



Jeffreys Grove Magnet | PTA NEWSLETTER

Jeffreys Grove families,

Sunday, September 22nd 2019

Thank you all for coming out to Open House; we never imagined we'd get as many people as we did!

A lot of information was presented in a very short time so we'll elaborate below. We will also offer an informal PTA gathering at local businesses each month; and you can contact me directly any time at JGPTAPresident@gmail.com. Please ask questions, we want our Jeffreys Grove community to feel comfortable with what the PTA is doing to enhance your children's experience at Jeffreys Grove.

[Click here](#) for slides from the PTA Open House meeting.

[Click here](#) for past PTA newsletters.



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

[TalkingPoints](#) has been approved for parent-teacher communications.

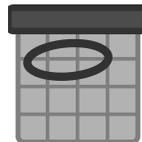
Administrators will be trained next week with official teacher training to follow soon after.

Because it is "user friendly" and intuitive, a number of teachers have already started using it! *More information to come.*

The Wake Relief Food Drive, sponsored by 2nd grade, has begun and will take place through October 18th.

Additional information will be sent home in your child's classroom newsletter or in their Monday folder.

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



Save the Date!

September 24th – End of Go Play Save Fundraiser

September 25th – Moe's Spirit Night

September 26th – 5th Grade Parent Meeting & Kinder Health Assessment due

September 30th – Teacher Work Day - No School

October 2nd – Walk to School Day

October 3rd – PTA Office Hours (Maude's on Strickland)

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

[Click here](#) for the **Safety Patrol** list

See last page for updated calendar

Communication/MemberHub

A Little Background:

For the past two years JG has used MemberHub as the official communication tool for the school; it was a “one stop shop” for all communications. Though it had its hiccups, it was nice to have one tool for the PTA and school to use.

This summer Wake County began negotiations to contract their own communications platform, TalkingPoints. After learning of this the JG PTA decided to wait to see how communications at the school would be handled this year before we determined how we would utilize MemberHub. MemberHub is no longer an approved communications tool for the school; this means teachers and staff can not use it for official school communications.

What This Means for Parents & PTA:

The PTA will continue to use MemberHub as a way of communicating with parents; room parents can utilize the grade level hubs, and our PTA committee leads are welcome to create their own unique hubs; but teachers will not post information in MemberHub. Teachers and staff can ask room parents to post sign ups, information about seasonal learning experiences, or volunteer opportunities, in the grade level hubs. (A room parent training will be held during the second week of October)

The PTA will also continue to utilize the MemberHub store feature. [Click here](#) to stop by our store!

I'm Not Receiving MemeberHub Messages:

When you join the PTA your information is uploaded into the system and you are able to create an account. If you are not a member but would still like to receive PTA Newsletters, you can use the following link to join MemberHub: <http://bit.ly/JGPTAMHJoin>

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Volunteer Opportunities

Want first dibs on the best volunteer slots? Fill out this survey and we'll send you sign up links first, based on your responses: [Volunteer Survey](#)

Interested in helping out **morning carpool**? [Click here](#) to help staff safely get pre-k children out of their cars.

Have lunch with your child and help out our staff! [Click here](#) to sign up for **cafeteria duty!**

Fundraising

The [Go Play Save](#) fundraiser **ends this week**. Please return envelopes with money or books by Tuesday, September 26th. If you have any issues, contact JGPTAGoPlaySave@gmail.com.



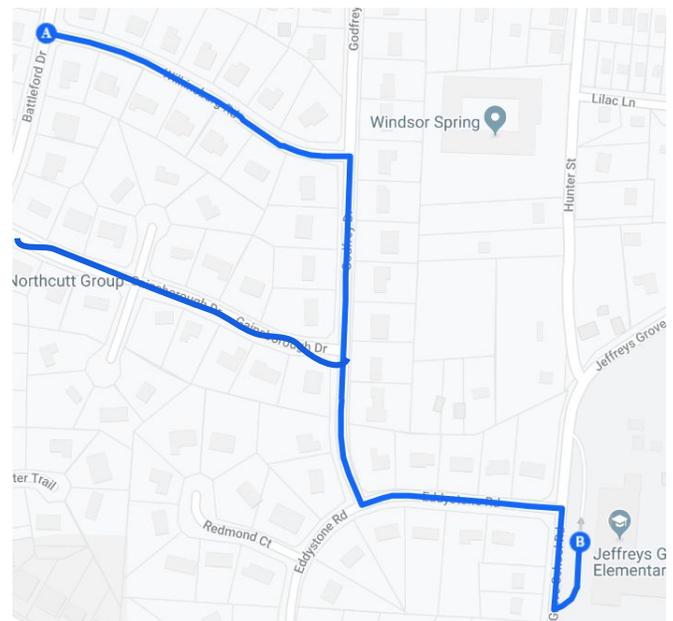
Our first **Spirit Night** is this week! Join us Wednesday at Moe's on Creedmoor Rd. from 5pm -9pm. 20% of your purchase will be donated to the PTA.

[Click here](#) for the flyer!

Health & Wellness

National Walk/Bike to School Day - Wednesday, October 2nd

Skip the carpool line or buses & **Walk or Bike to school!** If you don't live close, but want to walk with your child to school; park along Battleford Dr. and take Gainsborough Dr. or Wilkinsburg Rd. to Godfrey Dr.; turn right on Godfrey Dr. and then turn left on Eddystone Dr. (approximately 1/2 mile to school). Plan to begin walking between 8:15 and 8:45 am to arrive at school on time.



If biking, be sure to **wear a helmet**, and use the designated crosswalk when crossing Jeffreys Grove School Rd. - Thanks!

Book Initiative

This year the PTA will be applying a large portion of Boosterthon (Fun Run) monies to the Media Center.

Why are new books needed?

- Age of the collection is approximately 26 years.
- Titles with damaged bindings, and titles with little to no circulation, have been weeded out.
- Reading curriculum and students interests have changed over the last 26 years.
- Our school has changed - 33% of our school is Spanish Immersion, but only 11% of the libraries books are in Spanish.

Why can't I buy books online and donate them to the Media Center?

- Library books must be library bound.
- If you find a library bound book they are just as expensive.
- You may buy titles that aren't needed.
- They don't come with the proper barcoding which adds more work for the librarian.

Why do library books cost so much?

- Per Wake County, library books must be "library bound". In the end this saves money by extending the life of the book.
- Some titles aren't available for purchase with library binding. - These books are purchased by a company that removes the existing binding and replaces them with the approved library binding.
- The books come ready for the shelf - the company ships them to Jeffreys Grove with the barcode already on them; so all the Librarian has to do is shelve them and they are ready for immediate checkout!



Have additional questions?

Next week a parent will be interviewing Mrs. White; [email us with any questions you have!](#)

Book Sponsorships

In an effort to stock our Eaglets Media Center with an abundance of books, while also completing some of the other proposed projects, the PTA is offering Book Sponsorships!

What is the Cost?

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

What am I actually buying?

Your sponsorship will cover the cost of the new book, book plate, printing service, and the protective covering for the book plate.

What will the Book Plate say?

“This book generously donated by the (your name) Family”

If we reach our Book Initiative goal of \$20k, every student will receive one (1) book plate.

Membership - Why Join?

Here Are Just A Few Reasons...

- Research has proven that a parent’s involvement in their child’s school result in:
 - higher test scores and better grades,
 - a more socially responsible child,
 - improved behavior,
 - more regular school attendance and
 - they are more likely to go on to college and receive a higher education.
- When you show your child that their school is important to you, it will become more important to them.
- Being a member of the PTA gives you a voice in your child’s education.
- You will have the resources to make a difference in our school and help our leaders to decide what directions JG should take.
- It offers the opportunity to be an advocate for all children.
- It’s fun and a great opportunity to make new, lifelong friends!



[Click here to Sponsor a Book or Join the PTA: https://jgmes.memberhub.store/](https://jgmes.memberhub.store/)

Jeffreys Grove Important Dates 2019-2020

September

- 24 End of Go Play Save Fundraiser*
- 25 Spirit Night at Moe's on Creedmoor Rd.*
- 30 Teacher Work Day - No School

October

- 2 Walk to School Day (8:15)*
- 3 PTA Office Hours (Maude's on Strickland)*
- 2-8 4th Grade Writing Residency*
- 8 **Spirit Night - Gonzas & Two Roosters**
- 9 Teacher Work Day - No School
- 10 Fall Picture Day
- 21-25 Book Fair*
- 31 **Makeup Day for Hurricane Dorian**

November

- 1 Teacher Work Day - No School
- 8 Boosterathon (Fun Run)*
- 11 No School - Veterans' Day
- 14 **Spirit Night - Mod Pizza***
- 19 PTA Mtg *
- 27-29 Thanksgiving

December

- 2-6 5th Grade Batik Residency*
- 19 School Sing Along
- 20 **Makeup Day for Hurricane Dorian**
- 23-31 Winter Holiday

January

- 1-3 Holiday
- 6 Back to School
- 12 **Spirit Night-Triangle Rock Club (w/Coach Smith!)***
- 14 PTA Meeting*
- 20 Holiday
- 29 Teacher Work Day - No School

February

- 10-14 Staff Appreciation Week*
- 12 Spirit Night (TBD)*
- 17-18 Holiday/ Teacher Work Day
- TBD Skate Night*

March

- 9 Teacher Work Day - No School
- 16 **Spirit Night - Relish & Menchies***
- TBD PTA Meeting*
- 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
- 11-15 Book Fair*
- 14 End of Year Picnic
- 25 Holiday
- TBD EOGs

June

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