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President's Corner

Welcome Back!

First, I hope that everyone enjoyed a peaceful and restful winter break. I know our family was busy but had a great time with friends and family. It's a brand new year with lots of upcoming PTA events to look forward to. Don't forget to mark your calendar with our upcoming events and frequently check our website and Facebook page for updates.

Now my January message. I struggled with a topic for this month, and decided to write about what was close to my heart at this very moment. The past. I have recently been sorting through some of my old school work, class pictures, and yearbooks and took a walk down memory lane. It was a fun journey and pretty exciting to see a snapshot in time from one report card to another and from one bad haircut choice to another. I am not even going to comment on the choice of outfits for the time. One of my fondest memories were all the fun events I was able to attend or participate in at my schools. It might have been the school carnival, skate night, school reading program, science fair, dances, classroom parties or a special assembly. What I didn't realize while I was a student in elementary school was that the majority of these special events were not funded by the school themselves. They were mostly supplemental programs provided by the PTA with funds raised by our own families for us to enjoy. To top it off they were all put on by parent and community volunteers who gave of themselves selflessly to make our school a better and more fun place to be every day.

I challenge you to become part our Jenkins Creek community and get involved or connected in some way or another. Email your child's teacher to check progress, attend an evening school function. Volunteer at a PTA event or ask the office staff how you can help out in some way. Try to get plugged in, meet another parent or two and get to know your child's friends' names so you can have meaningful discussions with your child about their day. Create memories with and for your child of their school experience at Jenkins Creek, so they can fondly reminisce when they run across their 6th grade picture with the "what was I thinking" haircut and perfect :/ report cards.

Fondly,

Amie Collins
President
Jenkins Creek PTA

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 16th

MLK ASSEMBLY
9AM-10AM

January 19th

NO SCHOOL

January 23

FREE POPCORN

January 26th

NO SCHOOL

January 30th

STUDENT OF THE MONTH
PIZZA WITH THE PRINCIPAL

February 4th

LATE START

February 6th

POPCORN

February 9th – 13th

CONFERENCE WEEK
DISMISSAL AT 11:38

February 12th

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP PTA MEETING
7PM

February 16th – 20th

PRESIDENTS' BREAK-NO SCHOOL

VALENTINE CANDY GRAMS!!



Buy your PTA Valentine Candy Grams!
Parents may purchase for their students.

Teachers can order for their class, and students can surprise a friend! Candy grams will cost **\$.50 cents**. Order forms will be sent home on January 29th and will be due on February 9th. Orders will also be taken during lunch on February 3rd and 4th. Extra order forms can be found on our website: <http://www.weebly.com/weebly/main.php>

Candy grams will be delivered on Friday, February 13th.

The proceeds for this candy gram sale will benefit the PTA sponsored 6th grade celebration in June.



The Jenkins Creek Families collected over 500 food items which came to a total of 475lbs!

The food shelter said that would feed over 15 families for the holidays!

Way to Go!!

Staff Dinner

The PTA will once again be hosting a dinner for the Jenkins Creek staff on the late conference night during the week of February 9 - 13. Watch for more information about this and an opportunity to help out as the date gets closer.



Reflections Participants Honored



We held our Jenkins Creek school level Reflections Awards Ceremony during assembly on Friday, the day before our Winter Break. The following students were honored with Paw Pride Participation ribbons in addition to category/grade division placement ribbons.



Aurora Jo McCaffrey – JCPTA Reflections Chairpersons Golden PAW Award ‘If Everyone was Nice not Rude’

Rachel Ly – JCPTA Reflections Chairpersons Golden PAW Award ‘The American Flag’

Stephanie Phillips – Tied 1st Place Total Points by Division/Category ‘Helping to Keep the Earth Clean’

Virginia Belle McCaffrey – Tied 1st Place Total Points by Division/Category ‘The World Would be a Better Place If Nobody Littered’

Miroslava Shmalyukh - Honorable Mention, Visual Arts/ Middle ‘Think Before You Speak’

Yuliya Shmalyukh – Honorable Mention, Visual Arts/ Intermediate ‘Stop Bullying’

Kylee Mroos – 1st Place Photography/ Middle ‘Stop and Smell the Flowers’

Garrett Wickoren – 1st Place Photography/ Primary ‘Hands’

Saylor Dey Bigler – 1st Place Literature/ Intermediate ‘I Dream’

Congratulations to all who participated – way to ROAR!



Update – Kent Area Council PTA Reflections Results!

KACPTA has just announced their winners! Jenkins Creek has two entries that placed and are being considered to be advanced to the State level competition! **Congratulations Kylee Mroos and Garrett Wickoren.** These two students will be honored with plaques to commemorate their achievements at the KACPTA Annual Award Recognition Event held on 26th January, 2015

RECYCLING

Happy New Year, everyone!!!!!! I hope you are enjoying 2015 so far.

TERRACYCLE (Juice pouches, GoGo Squeeze pouches)

Total drink pouches collected since 3/2/2012: **36,312**

Total dollars earned: **\$675.13**

Total GoGo squeeze Pouches collected since 8/12/2013: **216**

Total dollars earned: **\$4.32**

I sent in a big box of Juice Pouches on January 7th. I will let you know when I have the totals from this shipment!

FUNDING FACTORY (recycling ink jet cartridges, toners, cell phones and small electronics):

Total dollars earned since 10/1/2012: **\$1119.30**

Total dollars earned DEC 2014: **\$8.60**

Total items submitted since 10/1/2012:

Small electronics: **1**

Cell phones: **169**

Ink jet cartridges: **336**

Toner Cartridges: **412**

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Thank you for your continued support!

Please continue to send in your small electronics, old cell phones, ink jet and toners, juice pouches and GoGo squeeze pouches from home!

Pizza with the Principal November Jaguar paw lunch winners!



Jenkins Creek PTA Cold Weather Clothing Drive

HUGE Thank you to everyone who donated items for the cold weather clothing drive.

We collected: **11 coats, 21 hats, 35 pair of gloves, 3 scarves, 2 pair of boots, 2 snow pants and 14 sweatshirts.**

These were delivered to the clothing bank on Friday Dec. 12th. Many families in the Kent school district will benefit from this donation.

Donations can be made to the Kent Area Council PTA clothing bank at any time. They accept new and gently used clothing of all sizes. The clothing bank is located on the west side of the Kent Phoenix Academy, 11000 SE 264th St. Kent. There are 2 large wooden bins outside the building to put your items into. If you can't deliver to the clothing bank, you may bring them the Jenkins Creek PTA room, marked "clothing bank" and we will make sure they are delivered.





R.O.A.R.



January theme: Princess and Knights/ Fairy Tales

The total minutes read in November were **92, 252 minutes with 168 students participating!** This is fabulous! **If you have not participated, it is NOT too late to start.** Simply keep track of your reading minutes on the ROAR calendar and turn it in at the beginning of the following month.

The raffle winner for November was Brianna from Mrs. Andrew's class. Congratulations! She won a certificate for \$10 worth of books/merchandise at the spring PTA sponsored Scholastic Book Fair.

Here is what some of our JC readers have read:

Jordynne read "There was an old Lady who swallowed a bat"

Madeline read "The Ice Cream Fairy"

Bileili read "Lion and Rabbit"

Laila read "Cat in the Hat"

Zoe read a Fancy Nancy book.

Martin read "Trouble at the Arcade"

Benjamin read "Best of the Best Count Down -WWII"

Jaylynn read "Ungifted"

Evan read "Chomp"

Korbin read "One and only Ivan"

To see what other JC students are reading check out the back of the January R.O.A.R. calendar.

Extra calendars can be found on the R.O.A.R. bulletin or on the JC PTA website.

What will be *your* next reading adventure?

Box Tops



Keep sending in your box tops!
We are collecting them all year long.
Each box top is worth .10 cents to our school.

Yearbook

Got Pictures?



Attention all photo bugs! Have you been taking pictures at Jenkins Creek parties or events? Submit your pictures now by email or disk to Kimberley Lackey, to be included in this year's yearbook. Disks can be turned into the PTA office marked yearbook.

Email pictures to bnklackey@yahoo.com.

Big Idea Campaign



In 2014, the PTA put out a request for new and big ideas at Jenkins Creek Elementary. We were looking for new ideas on how to support the school with all of the fundraising done during the school year. Below are some of the suggestions we received that have already been implemented:

- Incentive Program to promote and recognize positive behavior: Jenkins Creek implemented a program at the beginning of the year in 2014 with the Jaguar paw program. Kids are recognized by any staff member throughout the school day for being safe, responsible, respectful and kind. Mr. Jackson then selects a few names each day to come down and receive a small prize from him. And once a month, the Jenkins Creek PTA sponsors "Pizza with the Principal" also for the kids who have received jaguar paws during the month.
- More Science Assemblies or Programs: More Science Assemblies or Programs: The Jenkins Creek PTA has been able to bring Science on Wheels to the school for assemblies for the past few years around the same time we launch the PTA sponsored Science Fair. This year we're having the Science on Wheels do an expanded all-day event called Space Odyssey, which includes an assembly like before, in-classroom science lessons, a hands-on exhibit area where kids can play with fun stuff, and inflatable planetariums.
- Fill Your Bucket - Promote Student Enrichment: This was implemented by the Jenkins Creek PTA in the fall of 2014. Each classroom was provided a colorful bucket and 4 to 6 times a year the PTA fills it with something for the students and/or the classroom. Then these buckets are delivered to each classroom. Some of the items the PTA has used to "fill your bucket" this school year have been - jaguar pride pencils with pencil top erasers, candy canes and fruit snacks.

We also received ideas that the Big Idea Committee is currently reviewing. We are trying to determine if each idea is something the PTA can do and what the cost involved would be. We will then bring these ideas to the general membership to vote on how to spend the money. Here are the ideas we are currently researching:

- Replacing the outdoor tables outside the Jenkins Creek staff lunchroom.
- Purchase a stencil of the United States with the state capitals and have it painted on the blacktop on the playground.
- Purchase a new alphabet text for the workroom Cricut machine
- Purchase a new alphabet and/or shapes for the die-cut in the school workroom.
- Bring a dramatic performance to the school.

Do you have any new ideas for the Jenkins Creek PTA? Do you have an idea for a new project, idea or event? Let us know. Please email one of the executive board members, stop one of us in the school halls or outside the school and let us know. There are also Big Idea forms located outside the PTA room for you to submit your ideas. We look forward to hearing from you.



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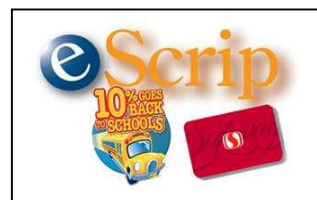
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