



## JACKSON STREET SCHOOL PTO NEWSLETTER

October 2021

**“Let us put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children” – Sitting Bull**

### **CURRENT & UPCOMING EVENTS!**

- National Principals Month, October
- Coffee/Hot Chocolate & River Valley Gifts Card Orders Due, Thursday, November 4
- Monthly JSS PTO Meeting, Wednesday, November 10, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Zoom
- First Annual JSS Walkathon, Sunday, November 14, 1-4pm, @JSS
- Coffee Hour, Thursday, November 18, 8:00am @JSS under the cafeteria tents
- Giving Tuesday, Tuesday, November 30 – all day

### **National Principals Month – October**

Ok, it's late in October, but not too late to share how much we appreciate our principal, Lauren Brown! It's a great time to send a note or share in-person how much you appreciate all she does!

On behalf of JSS PTO:

*Thank you, Lauren! — for being such a true source of inspiration, resilience and hope during these trying times— always advocating for our children, teachers, staff, caregivers and community — we celebrate and appreciate you so much!!*

### **Monthly JSS PTO Meeting – November 10**

There's nowhere you'd rather be on Wednesday, November 10 at 6:30pm than on the JSS PTO zoom. Please join us for an update from Lauren, outdoor classroom proposal vote, open forum with school committee members, budget update, discussion on other hot topics and new ideas to support JSS. Missed a prior meeting, no problem: [PTO Meeting Minutes — Jackson Street PTO \(jsspto.org\)](https://www.jsspto.org)

### **First Annual JSS Walkathon – November 14**

Come join your JSS community to raise FUN for some great local causes on Sunday, November 14. Grades K/1, 2/3, 4/5 will gather in one-hour increments to walk the JSS campus and vote on the cause they'd like their \$50 JSS PTO donation to go to. That's right, the PTO is making the donation! If you can't make your grade's time/s, join whichever you can! Connect with caregivers, get outdoors, exercise your body & mind and join your JSS community to support some fabulous local organizations! More details coming soon to a backpack near you. Hope to see you then!

### **Giving Tuesday – November 30**

Looking for the right time to give to JSS? Add JSS to your 2021 giving? Giving Tuesday is coming up.

## **WAYS TO SUPPORT JSS**

Your voice is so important. We want to hear from you to keep our efforts aligned best with what JSS needs! [Email](#), send a note [Contact — Jackson Street PTO \(jsspto.org\)](mailto:Contact — Jackson Street PTO (jsspto.org)), join a coffee hour, say hello at drop off/pick-up...

Your time and/or donations contribute to an enriched environment at our school and our community!

- [Amazon Smile](#) – Use this [link](#) to have Amazon donate 0.5% of your Amazon purchase(s) to JSS
- [Direct Donation PDF](#) or [Donate via PayPal](#) – Contribute anytime, any amount
- River Valley Co-op [Grocery Cards](#) – Turn your next shopping trip into a JSS donation
- [JSS Coffee and Hot Chocolate](#) – Feel the joy of supporting JSS with every sip you take – next orders due 11/4 or set up recurring monthly orders!!

Excited to get involved? Whether you have an hour to lend, want to join a PTO Team that's close to your heart or are just interested in hearing more about any/all projects – every effort helps!

- [Volunteer Sign-up](#) – tell us what you'd be interested in, what team(s) you'd like to join!

## **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to our amazing JSS principal (it's National Principals Month!), teachers, staff, caregivers and supporters near and far for all you do every day!

Highlights of how the PTO is helping JSS thrive in 2021:

- > Walk, Bike, Roll to School Day < > Virtual Book Fair < > Coffee Hour < > Walking Program Restart <
- > Retiree Garden Stones for Mrs. PJ and Mr. Adams < > All School Assembly Books < > Yoga Mats <
- > Emergency Gift Cards for Families < > Spare Socks & Undies < > Teacher & Staff Reimbursements <

Keep sharing and putting our minds together - there is so much we can continue to accomplish ahead!

Have a safe end of October (and early November), stay well!

2021 – 2022 PTO Leadership Team

Amy Thompson, co-treasurer  
Emmett Troxel, communications  
Marta Blyth, co-treasurer  
Rebecca Greenberg, co-chair  
Roz Chapman, co-chair

## **QUESTIONS/IDEAS**

- Email [JacksonStreetPTO@gmail.com](mailto:JacksonStreetPTO@gmail.com)
- Call/Text 413.341.4277

## **INFORMATION/FOLLOW US**

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- Facebook [www.facebook.com/jacksonstreetpto/](https://www.facebook.com/jacksonstreetpto/)
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**Retiree Garden Stones for Mrs. PJ and Mr. Adams**

Visit the JSS garden to see the stones in recognition of their years at JSS.

