



Jeffreys Grove Magnet | PTA NEWSLETTER

Monday, January 20th 2020

Jeffreys Grove families,

Thank you to everyone who came to the Spirit Night at the Triangle Rock Club last night; and a special **thank you to Coach Smith and Mrs. White** for coming out to climb with the kids! Everyone I talked to said this was their favorite Spirit Night, so we will definitely do this one again! In addition to getting some exercise with their friends, the kids helped raise \$585!

ALICIA UPDATE

Pictures & Video

Sandy Everett of [Sandy Everett Photography](#), and JG parent, took hundreds of pictures of the show, and she didn't even have a child in the production! **THANK YOU, Sandy!** A link will be available in next week's newsletter for parents to view/download pictures at **NO COST**; Thank you again, Sandy!! I've seen some of the pictures, and they are amazing!

We will keep you posted on DVD delivery. (We are currently collecting videographer quotes for next year, if you know a videographer who might be interested, please forward their information.)



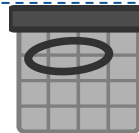
From the desk of... **Principal Ventura!**

The magnet application window **for non-base** families **closes** on Thursday, **January 30th**.

[Click Here](#) to learn more.

If you have any questions concerning the Magnet Application process, please contact Odry Melendez, our new Magnet Coordinator at omelendezmorel@wcpss.net.

[Click here](#) for past newsletters from Mrs. Ventura.



Save the Date!

January 28th - PTA Meeting; Media Center 6:00pm

[Click Here](#) to register for **childcare** during the meeting.

January 29th - Teacher Work Day; **NO SCHOOL**

February 10th - 14th - Staff Appreciation Week

Stay up to date with our [MemberHub calendar](#).

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PTA Meeting

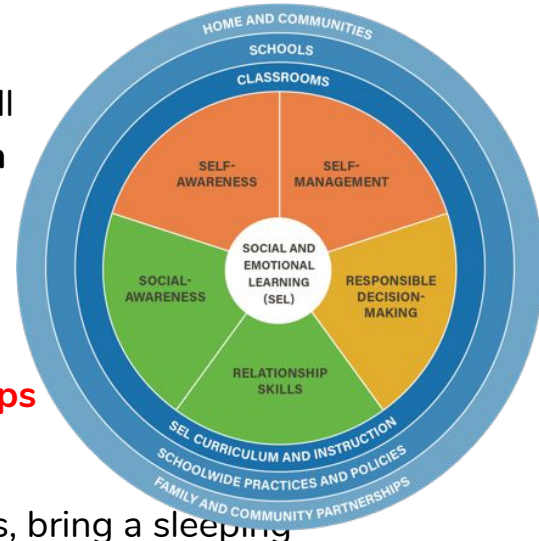
We hope you can join us on **Tuesday, January 28th** for the next PTA Meeting. We'll update you on what's happened up to this point, and what's in store for the remainder of the school year. **We'll also announce our Parents Night Out venue!**

We have two guest speakers; **Mrs. Jacobs, the Counselor** will present on Social Emotional Learning. **Mrs. White, the Media Center Specialist**, will discuss where we are with the library collection updates (Thank you for supporting Fun Run!) and how parents can continue to support the Media Center.

The PTA will also offer a **\$5 discount on all Book Sponsorships and Spirit Wear sales** at the PTA meeting.

Childcare will be provided. Kids are invited to come in PJ's, bring a sleeping bag/blanket, and stuffed animal, and enjoy popcorn and shorts in the Multipurpose room.

Please [Click Here](#) to sign up for childcare; this will help us plan for volunteers & popcorn.

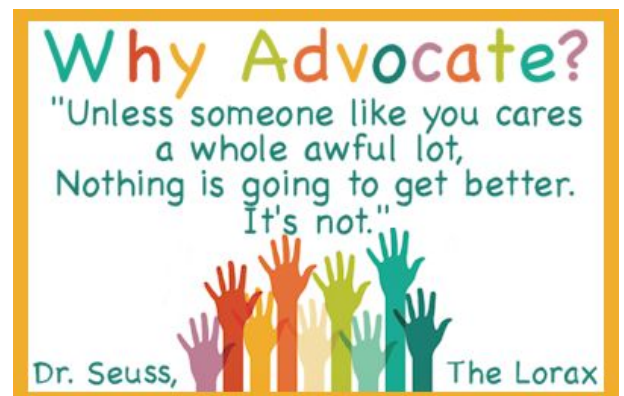


Advocacy

BAC Meeting

You are all invited to attend the third District 7 BAC (Board Advisory Council) Meeting is **Thursday, February 6, 6:30pm, at Hilburn Academy.**

The topic will be Social Emotional Learning including Community Resilience Model and Restorative Circles. Presenters will be Paul Koh, Assistant Superintendent of Student Support Services, Dr. Marrius Pettiford, Senior Director of Counseling and Student Services, and Principal Mariah Walker of Hilburn Academy. School Board Representative, Chris Heagarty, will update on current school board issues and seek feedback as appropriate.



Advocacy continued

Leandro School Funding case

A new report was released late last month that details how North Carolina has failed to meet its constitutional obligation to ensure a sound basic education for every child. It is a court-ordered report that's part of the 25 year school funding case known as "Leandro".

There is a coalition of groups, which includes NC PTA, that is working on how to message the key recommendations in this report to the varying stakeholder groups so that everyone is on board with asking our lawmakers to invest more in our public schools. At this time, we are making you aware of the situation and providing you with resources to learn more. We will share more information as it is made available.

"In 1994, five school districts in low-wealth counties along with families filed a lawsuit against the state (Leandro v. State of North Carolina) arguing that their school districts did not have enough money to provide an equal education for their children, despite the fact that they taxed their residents higher than average. Twenty-five years later, the Leandro case remains one of the biggest education policy issues in North Carolina — and those counties — Hoke, Halifax, Robeson, Vance, and Cumberland — which were among the lowest funded in the state, remain toward [the bottom of our rankings](#) in terms of their ability to support public schools on a per pupil basis."

For more history and background
[Click Here](#)

LEANDRO V. STATE OF NC

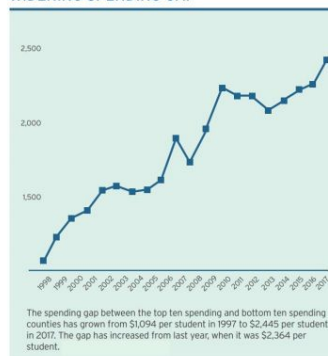


In 1994, five low-wealth school districts sued the State of North Carolina, arguing that students in these districts had been denied their right to an adequate education. Although the NC Supreme Court held in 1997 that the state constitution gives all NC students the right to a "sound, basic education," they also found in 2004 that in some cases, students were being denied that right. In 2017, the plaintiffs continued to argue that the State continued to deny this right to students in low-wealth counties. As a result, Judge Lee appointed WestEd, an independent consultant, to recommend ways for NC to comply with the initial Leandro ruling.

COUNTY-LEVEL SPENDING PER STUDENT (2016-17)



WIDENING SPENDING GAP



TIMELINE

1994

PLAINTIFFS ARGUED that the wealth of a child's family and the child's community should not determine the quality of that child's education

LAWSUIT FILED against State of NC by parents, children, and school districts in Hoke, Halifax, Robeson, Vance, and Cumberland Counties

1997

NC SUPREME COURT DECLARED that all students are entitled to receive a "sound basic education"

2002

THE LOWER COURT

found that the State of NC violated the students' right to a sound basic education and ordered the State to provide:

- "a competent, certified, well-trained teacher"
- "a well-trained competent principal"
- "the resources necessary to support the effective instructional program"

2004

NC SUPREME COURT UPHELD the lower court ruling and retained jurisdiction

2017

GOV. COOPER CREATED the Commission on Access to Sound Basic Education

JUDGE LEE APPOINTED WEST ED to study and recommend a plan to remedy the constitutional violation

PLAINTIFFS REQUESTED that Judge Lee appoint an independent consultant to recommend ways for NC to comply with the Leandro Elements

2018

"The people have a right to the privilege of education, and it is the duty of the state to guard and maintain that right." N.C. Const. art. I, § 15.

We Need Your Help



Silent Auction

Silent Auction is a week long fundraiser in March that runs online and ends with a “Parent’s Night Out”^{**} event at a local restaurant. Auction items include signed sports memorabilia, music lessons, gift cards, vacation homes, teacher times^{**}, etc. But to make this event a success, **we need your help!** The earlier we start, the more successful the event!



Please help us solicit donations; [click here to sign up for a local shopping center](#), or

contact Sarah Edge at PTAFundraising@gmail.com.

Sarah will send you a script that can be used when soliciting donations; she will also provide you with our non-profit tax information.

Have a shopping center or business in mind that isn’t listed? Email Sarah to see if we’ve already got someone on it, or if it can be added!

Not interested in soliciting donations from strangers? No problem! Do you own a small business? Do you have a friend who owns a small business? Do you know a chef, dentist, landscaper, photographer, interior designer, etc.? Do you have a beach/lake/mountain house you would be willing to donate? Even if you don’t own a small business, do you have a skill someone may find valuable? Contact Sarah if you’re interested in providing a donation.

All ideas are welcomed and appreciated!

DONATION REQUESTS

^{**}Parents Night Out” is an adult only event - Location to be disclosed soon.

^{**} Teacher times are experiences your child participates in with a teacher/staff member after school hours.

Book Sponsorships

Thanks to your generosity, we have reached the amount needed to overhaul the Media Centers collection of books! THANK YOU!

So why continue with Books Sponsorships?

On average, the PTA is able to donate \$2000 to the library each year, unfortunately this only equates to about 100 new books a year; once the lost/damaged books have been replaced, this doesn't leave much room for updating the collection. So the PTA will continue to accept book sponsorships in an effort to keep the collection as up to date as possible. All money raised through Book Sponsorships will only be applied to books.

What is the Cost?

Sponsorships are \$25 for one (1) or \$100 for five (5).

What am I buying?

Your sponsorship will cover the cost of the new book, book plate (placed in the books thanking your family for your donation), printing service, and the protective covering for the book plate.

[Click to Sponsor a Book](#)

SpiritWear

To order, email

JGPTASpiritWear@gmail.com.

Specify what style, size, and quantity you would like. Send payment in with your child and the Spirit Wear coordinator will send the items home in your child's backpack. Thanks!

Sizes/Pricing

T-Shirts (Youth Sizes S-XL): \$10

T-Shirts (Adult Sizes S-XXL): \$15

Hoodie (Youth Sizes S-L & Adult Sizes S-XXL): \$20

Visors: \$12

Hats: \$10

T-Shirt Designs



Style: **State**



Style: **Retro**



Style: **Visor**



Style: **Hat**



Style: **Hoodie**

Business Sponsors

We appreciate ALL of our Jeffreys Grove Business Sponsors; **THANK YOU!**

We'd like to give a special shoutout to our *Platinum Sponsors!*



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Cara Pierce
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FAMILY DENTISTRY

Interested in becoming a JG Business Sponsor? We have levels to fit every business.
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Jeffreys Grove Important Dates 2019-2020

January

28 PTA Meeting - 6pm*
29 Teacher Work Day - No School

February

10-14 Staff Appreciation Week*
17-18 Holiday/ Teacher Work Day
25 Skate Night*

March

9 Teacher Work Day - No School
16 Spirit Day - The Kitchen Table at Relish
& Menchies*
16 PTA Meeting - 9:30am @ The Kitchen Table at
Relish*
18 Cultural Arts performance- Silver Trout Arts*
19-20 2nd Grade Native American Indian
Residency*
26 Parents' Night Out/ Silent Auction*

April

6-13 Spring Break
20-24 3rd Grade Drumming Residency*
23 World Book Day
24 Spring Festival*

May

1 Teacher Work Day - No School
11-15 Book Fair*
14 End of Year Picnic*
14 PTA Meeting - Vote in new Board*
25 Holiday - No School
TBD EOGs

June

TBD Super Kids Day (Field Day)
12 Last Day of School



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