



# Newsletter

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Ms. Alessi's website: <https://sites.google.com/northampton-k12.us/mindfulnessatjss>

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## MESSAGE FROM MS. AGNA



### THE GIVING TREE – STILL AND AGAIN!

The annual Giving Tree is up in the front hallway outside the office – please bring canned and nonperishable foods for under the tree and gloves, hats, mittens, and scarves to decorate it. The tree will be up through January. We will bring the food collection and the hats and scarves to the Northampton Survival Center and keep the gloves and mittens for extras that we always need at our school!

And donations to the JSS PTO Emergency Fund are ALWAYS welcome! Checks made out to the JSS PTO and Emergency Fund in the memo line are just great.

THANK YOU ALL for the donations of food, clothing, gifts for families AND money for our PTO Emergency Fund – every one of these are much appreciated by all who benefit from them and serve to reward those who give as well!

### UNIDENTIFIED GIFTS

Unfortunately, when I got home on Friday, Dec. 20, I found two gifts that must have gotten separated from names/cards – they are a rainbow ornament, in a Kestrel box and a crocheted veggie/produce bag. PLEASE, if you gave me these, let me know! Thank you!

### NEW SAFETY PLAN

Based on your questions, I want you to know that the doors are alarmed to address the safety concerns brought by staff when a weakness in our security measures was revealed. We learned that a door had been propped open and not immediately discovered. The experience at Northampton High School, which also has alarmed doors, has shown that alarming exterior doors that are locked during the day is an effective way of keeping them shut so that all staff and students within the building are safe.

And to help with the dismissal procedures through Door C, we are designating the area on the blacktop closest to the garden (butterfly shed) as the waiting area for Kindergarten families.

Thank you so much for your ongoing help and cooperation.

HAPPY THREE KINGS DAY to all who will be celebrating!

Yours gratefully and respectfully,

*Gwen Agna*  
Gwen Agna

## **PTO MEETING, Wednesday 1/8**

Come join JSS community members and caregivers next Wednesday from 6:30-8pm in the library. Learn more about Rebeca Alessi's role at JSS as she shares her mindfulness, yoga, and social emotional work and what that looks and feels like for our students. (Comfortable clothing encouraged!) Hear Ms. Agna's principal's update, participate in break-out task-oriented groups, and find out how you can help with our school's biggest fundraiser of the year, our Swing Into Spring annual auction.

Childcare and snacks provided!

Can't make the meeting, but want to lend a hand? Have a new idea you'd like to propose for JSS? Email the leadership team! jacksonstreetpto@gmail.com

*-Ashley, Beth, Johanna, and Marta*

## **INTERNATIONAL NIGHT!**

Regine, Youme and JSS invite all who are interested in organizing an International Night Celebration at Jackson Street School to meet in January. Questions? Suggestions? Please contact Youme 305-632-4883 and/or email youmeland@gmail.com. ! Opportunities to participate in any way that works for you!

## **Calling All Kid-loving Craft Folks!**

Our annual Swing Into Spring Silent Auction needs you! Each year JSS students participate in a volunteer led collaborative art project. This project is then auctioned off at our annual fundraiser. If you would love a chance to work inside a JSS classroom to help facilitate an art project please email:

jacksonstreetauction@gmail.com or see Ashley Miller for more information.

## **JANUARY COFFEE & HOT CHOCOLATE ORDERS DUE!**

Have you tried our delicious JSS coffee & hot cocoa? Our JSS coffee blends and cocoa are fair-trade, organic and from local coffee roaster, Deans Beans. JSS earns a few dollars from each item sold, money that helps provide supplies and learning experiences for all JSS students. Orders may be placed as needed, or you may submit a standing monthly order.

January orders are due by Monday, January 6th at 9:00am, and will be delivered on Friday, January 10th. You may place orders via email, or by sending the attached order form in to the office. Email to place an order or with questions: Beth Maurer - jssvolunteers@gmail.com

## **River Valley Co-Op Gift Card Orders Due**

Do you frequent the River Valley Co-Op? Support the PTO and

Jackson Street School by buying grocery gift cards! JSS PTO receives 10% of the value of each card to support the school. Gift cards cost and are worth their face value- you pay NO extra money! Buy as many as you want in \$50 or \$100 increments.

January orders are due Monday, January 6th by 9am. Cards will be available for pick up on Friday, January 10th. Submit attached order form and payment to the school office each month or email order to the PTO

Questions: email jacksonstreetpto@gmail.com

## **Lost & Found - Last Chance!**

The Lost & Found is filled to capacity with jackets, sweat-shirts, boots, hats, gloves/mittens, water bottles, reusable bags and more! Please come take a look to see whether any of the items belong to your family. All items will be donated to The Village Closet on Friday, January 3, 2020

## **ROBOTICS TEAM**

The JSS Robotics team still has a few spots available for this year's build. Students in grades 1-4 may participate. We plan to start meeting in January, after school Fridays, in the library at JSS. If you are interested, please contact us at either arsenault1@gmail.com or keith.w.miller@gmail.com. Be aware that the original flyer incorrectly supplied Keith Miller's email address (in case you did not receive an expected reply).

## **HOLA**

There is NO HOLA on Thursday January 2. Classes will start up after vacation on Tuesday 1/7. There will be a make up class on Tuesday 2/11 for the snow day.

Donations needed for HOLA

Any of the following items. Please bring to box labeled HOLA donations in the office.

Fabric  
Ribbons  
Lace  
Ball bearings  
dominos  
toy cars  
funnels

Thank you!!

Ms. BG

## **Vote for the JSS PTO for the Customer Choice Community Grant!**

Florence Bank customers can vote for Jackson Street School for the Customers' Choice Community Grants. Deadline to vote is December 31. Anyone who has an account gets a vote, even kids! Please share with friends, family, and neighbors who

bank at Florence Savings bank and ask them to vote for Jackson Street PTO! You can vote online at <https://www.florencebank.com/vote> and enter “Jackson Street School PTO” in the organization name! Ballots are also available at every Florence Savings Bank branch and in the JSS office!

The money we receive from the Community Choice Grants help fund all the amazing community activities the PTO supports like ice cream socials, school dances, science night, and so much more!

## **Snow Shovels Still Available! Sales Benefit Nature’s Classroom 2020**

Thanks to the generous donation of a longtime JSS supporter, we have 30 snow shovels to sell. Proceeds will benefit the Nature’s Classroom 2020 trip (this year’s 4th graders). Lightweight, medium and heavy duty shovels available. Contact Andrea Doehne to order, or with questions: [a.doehne@gmail.com](mailto:a.doehne@gmail.com)

## **IN THE NEWS**

 **MESSAGE FROM HANNAH KARPMAN:** We just got word that Eloise (in 1st grade) will be on the January 5th episode of Kids Say the Darndest Things. Apparently, there is a segment called “fun facts with Eloise”. As I imagine she learned many of these fun facts at school, please share with anyone you think would enjoy watching! Happy holidays to everyone at JSS!

## **Winter at Audubon**

### **Winter Wildlife**

Saturday, Jan. 11 10:00am - 12:00pm

For families with children 5 and up

\$6 members, \$8 non-members (per person)

Winter is upon us, and we humans adapt by wearing warm clothing and turning up the heat indoors. But what about wild animals? How do they survive the cold temperatures, snow, and ice? Learn the strategies that some of our native wildlife use. Each family will make a “jello creature,” insulate it, and hide it outside to see if it survives or freezes! We’ll conclude by warming up with a cup of hot chocolate and talk about what worked, and why. **DRESS TO BE OUTDOORS.**

### **OWL MOON**

Saturday, Jan. 18 5:00-7:00pm

For families with children 5 and up

\$8 members, \$10 non-members (per person)

Come see a magical shadow puppet presentation of Jane Yolen’s classic book *Owl Moon*, and learn about the seven native owl species in Massachusetts. After the show we’ll take a walk in the dark brisk winter woods to call for owls. After the walk, we’ll return indoors to warm up with a cup of hot chocolate and a snack.

Registration required for both events: 584-3009

<https://www.massaudubon.org/get-outdoors/wildlife-sanctuaries/arcadia>

Also- check for information about the February Vacation Camp.

# **MARK YOUR CALENDAR – We're always adding new dates so keep checking. PLEASE check the Northampton Public Schools website for district calendar updates.**

Parents Hour in the Family Center the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, from 9-10AM, beginning Wed. Sept. 4. The JSS PTO meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

The Walking School Bus (Fall & Spring) – Ms. Agna alternates on Fridays around 8:10AM between the bike path (starting behind Stop and Shop) and Hampshire Heights, starting at the bottom of the hill near the CVS plaza.

- Wed. Jan. 8 PTO Meeting 6:30-8pm JSS Library
- Thurs. Jan. 16 2:15PM All-school Assembly: Honoring MLK, Jr.
- Fri. Jan. 17 NO SCHOOL for students – Staff/Faculty Work Day
- Mon. Jan. 20 NO SCHOOL – MLK, Jr. Day
- Sat. Jan. 25 JSS Variety Show
- Fri. Jan. 31 KDG Progress Report Cards go home  
HOLA Session ends 2/11
- Fri. Feb. 7 9:10AM All-school assembly – TBA
- Wed. Feb. 12 PTO Meeting 6:30-8pm JSS Library
- Mon. Feb. 17-Fri. Feb. 21 NO SCHOOL – WINTER RECESS
- Thurs. Mar. 6 All-school assembly 9:50AM – TBA
- Wed. Mar. 11 PTO Meeting 6:30-8pm JSS Library
- Thurs. Mar. 12 JSS Annual Film Festival 6pm
- Fri. Mar. 13 Staff/Faculty Work (1/2) Day – dismissal at 12:20PM
- Fri. Mar. 20 Grade 1-5 Progress Report Cards go home
- Fri. Mar. 27 Annual Swing Into Spring School Auction
- Fri. Apr. 3 10:30AM All-school Assembly: JFK Jazz Band performance  
JSS Annual Science Night
- Wed. Apr. 8 PTO Meeting 6:30-8pm JSS Library
- Mon. Apr. 20-Fri. Apr. 24 – NO SCHOOL – SPRING RECESS
- Wed. May 13 PTO Meeting 6:30-8pm JSS Library
- Fri. May 15 zStaff/Faculty Work (1/2) Day – dismissal at 12:20PM
- Mon. May 25 NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day
- Thurs. May 28 2:00PM KDG students host our JSS Grads (tentative date)
- Wed. Jun. 10 PTO Meeting 6:30-8pm JSS Library
- Fri. June 12 180th Day – potential last day of school unless there are no snow days to make up  
9:15AM All-school Assembly: Ms. Agna reads “A Fine Fine School”

**ALL GRADES PROGRESS REPORT CARDS GO HOME ON THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**



# Jackson Street School 2019-2020 Grocery Card Fundraiser

Do you frequent the River Valley Co-Op?  
Support the PTO and Jackson Street School  
by buying grocery gift cards!

Jackson Street School PTO receives  
**10%** of the value of each card to support  
the school.

Gift cards cost and are worth their face value-  
you pay **NO** extra money!

Buy as many as you want in \$50 or \$100  
increments.

Submit order form and payment to the school  
office each month or email order to the PTO

Questions: email [jacksonstreetpto@gmail.com](mailto:jacksonstreetpto@gmail.com)

Order Schedule 2019-2020	
Due	Pick Up
Mon. 9/16	Fri. 9/20
Mon. 10/7	Fri. 10/11
Mon. 11/4	Fri. 11/8
Mon. 12/2	Fri. 12/6
Mon. 1/6	Fri. 1/10
Mon. 2/3	Fri. 2/7
Mon. 3/2	Fri. 3/6
Mon. 4/6	Fri. 4/10
Mon. 5/4	Fri. 5/8
Mon. 6/1	Fri. 6/5

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email or Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Check (to JSS PTO) Enclosed  
 Please Charge My Credit Card  *Please make this my standing monthly order* \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cash Enclosed

Fill In # Quantity: \_\_\_ \$50 gift card \_\_\_ \$100 gift card Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MC or Visa #: \_\_\_\_\_ 3 digit code (on back): \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_





# Jackson Street School

## 2019-2020

### Recaudación de fondos de la tarjeta de comestibles

Ayuda al PTO y a la Jackson Street School comprando tarjetas de regalo de supermercado a River Valley Coop

El PTO de Jackson Street School recibe del **10%** del valor de cada tarjeta de regalo para apoyar a la escuela.

Las tarjetas de regalo cuestan y valen su valor nominal: usted no paga **NINGÚN** dinero extra.

Compre tantos como desee en incrementos de \$50 o \$100.

Traiga su formulario de pedido y el pago a la oficina de la escuela cada mes. Las tarjetas estarán (las fechas se enumeran a la derecha).

Si tiene alguna pregunta por favor contacte a JSS PTO en [jacksonstreetpto@gmail.com](mailto:jacksonstreetpto@gmail.com)

#### HORARIO DE PEDIDO 2019-2020

LA FECHA TOPE	DIA DE LA ENTRAGO
L 9/16	V 9/20
L 10/7	V 10/11
L 11/4	V 11/8
L 12/2	V 12/6
L 1/6	V 1/10
L 2/3	V 2/7
L 3/2	V 3/6
L 4/6	V 4/10
L 5/4	V 5/8
L 6/1	V 6/5

Nombre: \_\_\_\_\_ Fecha: \_\_\_\_\_

Teléfono o Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ El cheque adjunto (to JSS PTO)

Nombre del estudiante: \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ dinero adjunto

# cartas: \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$100 Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Por favor cargue mi tarjeta de crédito

MC or Visa #: \_\_\_\_\_

3 número código de seguridad (dorso de la tarjeta) \_\_\_\_\_

Nombre en la tarjeta: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. (mes/año): \_\_\_\_\_

Dirección en la tarjeta: \_\_\_\_\_

Firma: \_\_\_\_\_

