

James Franklin Smith PTA Newsletter

October 2008

PTA Calendar

November

- 11th No School, Veteran's Day
- 17th Fall Book Fair begins
- 18th Board Meeting (6:15)
- 19th Conference Day
- 19th Cherrydale product pickup day
- 26th – 28th Thanksgiving Holidays

December

- 12th Celebrate the Holidays Event
- 16th Board Meeting (6:15)
- 17th Barnes & Noble Story Time
(With Mr. Hodgin Master Story Teller)
- 22nd-2nd Winter Break

January

- 13th Board Meeting (6:15)
- 14th General Association Meeting 8:15am
- 19th No School, Martin Luther King Day

February

- 6th Dinner/Auction Event
- 16th-20th No School, President's Break
- 23rd Jump Rope for Heart
- 24th Board Meeting

March

- 17th Board Meeting (6:15)
- 18th General Association Meeting 8:15am
- 27th Multi-Cultural Night
- TBA Spring Book Fair/Open House

April

- 10th-17th No School, Spring Break
- 21st Board Meeting (6:15)
- 22nd General Ass. Meeting 8:15am (Elections)
- 23rd Open House/ Spring Book Fair
- 27th Staff Appreciation Week Begins
- 29th Staff Appreciation Luncheon

May

- 12th Board Meeting (6:15)
- 15th Walk-A-Thon and Carnival
- 25th No School, Memorial Day

June

- 9th Last Board Meeting
- 12th Last Day of School

Upcoming Events

Winter Festival

December 12, 2008 at 6:30 P.M.

Come and join us for this years Winter Festival program. Children will be singing & dancing in front of an audience. The best two performers will perform at Barnes & Noble. If you would like to volunteer or get more information contact Vicky Pascual VPas121798@yahoo.com or Laura Appleby LauraApplby@yahoo.com

Fall Book Fair

It's time again for JFS Fall BOOK Fair! Classroom Previews are on the 12th, 13th, and 14th. We'll be open for sales the week of the 17th through the 21st. Book Fair will remain open during **Conference Day on the 19th**. We will be open most days from 9am until 2:45pm (Thu. from 9 until 1:00pm). Please join us in supporting literacy at school and at home! If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Amy Weiss at amy@jmhweiss.com.

New JFS PTA Website

Check out the PTA website at www.eesd.org/jfs or directly at www.jfs-pta.org. We will try and update this new website frequently.

Under The Tuscan Moon At the beautiful Ranch Golf Club February 6th, 2009

JFS PTA presents "Under the Tuscan Moon" at the beautiful Ranch Golf Club. We will have dinner, live auction, huge silent auction including classroom basket, gift certificates from local companies and the always popular "teacher times". **Tickets will go on sale early January at \$55/each.** There are lots of jobs involved in making this event a success. If you would like to help contact Sharon at Sharon@bennettwebs.com

The kid's only **Pizza Bash** is going to be held at that same night at the JFS Multiuse room with the YMCA in charge. There will be lots of games, crafts, snacks and prizes for the kids too. Parents must be attending the dinner in order for their school age children to attend this popular event.

PTA is looking for sponsors for this event.

PTA News & Information

Cherrydale Fundraiser

Thanks to our wonderful parents for supporting our Cherrydale Fundraiser. We have already collected more than \$20,000 in orders and anticipate even more. If you have ordered Cherrydale Cookie dough, pick up date is **11/19 (conference day) between 3pm to 7pm from JFS Multiuse room.**

Reflection Program 2008-2009

This year's theme is "Wow!" All completed works are due by October 27th. Pick up your information packet and applications from the office. For more information contact Noreen Hussain at Noreen@mac.com.

Beautification Day

Planting Day was a Great Success! This years Beautification day was bigger and better than ever. More than 40 volunteers made the planting day a success. Thanks to Mr. Hodgin and Williams Family for tilling and preparing all the beds on the weekend before! Thank you volunteers! A special thanks to Susan Williams for Chairing the event.

Measure T: Parcel Tax for ESD

If passed, the measure T will:

- *Maintain class sizes at 1 teacher for every 20 students in k through 3rd grade.
- *Restore art and music programs.
- *Enhance science and math instruction.
- *Ensure adequate student supervision and at all schools through appropriate staffing.

Please VOTE YES on Measure T

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Membership/Pledge Drive Update

So far we have 266 new PTA members and have collected a total of \$24,350.00 in donations for our pledge drive. Thank you so much to all the families who have made donations to our pledge drive. They are:

The Ahmed Family	The Ahn Family
The Ahuja Family	The An Tran Family
The Anandkumars Family	The Antonio Family
The Bennett Family	The Bhagavatha Family
The Black Family	The Brandon Tran Family
The Black/ Nguyen Family	The Caris Family
The Bui, Amy Family	The Cai Family
The Cao Family	The Castelblanco Family
The Chaney Family	The Chang Family
The Shis-Chang Family	The Chen Family
The Cherniss Family	The Chiu Family
The Chitkara Family	The Coburn Family
The Jenny Dang Family	The Hieu Dang Family
The Davis Family	The Day Family
The Denny/Casquinha Family	
The Desai Family	The DeVore Family
The Dinh/ Duong Family	The Dunkley Family
The Duong Family	The Fung Family
The Ebreo Family	The Fowler Family
The Gao/ Peng Family	The Halaharivi Family
The Gupta Family	The Ha Family
The Hanlon Family	The Hatton Family
The Hidzick Family	The Ho Family
The Hoang Family	The Hsu Family
The Hu Family	The Huong Nguyen Family
The Hodgkinson Family	The Hwan Family
The Hussain Family	The James Family
The Jo Family	The Kalahasti Family
The Jones Family	The Kallel Family
The Kannan Family	The Keny Family
The Kapoor Family	The Kartik Family
The Kasi Family	The Kasturi Family
The Khan Family	The Kim Family
The Kim/ Choi Family	The Lai Family
The Lao Family	The Lawson Family
The T. Le Family	The J. Le Family
The Le Family	The Lin-He Family
The L. Le Family	The Lin Family
The Lohia Family	The Lym Family
The Mageras Family	The Mathur Family
The Mandalam Family	The Mann Family
The Mathur Family	The McCombs Family
The Millard Family	The Mukund Family
The Naik/Desai Family	The Ngo Family
The Natt Family	The D. Nguyen Family
The H. Nguyen Family	The M.L. Nguyen Family
The M. Nguyen Family	The N. Nguyen Family
The T. Nguyen Family	The Y. Nguyen Family
The Odjegbu Family	The B. Pham Family
The H. Pham Family	The Prasad Family
The Pai Family	The Pham Family
The Piprottar Family	The Beth Pham Family
The Hoang Pham Family	The Quan Family
The Quian/ Wang Family	The Rajan Family
The Rallapalli Family	The Reddy Family
The Rebugio Family	The Roham Family
The Sanghvi Family	The Sanjeevaiah Family
The Sharkawy/Ragab Family	The Parsons Family
The Sultana/ Ahmed Family	The Trang Family
The Saini Family	The Thich Family
The Thai Family	The Tran Family
The Thorbecke Family	The B. Tran Family
The A. Tran Family	The Tran/ Ha Family
The Tran/Bui Family	The Truong Family
The T. Tran Family	The Tuyet Nguyen Family
The Tsai Family	The Lan Tran Family
The Tran Nguyen Family	The Tria Family
The Trang Family	The Walsworth Family
The Van Besouw Family	The Vo Family
The Vallamkonda Family	The Yen Family
The Wilkinson Family	The Williams Family
The Weiss Family	The Yeddula Family
The Yaramada Family	

If your name is missing, please contact Tracy at gmtretreats@sbcglobal.net

JFS Room Parents

This year JF Smith is implementing a "Room Parent" system. Room Parents are widely used in most other schools and are an important person in the lives of the children and the teachers that they help. The PTA is trying to get this program up and running but we still have many teachers without a Room Parent volunteer.

A room parent is someone that offers to help the teacher with organizing a classroom list, classroom parties, field trips and general communications between the teacher and parents. That is not to say that you personally will do all these things but that you will be the main "go to person" for that class. Your teacher may have other or different things they need help with.

Please consider supporting your teacher by become a Room Parent.

We still need Room parents for the following classes:

Mrs.Beier	Mrs.Acosta
Mrs. Legrande	Mrs.Hunter
Mrs. Cacciaroni	Mrs.Alexander/Holmes
Ms. Soares.	

New this Year: Holiday Gift Card Sales

This year the PTA will be selling gift cards at face value. We will offer more than 20 retailers, including Borders, Barnes & Noble, Starbucks, AMC theaters, Chili's, Macy's and American Eagle Outfitter. We will order our cards through the Great Lakes Scrip Center, which gives us a discount on all the gift cards. The difference between the face value and the cost of the card will go into our general PTA funds. We have selected cards that appeal to our local population, and ones that give us at least a 7% discount, with the exception of Safeway and Lucky supermarkets (they give us less, but you can also register your store cards with escrip and get double the rewards!).

More information will come home in November (orders will be due Dec. 1 in order for gift cards to be delivered by Dec. 15th), but we wanted to give you a heads up so you can buy your gift cards from us! If you have any questions, please contact Brandi Sosa at brandisosa@netscape.net.

After School Activity Update

Thanks to Erika Millard children are now enjoying the following activities at JFS after school:
Monday-Flag football & cheerleading 2:20-3:20
Wednesday- Yoga for Youth 2:20-3:20
Thursday- The first Tee (Golf) after school activity.

There is still space available in the Flag Football and Cheerleading classes. The next for Flay and Cheer is on Monday November 1st. You can find sign up sheets in the office.

Join our Yahoo Group!

Join our Yahoo PTA group - an easy way to stay informed. Follow the easy directions on our new website. You can choose how often you want to receive emails from the group or simply visit and peruse the topics when you want to. Contact Brandi Sosa at brandisosa@netscape.net if you need help!