

### Jeffreys Grove Magnet | PTA NEWSLETTER

## Jeffreys Grove families,

**Our first PTA General Membership Meeting** is scheduled for September 17th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm via Zoom.

If you are a current PTA Member and did not receive the Zoom information via email last week, please email me at <u>JGPTAPresident@gmail.com</u>.

Future PTA meetings will be open to all JG families, but our first meeting requires two votes - officially voting in our 2020-2021 PTA Board and voting on our 2020-2021 PTA Budget. To ensure only PTA members are participating in the vote, I have sent an email invite with meeting information to all registered Jeffreys Grove PTA Members.

Meeting slides and audio recording of the meeting will be available on MemberHub.

### See the next page for important information from Principal Ventural

## **Library Books**

Mrs. White, the Media Center Specialist, is rounding up library books! If you have library books from last year laying around, there will be a curbside collection bin beginning September 14th! Swing through the carpool lane Monday - Friday, 8:30am -4:00 pm. Sunday September 13th, 2020

## Save the Date!

September 17<sup>th</sup>- JG General PTA Meeting September 17<sup>th</sup>- No Fuss Fundraiser Begins September 21<sup>st</sup> - Last day to order <u>Yard Signs</u> September 28<sup>th</sup> - **NO SCHOOL** (Teacher Work Day) September 29<sup>th</sup>- Last Day to order <u>SpiritWear</u> September 30<sup>th</sup>- JG Virtual Open House 5:30 - Kinder-2nd 6:30 - 3rd-5th October 5th - No Fuss Fundraiser Ends



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

Dear JG Families:



I hope you're doing well and settling into the rhythm of being back in school. Please mark your calendars for an important event this month. We are excited to host our Virtual Open House on Wednesday, September 30th. Kindergarten through 2nd grade teachers will present at 5:30 pm and Grades 3-5 at 6:30 pm. To help families with multiple children who may experience a time conflict, we have staggered the start times. However, we realize that for some families it may still be difficult to attend. Please know that teachers will be recording their session and sharing this with their families as well.

Prior to our Virtual Open House, we will be launching a **parent survey** to gather information that will help us address questions on September 30th. It is important that you participate in the survey so that we can address ways in which we can further support you. The survey will be launched the week of September 21st and you will receive a survey link from your child's teacher.

On the week of September 21st parents should expect interim reports to go out via email. Please make sure your child's teacher has a current email address for you. If you do not receive an email by Friday, September 25th with your child interim progress report attached, please reach out to your child's teacher. If you have any questions regarding the content of the report, please know your child's teacher is always available.

Finally, a few parents have asked for suggestions around **screen time**. As a parent you know your child's tolerance level and needs. Please continue to encourage your child to take breaks where needed and share this with your teacher. **If your child is completing a slide online, consider going analog.** It is perfectly fine for your child to write on a piece of paper and turn in his/her assignment as a pdf or image; this can be done by taking a picture of their work and emailing it to their teacher or uploading it to their Google classroom. Additionally, talk to your child's teacher about completing independent work later in the day if you feel your child would benefit from a screen break. Stepping away from the screen and getting some physical activity can not only reset our attention but also ensure we are moving our bodies and not sitting constantly.

Have a great week and thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Juli Ventura, Jeffreys Grove Principal



## **Spirit Wear**

Proudly show your School Spirit with Jeffreys Grove Shirts, Sweatshirts, Hoodies, and Masks!

#### Click here to to order SPIRIT WEAR - Order

by September 28th; orders deliver to you!

### NEW DESIGNS & OPTIONS







## **Yard Signs**

Let your neighbors know you're proud to be a Jeffreys Grove Eagle!

Click here to order YARD SIGNS -

Order by September 21st; pickup instructions will be provided once signs deliver.



## **Fun Volunteer Opportunities**

### Yearbook Coordinator

We are in need of a Yearbook Coordinator. We have had one person show interest but they would like to co-chair this committee. If you are interested in working with someone on this project, please email Cheri Thomas at JGPTAPresident@gmail.com.

Unfortunately, if we are unable to find someone by October we will not have a yearbook this year.

### Room Parent

The PTA is planning a virtual room parent training in October. We know being a room parent will be different, but there is still a need for room parents in this virtual learning environment. Interested in volunteering?

Reach out to your teacher to see if they have designated a room parent. (Co-room parents encouraged).



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### **Passive Fundraising - Made Even Easier!**

### amazonsmile

#### **<u>Click here</u>** to join AmazonSmile and start raising money for Jeffreys Grove!</u>

#### The Amazon App now supports Amazon Smile!

- 1. Download or update the latest version of the Amazon Shopping App
- 2. Open the App and login to your account
- 3. Find "Settings" in the main menu and tap on "AmazonSmile"
- 4. Follow the onscreen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start raising money for Jeffreys Grove with each Amazon purchase!



#### Download the BoxTops App and start raising money for Jeffreys Grove!

- 1. Scan the QR Code to download the BoxTop App
- 2. Open the BoxTop App and create an account



3. Type "Jeffreys Grove" in the search bar



## Link your Harris Teeter VIC card to start raising money for Jeffreys Grove!

#### Three ways to link:

- 1. Reply to the newsletter email with your phone number and we'll do it for you!
- 2. When you are checking out at Harris Teeter, ask the clerk to link your rewards card to Jeffreys Grove Elementary #2451.
- 3. <u>Click here</u> for the Harris Teeter website.
  - a. Create an account or login to your Harris Teeter account.
  - b. Click "My Account" and scroll to Together In Education
  - c. Type Jeffreys Grove in the search field and add school!

### **Corporate Matches and Business Sponsors**

Jeffreys Grove PTA is non-profit 503(c) organization. **If you own a business, or work for a company that offers a match program <u>click here</u>**. Have questions or other passive fundraising ideas? Contact Sarah Edge, our VP of Fundraising, at <u>JGPTAFundraising@gmail.com</u>.



## **Advocacy**

The primary mission of the PTA is "to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.' The best way we can advocate for all children is to vote, and encourage others to vote, for candidates who support the PTA's mission and public education.

#### Click here to access questions National PTA has compiled for you to ask candidates.

## National PTA believes more resources are needed in order for schools to open safely:

"There are numerous critical needs children, families, educators and schools are facing during the coronavirus pandemic. While Congress has provided some relief to our nation's children, families and the educational system in previous legislative packages, there are additional needs that must be met before the school year starts... Please contact your Members of Congress today and ask them to provide the critical funding needed to reopen schools." <u>Click here to read more</u>

**Click here to read National PTA's Advocacy Information** 

Click here to read about Every Student Succeeds Act

Click here to find your elected officials

#### **Key Legislation**

Find out which bills in Congress National PTA supports, opposes and is monitoring. Read More  $\rightarrow$ 

#### Federal Public Policy Agenda

Learn more about National PTA's policy agenda for the 116th Congress on issues impacting children, families and schools. **Read More**  $\rightarrow$ 

#### Letters to Policymakers

Read every letter National PTA has sent to policymakers this year to improve the education, health and well-being of all students and families. **Read More**  $\rightarrow$ 

### Resources

Wake County Updates

Local Bank Food Banks

No Kid Hungry - NC

UNC-TV & NCDE Remote Learning Resources

Free/Reduced School Meals

Pandemic Electronic Benefits Program

(P-EBT) for Eligible Families

### Remote Learning Support Links

- <u>Click here</u> for WCPSS Guides to Technology for Parents & Students
- <u>Click here</u> for answers to common questions around Remote Learning.
- <u>Click here</u> for WCPSS School Communications information, and to opt into text messages









#### Facebook Live Parent Workshops WCPSS Family Academy www.facebook.com/WCPSS-Family-Academy-277563949100964

DATE	TOPIC	DATE	TOPIC
08/06/2020	A Great Start for Your Kindergartener!	12/03/2020	Communicating with Your Teenager Effectively
08/11/2020	Navigating the different virtual platforms that teachers use in Elementary School	12/10/2020	How to apply for Early College and Magnet Schools
08/18/2020	How to communicate with your child's teacher virtually (Google Meet and Zoom)	01/07/2021	Developing Good Homework Habits
08/20/2020	How to Support Academic Growth Your Child Using Online Learning Tool	01/12/2021	Tips for Successful Parent-Teacher Conferences
08/25/2020	Transitioning to Middle School	01/21/2021	Teaching Your Child How to Deal with Peer Pressure
09/03/2020	Transitioning to High School	02/04/2021	Identify Bullying and Protect Your Child Against It
09/10/2020	Navigating Wake County Public School System (WCPSS)	02/18/2021	Preparing Your Child for the End of Grade (EOG) Tests (3 -8th)
09/17/2020	Getting to Know the U.S.A. Educational System	03/04/2021	Helping Your Child Reduce Test Stress
10/01/2020	Parent Advocacy and Engagement in Your Child's Education	03/18/2021	Today's Math: "I didn't learn math like that!" (K-Sth)
10/15/2020	How to identify that your child is suffering from cyber bullying	04/08/2021	Connecting your child to College and Beyond through CFNC
10/29/2020	Learn How to Motivate Your Child to Thrive in School	04/15/2021	Developing Academic Vocabulary at Home Using Hands-on Activities (K-5th)
11/12/2020	Today's Math: "I didn't learn math like that!" (K-5th)	04/29/2021	Getting Ready for College/University
11/19/2020	Building a Positive Relationship with Your Elementary School Child	05/20/2021	How to Support Academic Growth over School Breaks

#### FAMILY ACADEMY DISTRICT SPECIAL EVENTS

- Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 11:00 am Don't miss this presentation! "No More Wimpy Parenting" With our special guest Dr. Wynns, expert in child psychology and parenting issues.
- Thursday, December 10, 2020 "How to Apply to Magnet Schools" at 5:30PM.
- Tuesday, January 19, 2021 "How to Apply to Pre-K". " at 5:30PM.

DON'T MISS THESE SPECIALS EVENTS!

Website: www.wcpss.net/family-academy Email: <u>familyacademy@wcpss.net</u> If you have questions contact : Dr. MariaRosa Rangel <u>mrangel1@wcpss.net</u> Alma Davalos <u>familyacademy@wcpss.net</u>



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### **Business Sponsors**

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