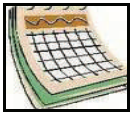




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JOHNSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

September 2009



September Dates to Remember

- 8 = Box Top Collection Begins
- 8-22 = Academic Assessments
- 9 = PEERS @ 9:00 AM
1:45 PM Dismissal
- 11 = VIP Breakfast
Freedom Walk @ 8:45 AM
Popcorn Sales Begin
- 15 = VIP Recognition
Book Fair Night from 5:00 to 6:30 PM
Hispanic Heritage Month Begins
- 16 = Peers @ 9:00 AM
1:45 PM Dismissal
- 17 = Constitution Day
- 18 = VIP Recognition
- 21 = CiCis Pizza Night
- 22 = VIP Recognition
Interim Reports
- 23 = Student Holiday (Teacher Professional Day)
- 25 = VIP Breakfast
- 29 = VIP Recognition
- 30 = PEERS @ 9:00 AM
1:45 Dismissal

Don't forget
Book Fair is
September
16-22
900-1100
& 1:00-3:00



Data Board

We are pleased to announce a new addition to our lobby—the JPS Data Board! We will be posting our progress for Continuous School Improvement (CSI) and the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) throughout the year. Please join us in our efforts to help each child achieve their highest academic potential. Need to know more? Just ask us how!



Notes from the Principal

We're off to another great year! This year will bring opportunities to embrace change and excel in student achievement. We have several new faculty and support staff members who have joined the JPS team! We're pleased that so many parents attended the Open House on September 1 and the team orientation sessions during the first weeks of school. Open House and orientations are a great opportunity for parents and teachers to meet and for parents to get a glimpse of the student work to come. It is so important that we forge partnerships early in the year to support our children's developmental growth and academic progress. These opportunities will continue throughout the year as we host Family Curriculum Nights to strengthen the parent teacher bond and learning opportunities for your children. We look forward to working with you. We encourage you to keep the lines of communication open and visit the JPS website (<http://www.am.dodea.edu/lejeune/JPS>) throughout the year.

JPS + Family Partnerships = Student Success!

Carol Perry
Principal

Dana Sutherland
Assistant Principal





NOTES FROM THE NURSE

Wow! Can you believe we are back in school already! I hope everyone had a healthy relaxing summer. I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone we are entering flu season. Please encourage your child to wash his or her hands often and cover their mouth when coughing. We will be sending information home periodically to help our parents keep up to date on the best practices to keep our children healthy. On September 21, 2009 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM, we will host an Influenza Rodeo to provide our children with an opportunity to receive the seasonal flu vaccine. The vaccine is free and we encourage everyone who can to consider receiving it.

One last note —please remind your child to wear shoes and clothing appropriate for running and playing on the playground. We are striving for an injury free year.



- Please join us in our Annual Freedom Walk on Friday, September 11, 2009. We will be joined in this walk by Bitz Intermediate School at 8:45 AM. The school bells will chime in remembrance of each significant event. The bell schedule is as follows:
- 8:46— Flight 11 hits the World Trade Center
 - 9:03—Flight 175 hits the World Trade Center
 - 9:45—Flight 77 hits the Pentagon
 - 10:05—Flight 93 Crashes in Pennsylvania
 - 10:28- The World Trade Center collapses

Spanish News



The FLES Spanish program is off to a great start for the school year 2009-2010. Kindergarten through second grade students at JPS are already learning words and phrases to be able to follow teacher instructions, identify classroom objects, and sing many different kinds of songs. In September, students will be learning about how the capital city of Mexico was established and the legend of the Aztecs, and that September 16 is Mexico's Independence Day.

Please encourage your children to sing one of the songs they have learned in Spanish class, or ask them to tell you how to say vocabulary that they have learned in class. Here are some other activities that you as parents can do to support the use of Spanish outside of school:

- Check out or invest in Spanish books, audiotapes, or movies at your local public library or video rental place.
- Visit a Hispanic market, store, or restaurant in your community. Cheer your child on as they help you purchase your food in Spanish.
- Talk about the reasons why you want your child to learn another language and ask your child why they think it is important to know a second language.
- Recognize, praise, and encourage any efforts your child makes to speak Spanish. Often, just doing that can make the difference in our child's success.
- Review the songs that your child sings and recites at school. Let your child be the singing entertainment on your next road trip!
- Purchase children's videos, music, and software programs in Spanish.



Counselor's Corner

We're growing! JPS has added a new counselor to our counseling staff. We will be able to provide additional services to children and parents alike. Provided will be additional services in the classroom as well as individual and small group sessions. Please be aware we are kicking off the PEERS program Wednesday, September 9 @ 9:00 AM. Interested parents should contact the counseling office at 451-2431. Attendees completing the four week program will receive invaluable information concerning parenting skills for children ages 0-5. Free child care during the sessions will be provided! In addition, parents attending all four classes and scoring 80% or higher on the post assessment will receive a \$10 gift card from Target!

VIP Recognition

JPS guidance department sponsors the VIP (**V**ery **I**mportant **P**erson) program to include each child at some point during the school year. Each week, beginning September 14th one child will be chosen from each classroom to be the VIP. When your child is selected to be the VIP, he or she will bring home a letter from the school and a biography questionnaire for you to fill out with your child. Please return the questionnaire and include a lovely photograph of your child. This information will be posted on our VIP bulletin board outside the cafeteria for the entire week. On Tuesday morning your child will be recognized by having his or her name called over the intercom. All of the VIPs will meet with the principal and the counselor in the media center to receive a special certificate and prize for being chosen for this special recognition. On Friday, parents are invited to join their child in the cafeteria for the VIP breakfast. If the parent is unable to attend the breakfast the child may choose a friend to join them at the VIP tables provided.

Club USA

The Club USA program helps children cope with the effects of parental deployments and separation. Beginning in October, small groups of children will be pulled from the classroom to participate in activities focused on helping children whose parent is deployed overseas to Iraq or Afghanistan. A permission form will be sent home with each child before groups begin. Club USA will meet two times each month. Hero Packs will be given to children when the counselor receives the permission form for Club USA while supplies last. Hero Packs were donated to JPS by the Onslow County 4-H Program.

If you would like any information on any of the programs being offered here at JPS, please call 451-2431.

Have a Sunny September!

LunchPrepay.com— The one stop shop for automated school meal account management.

- Make meal payments on the internet using your credit card
- Check your child's meal account balance
- Get low balance alerts by email
- See what your child is buying

For more information please go to www.lunchprepay.com or contact the Child Nutrition Central Office at 450-1732.

* Parents will need their child's 10 digit student number to register for this service. Please contact the front office at 451-2431 to get your child's number.