



Jeffreys Grove Magnet | PTA NEWSLETTER

Jeffreys Grove families,

Thank you to everyone who attended our first Virtual General Membership PTA meeting!

We officially voted in our 2020-2021 PTA Board, voted on the 2020-2021 Budget, and shared information concerning our plans for this year.

I'd also like to thank Mrs. Randall Miller, Technology Specialist at Jeffreys Grove, for sharing information on technology needs in the classroom; and Ms. Juli Ventura, Jeffreys Grove Principal, for sharing tips to help parents support our students in this virtual learning environment.

[Click here for the meeting slides.](#)

[Click here for the meeting audio.](#)

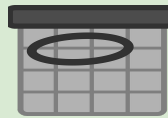
From the desk of...

Principal Ventura

Dear JG Families:

Please [click here](#) to read my newsletter sent out via email and text message earlier today. Parents should receive interim reports and a Jeffreys Grove Survey early this week. I also encourage you to complete the [WCPSS Survey](#) concerning the reopening of schools; the survey link is available until 5pm tomorrow!

Sunday September 20th, 2020



Save the Date!

No Fuss Fundraiser through October 5th!

September 21st - [WCPSS Survey Deadline](#)

September 28th - **NO SCHOOL** (Teacher Work Day)

September 29th - Last Day to order [SpiritWear](#)

September 29th - Last day to order [Yard Signs](#)

September 30th - JG Virtual Open House

5:30 - Kinder-2nd

6:30 - 3rd-5th

October 5th - No Fuss Fundraiser Ends



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No Fuss Fundraiser - *September 17th through October 5th*

The Jeffreys Grove PTA is focusing on our school's most urgent need and **we need everyone's help!**

The time has come to update each classroom with technology that will enhance teachers' abilities to teach remotely, and eventually in-person.

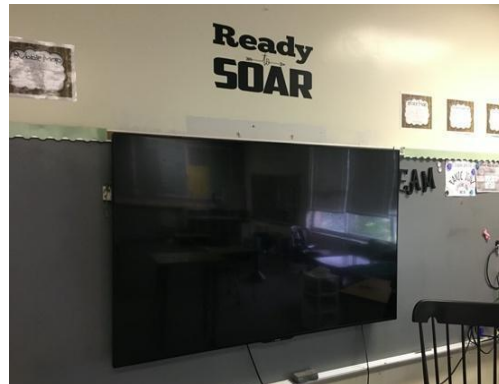
What exactly is the PTA raising funds for?

JGMES needs 23 document cameras (\$300 each) and 25 70" displays (\$1,300 each - includes installation). Currently, all but the 5th grade classrooms are using outdated smart boards. The smart boards require a bulb projector which WCPSS will no longer maintain. This technology upgrade will ensure all JGMES classrooms have the same technology as newly built WCPSS schools. Help JGES move our technology assets:

From Here



To Here



Why a No Fuss Fundraiser?

Due to the current situation, the PTA can not plan on-campus events or in person fundraisers; there aren't many volunteer opportunities; and we are all overwhelmed with Virtual Learning. In an effort to make fundraising low maintenance this year, we are simply asking you to go online and make a donation.

How do I donate?

- [Click Here to Register Your Student\(s\)](#) - Receive a free 'JG Strong' Mask when you register your child.
- [Click Here to Donate](#)

Note: MemberHub has generously offered this fundraising service for FREE - **Jeffreys Grove keeps 100% of your donation!**

At checkout, there is a **"Tip"** option; this amount is given to MemberHub. You can **select "Other"** and enter **\$0** if you do not wish to provide MemberHub a % of your donation.

No Fuss Fundraiser continued

What JG Teachers are Saying about Technology Upgrades...

The new document camera is great. It displays clearly and is great to use in all my lessons. It is easier for my kids to see how to do a math problem or practice spelling a word. I even use the document camera to read books that are not online to display. I use it everyday, and it makes my lessons even better!

-M. Parker

The display is not only a beautiful addition to our modern classrooms, it creates a much clearer image so that students don't need to squint to see the board. The resolution is excellent, and the kids love to be able to see their lessons clearly!

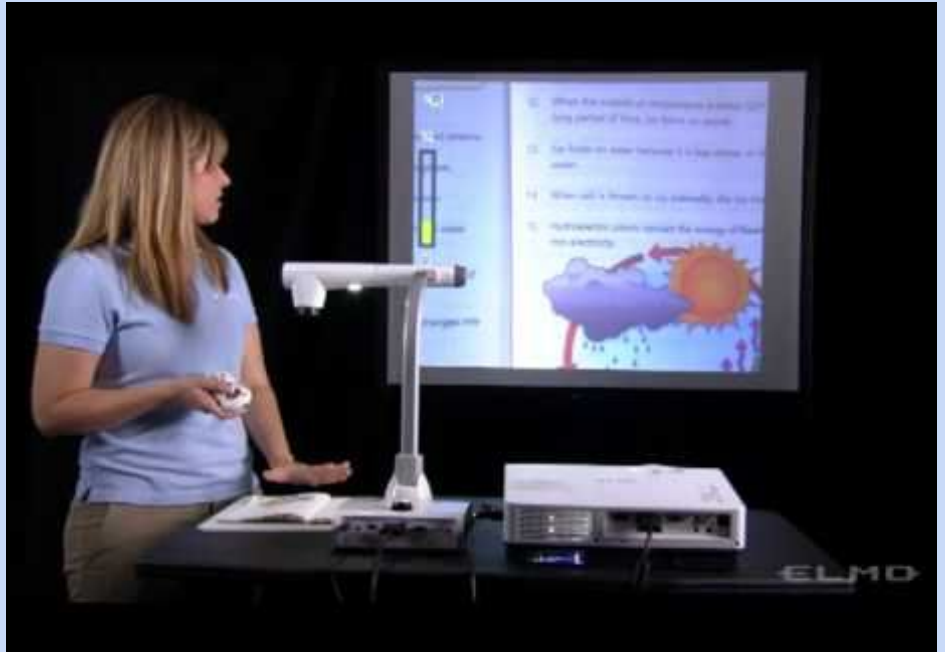
-T. Vicinus

The benefits are all students can see the projections on the screen and be able to participate in lessons using technology. The document camera is a great addition to show students' examples of work.

-M. Colin

I am teaching K/1 students virtually until at least January. I am currently working from home to deliver instruction. Having a document camera allows me to project books and read them live to my students instead of having to play a video of the book on YouTube. The document camera allows students to have a close up view of pictures in the text, which is critical for using the pictures clues to ask and answer questions about the text. The document camera also allows me to display math materials and manipulate them in real time so the students are watching me use the materials they have at home to solve problems instead of watching it on a slide. Having a document camera to help deliver virtual instruction is a must!

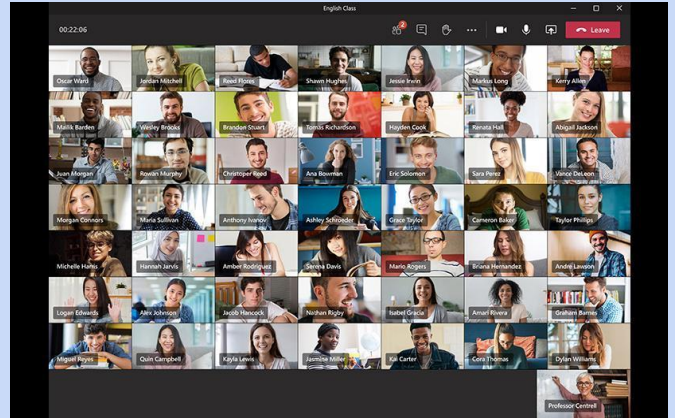
-P. Kramer



No Fuss Fundraiser continued

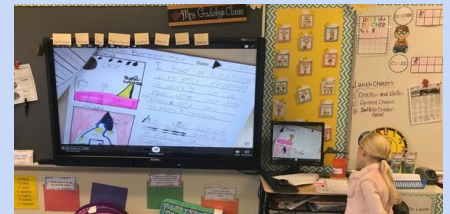
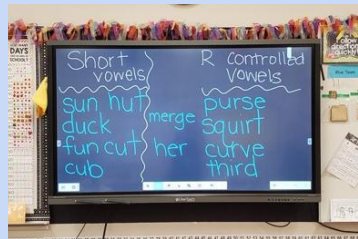
If all learning is remote why is this necessary?

Currently teachers are viewing their Google Meet classes via a laptop screen or a small monitor. Even though the students are NOT at school, the Teachers ARE at school. Imagine if they were able to see their entire class on one screen and be able to see each child's facial expressions clearly.



Document cameras are a great way to help students feel as if they're learning in the room with their teacher. Here are just a few ways teachers can use their document cameras: read and write along with students, bring science to life, put the 'show' back in show and tell without the students having to touch the item, magnify math, and review and discuss homework or tests.

And when kids do get back to school, the displays and document cameras will be used like this:



Additional Information

Please reach out to family and friends who have supported your children's fundraising efforts in the past. Perhaps you can even join together to sponsor the cost of an entire document camera (\$300) or a 70" display (\$1,300). We also encourage you to create a personalized link for your child and share it via email and on FB and Twitter.

The grade that raises the most money will win a Virtual Party so **remember to select your child's grade when you submit your donation**. If you have multiple kids at JGMES you can split your donation so they get equal credit towards their class and grade goal.

As you consider your tax-deductible contributions this year, we hope you will consider making a gift to help your child's school. If every child raises \$100 we can surpass our goal of \$50,000!

Thank you in advance for your support!

Spirit Wear

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

[Click here to order SPIRIT WEAR](#) - Order by **September 29th**; 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 29th; 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).

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."

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Key Legislation

Find out which bills in Congress National PTA supports, opposes and is monitoring.

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Federal Public Policy Agenda

Learn more about National PTA's policy agenda for the 116th Congress on issues impacting children, families and schools.

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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 →](#)

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

- [Click here](#) for WCPSS Guides to Technology for Parents & Students
- [Click here](#) for answers to common questions around Remote Learning.
- [Click here](#) for WCPSS School Communications information, and to opt into text messages



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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-5th)
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!**

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