



Jeffreys Grove Magnet | PTA NEWSLETTER

Jeffreys Grove families,

Sunday, October 20th 2019

The PTA has been approached by several families that either own businesses or have a skill set they feel would be useful to one of our projects. If this applies to you, and you'd like to donate your expertise to the PTA/school, send me an email - JGPTAPresident@gmail.com. We are currently in need of **carpentry, landscaping, and woodworking skills** for our outdoor classroom area; we will need **paint/painters**, and an "in" on **discounted appliances**, when we do the Staff Lounge renovation; and Mrs. White would also like some **signs made** for the Media Center. We're also open to any ideas!



From the desk of...
Principal Ventura!

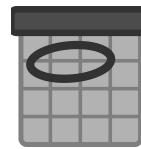
APTT (Academic Parent Teacher Team) Nights for each grade level have been scheduled for the fall - we will do this again in the spring. (See dates under "Save the Date")

We are providing childcare for school aged children in the media center or gym. Parents have been receiving invitations from grade level teachers. These are nights designed to educate parents on how to best support their kids in the learning process.

Additional Reminders:

- Halloween - As we approach October 31, **students are not to wear costumes to school.**
- READvolution is in full swing. We appreciate home support with at least 20 minutes of daily reading.
- [WCPSS Math Parent Site](#) We encourage parents to utilize this resource to support Math skills.

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



Save the Date!

October 21st-25th – Book Fair (Supports the PTA

Media Center & Music budgets)

October 23rd – Unity Day - **All students wear orange**

October 26th – Magnet Fair at Panther Creek High 9-12pm

October 31st – Makeup Day (**No Costumes**)

November 1st – Teacher Work Day - No School

November 8th – Boosterathon (Fun Run)*

November 11th – Veterans' Day - No School

APTT SCHEDULE

- Kinder - Nov 20 5:30-6:30
- 1st grade - Nov 13 5:30-6:30
- 2nd grade - Oct 17 5:45-6:45
- 3rd grade - Dec 12 5:30-6:30
- 4th grade - Nov 7 5:30-6:30
- 5th grade - Dec 5 5:30-6:30

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

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

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](#)

Morning Carpool Duty - [Click here](#) to help staff safely get pre-k children out of their cars.

Cafeteria Duty - Have lunch with your child and help out our staff! [Click here](#) to help out!

Wednesday & Thursday morning **Book Fair Volunteers are still needed!!** [Click here](#) to sign up!

Make A Difference



We Can't Do It Without YOU!

Volunteer Opportunities - Where did they all go?

I've had a few people ask me "**Why don't we see as many signups as in previous years?**"

When Wake County made it known MemberHub would no longer be an approved communication tool for schools to use, we knew something had to change. For a long time we were in flux trying to figure out how MemberHub could best be utilized by our PTA to support Jeffreys Grove families. We decided to start over and dismantled the entire infrastructure. This was freeing in a Marie Kondo kind of way :), but it left us with one large hub and no way to know who was interested in what... So we developed a new process.

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

The new process: We decided that instead of having parents sign up for specialized hubs that may never be utilized, we would create an online directory; thus was born the [Volunteer Survey](#).

Now, when committee leads need help with something, they reference the Volunteer Directory and send their signups to people who have specified an interest in their committee. If the signup fills up they don't have to reach out to the general population.

If you would like to be contacted for a volunteer opportunity, fill out the [Volunteer Survey](#) and we'll contact you first when there's a need!

Fundraising

Book Fair is THIS WEEK!!

October 21st - October 25th

Sunrise Sales:

Wednesday, October 23, 7:30-9:00 a.m.

Evening Sales:

Thursday, October 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Books purchased at the book fair help to raise funds for the Jeffreys Grove Media Center.

[Click here for more information!](#)



*Thank you
for your
support!*

Boosterthon/FunRun

Boosterthon kicks off October 29th! For those of you who are new, Boosterthon is a week full of fun for the kids; including a fun theme, character videos, team huddles and a FunRun on the school track (scheduled for Nov 8th)!

In addition to all the fun, every child will receive a free FunRun T-shirt sponsored by our amazing Business Sponsors!

This year FunRun monies raised will go to AV equipment in the gym, and new books for the Jeffreys Grove Media Center.

More information to come!

Thank You! in advance for helping us with this initiative!

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 donated by the (your name) Family"

[Click here](#) for more information.

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

**[Click to
Sponsor a
Book](#)**

GoPlaySave

Our first fundraiser of the year, Go Play Save, was a big success! This year we generated over \$5,000 to help fund various PTA initiatives that will benefit our school. **THANK YOU to every student, parent, and teacher who supported our efforts; and a very appreciative THANK YOU to the GoPlaySave Committee!**

This year our TOP SELLING class was awarded to Sra. Ovalle's kindergarten class. Sra. Ovalle, Sra. Mendoza, and their students will enjoy a pizza or taco party hosted by Go Play Save later this year. Congratulations!



Communication is Key

Have questions about something at Jeffreys Grove? **Wonder how or why** things are done a certain way at the school or within the PTA? **Want to see something specific** addressed in the newsletter? **Want to share information** in the newsletter yourself?

Send us an email, we love sharing information!
JGPTAPresident@gmail.com.

Box Tops

Box Tops is one of our Passive Fundraising initiatives. With your help, we generated approximately \$500 during the fall collection to help with various PTA initiatives that will benefit our school.

Thanks to a generous donation of dimes, Ms. Dibble's Pre-K class has won the competition! The Box Top committee will work with her to determine their class prize.

Numbers were down from last year, but this was to be expected. Box Tops has moved to an app so make sure you download it and continue to scan your receipts! We'll have another competition in the Spring.

THANK YOU to all who donated Box Tops & dimes; and a very appreciative THANK YOU to the Box Top committee!

After Care Options

Aftercare is currently capped at Jeffreys Grove due to space constraints. If you have aftercare suggestions you would like to share with other families, please email me at JGPTAPresident@gmail.com and I will include them in my next newsletter.



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Advocacy

Several times throughout the school year, the District 7 Board Advisory Council (BAC) joins representative Chris Heagarty to discuss various issues/concerns related to the Wake County School Board. Members include principals, PTA presidents, and PTA BAC representatives. This is an open meeting and **anyone interested is more than welcome to join.**

The October BAC meeting topics regarded some changes in staffing for WCPSS and the challenging student assignment plans. - Wade Martin has been named Assistant Superintendent for School Choice, Planning, and Assignment. These three elements of the school system had previously been operating independently of one another. However, as our county continues to grow and school choice continues to be an option, there is a growing need for long term planning to help our schools find success and reduce the socioeconomic imbalance that exists. The hope is that long term planning will address magnet curriculum enhancement and make sure it continues to satisfy goals of the WCPSS magnet program and compete with charter and private school programs. To make that happen, there are several School Board planning meetings scheduled this year and parent input is encouraged.

Glenn Carrozza, the Senior Director for Student Assignment also presented the upcoming student assignment plans. Many schools in Wake County are over capacity, or capped, in western and southern parts of the county. They consider many factors when making the decision regarding how students are assigned to each school, including municipal data, transportation & traffic patterns, socioeconomic balance, and much much more. As you can imagine, this is at times quite controversial and incites many strong opinions.

Also the Magnet Application window has changed and will open earlier than usual this school year.

Magnet Application Period - October 26-January 30

Magnet Fair

Do you have a rising 5th or 6th grader? What to learn more about Middle School Magnet programs? **You will be able to apply at the fair this year!**

Visit the Wake County Magnet Fair Saturday, October 26 from 9am to 12pm at Panther Creek High School, 6770 McCrimmon Parkway in Cary, NC.

Stop by the Jeffreys Grove booth and say hi!
[Click here for more information](#)

READvolution



We are excited to once again partner with the Carolina Hurricanes to implement [READvolution](#) at Jeffreys Grove. [READvolution](#) is underway and will wrap-up on Friday, November 22.

[Click here](#) for instructions on how to help your child log in to record their reading. Para obtener instrucciones en Español, [haga clic aquí](#).



Jeffreys Grove Important Dates 2019-2020

October

21-25 Book Fair*
29 Boosterthon (Fun Run) Kick Off*
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*
15 Picture Day Make Up Day
19 PTA Mtg *
27-29 Thanksgiving Holiday - No School

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 (May change)*
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
25 Skate Night*

March

9 Teacher Work Day - No School
16 Spirit Night - The Kitchen Table at 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 - No School
11-15 Book Fair*
14 End of Year Picnic
25 Holiday - No School
TBD EOGs

June

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

*Events Sponsored by the Jeffreys Grove PTA