

Jottings from Jackson

FEBRUARY 2009

A Message from the Principal— Students Show Us What They Know

We are approaching that time of the year when our older students will be taking important assessments (tests) to demonstrate what they have learned in a variety of ways.

The Pennsylvania assessment, known as PSSA is taken by our older students. Students in grade 5 will be taking the state writing assessment February 9th—12th. Then, March 16—25, our third, fourth and fifth graders will be taking the reading and math assessments. For your planning purposes, we want you to know that during the time of these assessments, it is very important for students to be in school and on time every day. We don't want the students to be "nervous" about taking the assessments, but we want them to do their best.

Please be sure to read the article "NCLB Report Cards" contained in this newsletter. We are proud that Jackson students made Adequate Yearly Progress last year and know that our Jackson Eagles will continue to SOAR!

Sincerely,

Kathryn E. Eshelman
Principal

We are proud to announce that Robert Moyer and Cortney Schell represented Jackson School at the School Board Recognition last month.

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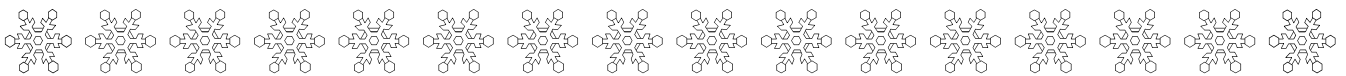
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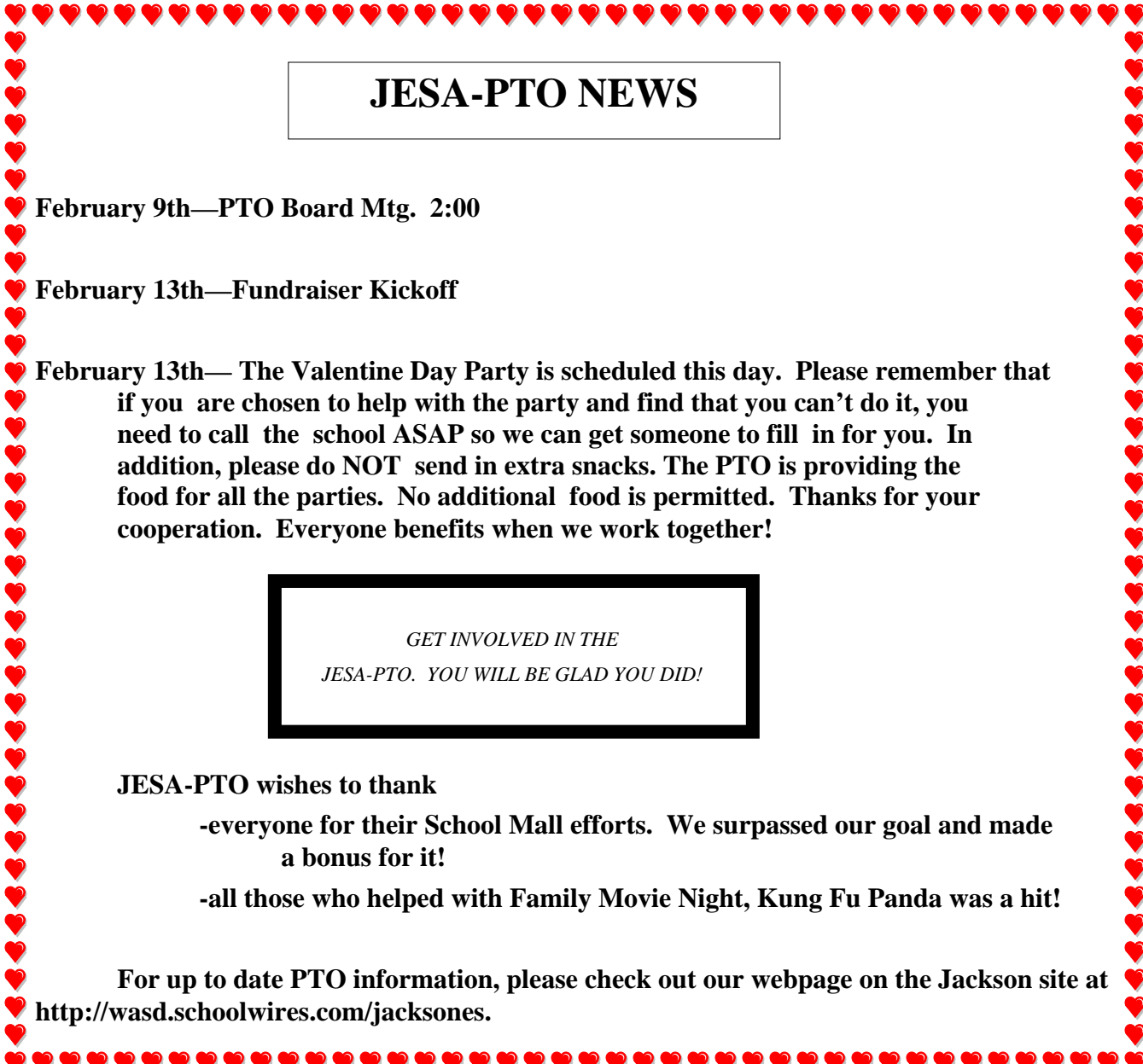
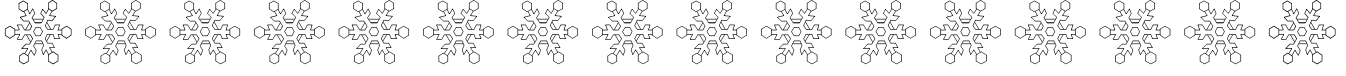
School Delays



This time of the year there is always the possibility of a school delay or closing due to the winter weather. There are three ways to find out if the school district has a delay or closing. You can listen to the local radio, tune your TV to the local news channels or go to www.wnep.com on the internet.



Please remember that when we have a two-hour delay, students should not be reporting to school until 10:30 at the earliest. We do not have breakfast and our doors will not be open until 10:30. Supervision is not provided prior to 10:30. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.



JESA-PTO NEWS

February 9th—PTO Board Mtg. 2:00

February 13th—Fundraiser Kickoff

February 13th— The Valentine Day Party is scheduled this day. Please remember that if you are chosen to help with the party and find that you can't do it, you need to call the school ASAP so we can get someone to fill in for you. In addition, please do NOT send in extra snacks. The PTO is providing the food for all the parties. No additional food is permitted. Thanks for your cooperation. Everyone benefits when we work together!

*GET INVOLVED IN THE
JESA-PTO. YOU WILL BE GLAD YOU DID!*

JESA-PTO wishes to thank

- everyone for their School Mall efforts. We surpassed our goal and made a bonus for it!**
- all those who helped with Family Movie Night, Kung Fu Panda was a hit!**

For up to date PTO information, please check out our webpage on the Jackson site at <http://wasd.schoolwires.com/jacksones>.

Elementary Honors Band

The following students from Jackson School have been selected for Elementary Honors Band. The Elementary Honors Band is comprised of students from the six elementary schools in the WASD who have been nominated by their director. The band will perform at the All District Concert which will be held at the Williamsport Area High School on March 2nd at 7:30 PM.

The All District Concert will feature the Elementary Honors Band, all three middle school bands as well as the high school band. The concert is a showcase of the instrumental talent in the WASD.

The participating students from Jackson are as follows:

Kerry Bauer
 Nyric Gosley
 Lexie Harvey
 Logan Hughes
 Emily Lucas
 Frank Rose
 Dawson Ruch
 Michelle Sherant
 Ariel Williams

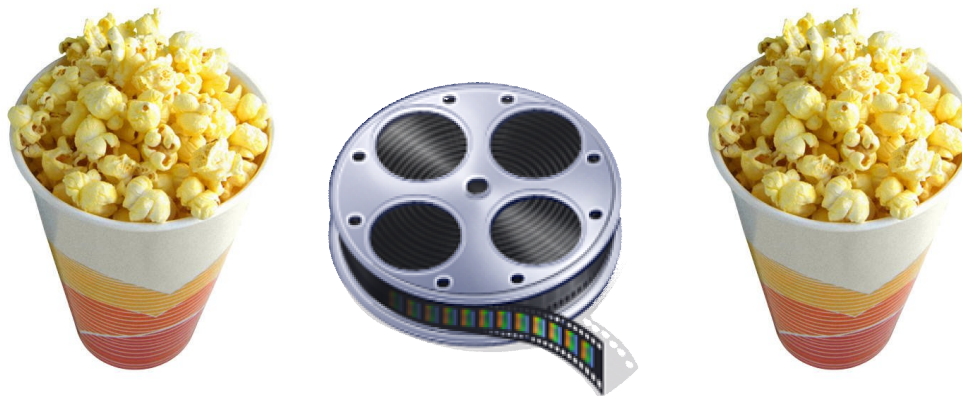
Alayna Gautieri
 Xena Harris



Miranda Witt

Movie Night Held at Jackson

On January 16th Jackson once again held a movie night for students and parents. Over 200 people were in attendance to watch the animated movie “Kung Fu Panda”. Held in the multi-purpose room at Jackson, the movie was projected onto a screen larger than some movie theaters have. Students and parents enjoyed popcorn and soda during the movie. Thanks to PTO for organizing another successful movie night.

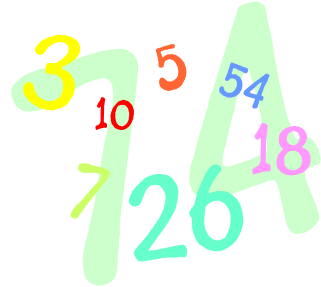




IT'S BACK!!
JACKSON SCHOOL
READ - SKATE - CALCULATE



This is a fun family program that will involve the "whole" person. This month it will be held on Monday, February 2, 2009 from 6:30 - 7:30 PM in the gymnasium at Jackson. During an hour time period students and their families will rotate between centers - reading - skating - calculating (playing math games).



If your family is interested in participating, please complete the form below and return it to the school office by Friday, January 30th. Families are responsible for providing their own skates. In-line or traditional roller skates are acceptable.

READ - SKATE - CALCULATE
February 2, 2009

Our family wants to attend READ-SKATE-CALCULATE on February 2nd.

Number of adults who will attend _____

Number of children who will attend _____

Parent signature

Phone

NCLB Report Cards

“No Child Left Behind (NCLB) report cards are an important source of information about school performance and accountability. They allow schools to compare data in a consistent way and highlight opportunities for improvement. Go on-line to www.paayp.com to access the report cards for the Williamsport Area School District and your individual school. Choose Lycoming County and type in the district name or the school name. A hard copy of the school report is also available on the public announcement board in each school.



The report card is designed to ensure that the public is fully informed about school performance, and to promote broader participation and better decision-making by providing a shared source of performance data. This federal initiative is based on the idea that a well-informed public plays an important part in school improvement.”



CRAYON CORNER


It may be cold outside but the artroom is busy with learning and making. Art Club finished their mural dedicated to our Newberry community. The mural will be hung this spring during the Newberry Block Party. Along with other projects, Art Club is also working on creating and embellishing a chair to be auctioned off at Relay for Life this summer.

Fifth grade students are finishing their studies of Ancient Egyptian art and have begun to learn about Ancient Greece. Fourth graders are learning about Pop Artists. Third Graders have begun to learn about Vincent Van Gogh. Second Graders continue their studies of world art as they learn about Vietnamese art. First grade classes continue to learn about mixing and making colors and kindergarten classes are creating portraits in their own image.

Our artroom would like to welcome Miss Souchik to Jackson. Miss Souchik is a student teacher from Lycoming College, she will be helping and teaching in our artroom until early March!

February 2009



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Read/Skate/ Calculate 6:30-7:30 Day 2	3 Day 3	4 Deadline for K-2 Reading Logs Day 4	5 IN-SERVICE DAYS	6 IN-SERVICE DAYS	7
8	9 2:00 PTO Board Mtg. Day 5	10 Day 1	11 6:30 -8:00 Family Cook- ing School Day 2	12 Day 3	13 Gr 2—Magic Tree House Play Spring Fundraiser Kickoff Valentine Day Party 2:45 Day 4	14 
	5th Grade PSSA Writing Assessment					
15	16 Snow Make-up Day We <u>will</u> have school! Day 5	17 Day 5	18 Day 1	19 Day 2	20 Day 3	21
22	23 6:30 Family Art Night Day 4	24 Day 5	25 Day 1	26 Day 2	27 Hoss's at Lunch Day 3	28