

James Franklin Smith PTA Newsletter

February/March 2009

PTA Calendar

March

27th Multi-Cultural Night

April

10th-17th No School, Spring Break
21st Board Meeting (6:15)
22nd General Meeting 8:15am (Elections)
23rd Open House
27th Staff Appreciation Week begins

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

Under the Tuscan Moon Update

The PTA would like to thank everyone who sponsored, contributed, volunteered, and attended the first annual Under the Tuscan Moon dinner/auction! We raised over \$24,000 that will directly impact our children's education. Computers have already been purchased for the upper grade classrooms. It was truly inspiring to see so many people get involved for such a great cause. We have some wineglasses left over so if you didn't get yours or would like to get extras (for a small donation) contact Sharon at sharon@bennettwebs.com

Thanks again to all the teachers, families, and businesses that donated items for the auction. A special thanks to our great sponsors: McDonalds (Stacey Henley), Albin Engineering, Daimyo Chen of New York Life, Loretta Mosley of Intero Real Estate, and Dr. Tillmans/Freeman Orthodontic.

Spring Book Fair

The Spring Book Fair has been a great success. Thank you all the parent volunteers for making it possible. This time around we took most of our profit in books, which meant each teacher was able to get new books for their classrooms.

Upcoming Events

Multicultural Night

Friday, March 27th

If you are interested in helping out contact: Rubina at rubinaahmed@yahoo.com or Sulaxa at sulaxa_pai@hotmail.com

JFS PTA Presents
7th Annual Multicultural Night
And Potluck Dinner
Friday, March 27th 2009

Program

- ◆ *Door opens at 6:00 PM*

Check in

Food Labeling:

Please bring an appetizer, main dish or dessert to serve at least 20 people.

The food must be brought in a disposable container.

All dishes must be labeled with main ingredients.

- ◆ *6:00-6:45 Booth time*

Participating countries: Assyria, Bangladesh, China, Guam, India, Italy, Iran, Pakistan, Sweden, France, Mexico, Nigeria, Lebanon, Netherlands, Thailand, Vietnam, Japan, Peru, Korea, Philippines, UK & USA.

- ◆ *Dinner 6:45- 7:45*

- ◆ *Parade 7:45*

- ◆ *PTA President's address 7:55*

- ◆ *Performances 8:00*

*Violin ensemble by Richard Grant
& his students -5 min*

- ◆ **Dance from:**

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| 1. India | 7. Philippines |
| 2. China | 8. Peru |
| 3. Nigeria | 9. Iran |
| 4. Bangladesh | 10. Mexico |
| 5. Korea | 11. Japan |
| 6. Pakistan | |

Come dressed in your native clothing!

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PTA's 2009/2010 Board Members

At our last General Association meeting we named our nominees for the incoming board for the 2009/2010 school year. They are:

Co-Presidents: Sharon Bennett and Sujana Mukund
Vice President: Loretta Mosley
Secretary: Sumathi Venkatapathy
Treasurer: Mohan Kumar
Parliamentarian: Sheri Roham
Co-Communications: Lisa Day and Tracy Wilkinson
Historian: Romina Ahuja
Auditor: Wajeeha Khan

Elections for these positions will take place at our next General Association meeting on April 22nd and the teacher representatives will be announced at the beginning of the school year.

We would like to thank all of the parents that have stepped up to fill these board positions. With a tough financial year ahead for schools, the role of the PTA becomes that much more important in helping provide the additional resources the school needs to continue to provide non-stop education to our children.

Join our Yahoo group

Join our yahoo 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. Contact Brandi at brandisosa@netscape.net for help.

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.

Emergency Supplies Checklist

Can You Go It Alone for Three Days?

The first 72 hours after a major emergency or disaster are critical. Electricity, gas, water and telephones may not be working. Public safety services such as police and fire departments will be busy handling serious crises. You need to be prepared to be self-sufficient.

Useful Web Links:

Department of Homeland Security (www.ready.gov)
Red Cross (www.redcross.org)
Federal Emergency Management Agency
(www.fema.gov/pte/cfp.htm)

Keep on hand in a central location the following:

Essentials:

- Water – 1 gallon per person per day
- Water purification kit
- First aid kit and book
- Food
- Can opener
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Portable radio, flashlight and spare batteries
- Essential medications
- Extra pair of eye glasses
- Extra set of house and car keys
- Fire Extinguisher
- Food, water and restraint for pets
- Cash and change
- Baby supplies if appropriate

Sanitation Supplies:

- Large plastic trash bags for waste, use as tarps and rain ponchos
- Large trash cans
- Bar soap and liquid detergent
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Feminine hygiene supplies
- Toilet paper
- Household bleach

Safety and Comfort:

- Sturdy shoes and heavy gloves for clearing debris
- Candles and matches
- Light sticks
- Change of clothing
- Knife or Razor blades
- Garden hose for siphoning and firefighting
- Tent
- Communication kit; paper, pens, stamps

Cooking:

- Plastic utensils, cups and plates
- Paper towels
- Aluminum foil
- Camping stove for outdoor cooking. (Caution; before using fire to cook, make sure there are no gas leaks)

Tools and Supplies:

- Axe, shovel, broom
- Adjustable wrench for turning off gas
- Tool kit; screwdriver, pliers, hammer
- Coil of 1/2" rope
- Duct tape, staple gun and plastic sheeting for window replacement
- Bicycle and a city map