lnjmanning@gmail.com

PTA Membership

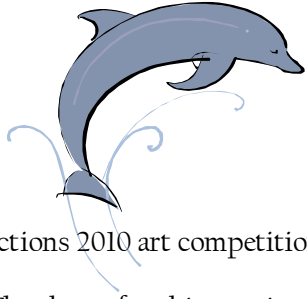
What is PTA? Why join PTA? The number one reason to join the Parent Teacher Association is to benefit your child. In doing so, you also help your school. But there are many more PTA advantages:

- **Get Connected.** There's no better way to know what's happening in your school.
- **Discover Great Resources.** The PTA offers a variety of programs designed for parents as well as students.
- **Tap into a Network.** 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.
- **Watch Yourself Grow.** 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.
- **Speak Up.** PTA can be a way for you to more effectively suggest change at your child's school.
- **Witness Improvement.** 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.
- **Be a Role Model.** By becoming a PTA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.

Enjoy Substantial Benefits. 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. For only **\$5.00**, you can become a PTA member!!! 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 teacher. Your membership card will be sent home with your child.

Thank you for your support!
Sutessa Ukrop, Membership Chairman

Think Reflections



The Reflections 2010 art competition is here!

The theme for this year is ...
“Together We Can...”

New parents to Jackson Davis may be wondering, “What is Reflections?” Reflections is a nationally sponsored PTA program that encourages all students to create original works of art in any of the following categories:

Literature
Musical Composition
Photography
Visual Arts
Dance Choreography
Film/Video Production

All entries based on the *“Together We Can ...”* theme will be judged and recognized at an awards ceremony and reception on **Friday, November 5, 2010** at 8:30 am. All entries will be recognized and ribbons will be awarded in each category and grade grouping. Those entries chosen to advance to the next level will also be announced at the reception. Please plan to attend this special ceremony.

An entry form and guidelines for each category are attached. Please be sure to follow these guidelines and turn in a **completed entry form with each piece**. All entries are due to your child’s teacher on or before **Friday, October 22**.

Thank you in advance for encouraging your child to participate, allowing creativity to flourish, and giving them an opportunity to celebrate their achievements. I look forward to seeing you at the Reflections Ceremony and reception on November 5. Please call if you have questions.

Terri Lancaster, 762-9985
Cynthia Hess, 270-7980
2010-2011 PTA Reflections Chairpersons

Dolphin Night Out Dates

Every Monday order from
Pizza Express
(carry out or delivery)
Make sure to mention JDES when you order!

First Thursday of EVERY month
McDonald’s
(Parham Road Location)
5:00 -8:00 pm
*make sure to mention JDES—eat in or drive-thru!

Monday, September 20th
Five Guys
(Cox Road Location)
4:00 -10:00 pm
We make 10% of sales!

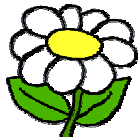
Wednesday, October 13th
Chick-fil-A
5:30-7:30pm
We make 10% of sales + 100% from spin the wheel!

Thursday, December 2nd
Barnes and Noble
More details to follow...

Hospitality Corner

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year for new and returning students and parents! We are gearing up for our Hospitality events for this school year. Hospitality is a PTA committee specializing in staff recognition, such as treat days, luncheons, breakfasts, etc. This includes ALL JDES staff – teachers, custodians, bus drivers, and all supporting staff. We look forward to working with our returning parents as well as recruiting new parents. In order to provide staff recognition activities, we need the help of fabulous volunteers! Already for this school year, we have hosted the annual back to school event and were able to provide breakfast and lunch for the staff. If you would like to help and showcase your culinary talents, please fill out the Hospitality form coming home in your child’s folder during the week of 9/13 or send an email to joannadore@verizon.net.

Upcoming Hospitality events in October
National Custodian Day, School Lunch Week,
and National Bus Drivers Week.



2010 JDES PTA School Calendar

“Growing in a Garden of Learning”



SEPTEMBER

September 2	JDES OPEN HOUSE—10:00-12:00 noon & 1:00—3:00 pm
September 6	NO SCHOOL: Labor Day
September 7	First Day of School
	The Dolphin Fund campaign begins
September 17	After School Enrichment Deadline
September 20	7:00 pm Lay Advisory Board Meeting, Moody Middle School
September 21	BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT and General PTA meeting Grades K-2 – 5:30-6:30 pm & Grades 3-5 –7:00 – 8:00 pm

OCTOBER

October 5	After School Enrichment begins (continues for 6 weeks on Tuesdays)
October 11	NO SCHOOL: Student Holiday/Planning and Development
October 12	After School Enrichment
October 18	7:00 pm Lay Advisory Board Meeting, Moody Middle School
October 19	After School Enrichment
October 19	6:00 pm PTA Board Meeting, 7:00 pm grade level program
October 22	JDES Reflections Deadline: Theme: “Together We Can”
October 26	After School Enrichment
October 28	Book Fair Begins and runs through November 5th
October 30	Dolphin Fund Campaign Ends

NOVEMBER

November 1-4	Elementary Evening Parent Visitation (days and times TBA)
November 2	NO SCHOOL: Student Holiday/Planning & Development
November 5	8:30 am Reflections program
November 5	Book Fair Ends
November 9	After School Enrichment
November 11	Half-Day Student Holiday/Half-Day Planning & Development
November 16	After School Enrichment ends
November 16	6:00 pm Lay Advisory Board Meeting, Highland Springs High School
November 16	6:00 pm PTA Board Meeting, 7:00 pm grade level program
November 23	After School Enrichment (make up day)
November 24	Half-Day Student/Staff Holiday
November 25-26	NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Holidays

DECEMBER

December 20-31	No PTA meeting this month NO SCHOOL: Winter Break
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Notice of 2009-2010 audit
 Beginning Balance (July 1, 2009): 17,192.69
 Receipts/Credits: \$ 69,400.14
 Expenses: \$69,679.29
 Balance on hand (June 30, 2010): 16,913.54

The audit and projected budget can be viewed in the PTA notebook in the office after September 15.