

Jottings From Jackson

JANUARY 2009

A Message from the Principal...

As we begin a new year it's a tradition to make resolutions that we strive to keep for the coming year. Below is a poem written by well known author Bruce Lansky about resolutions that I think you will enjoy...

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS - by Bruce Lansky

Last year I did some rotten things.
This year I will be better.
Here are some resolutions
I will follow to the letter:

I won't make silly excuses
when my homework isn't done;
when the truth is that I did no work
'cause I was having fun.

I won't fly paper airplanes
when the teacher isn't looking.
I won't sneak in the kitchen
just to taste what they are cooking.

I will not twist the silverware
to see how far it bends.
I will not take the candy bars
from lunch bags of my friends.

I will not skateboard down the hall
or skateboard down the stairs.
I won't run over teachers,
and I won't crash into chairs.

I will not do these rotten things;
my heart is full of sorrow.
But I have got some brand-new tricks
to try in school tomorrow.

Here at Jackson we are excited for the coming year, and the great things 2009 will bring.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

OFFICE PERSONNEL

MRS. ESHELMAN-
PRINCIPAL

MR. POOLE- ASSIS-
TANT PRINCIPAL

MRS. BOLAND-
COUNSELOR

MR. RUNNELS-
INSTRUCTIONAL
SUPPORT

MRS. CORTER &

MRS. ZAPOLA-
SECRETARIES

MRS. GRIECO- NURSE

MRS. GARDNER -
HEALTH ROOM TECH

JESA-PTO NEWS

Greetings..... The Holiday Shoppe was a success!!! Thank you Misty and all the PTO parents who helped! The Hospitality Committee served refreshments at the Holiday Concert. The cookies and punch were great! Thanks to those who helped with the Bon Ton books. We earned \$352.00 for selling 70 books, and will receive an extra \$350.00 for being one of the top 5 sellers. Thank You!

Dates to remember:

Monday, January 12—PTO Board Meeting @ 2:00

(All PTO members are welcome to attend)

Friday, January 16—PTO Family Movie Night—check those backpacks for more info that will be coming home soon!

Monday, January 19— No School, ML King Day

BOX TOP NEWS - Watch for our *Winter Wonderland Snowman Contest* coming soon! We will need LOTS of box tops for this contest so start gathering and clipping as many box tops as you can. Watch for more information coming home with your child in mid January on when to start sending your box tops into school.

So far, we have collected and sent in almost 13,000 box tops and will be receiving almost \$1,300.00 for JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. This money is used to help pay for class trips and the many activities that the PTO sponsors for our students.

Let's try to **DOUBLE** this amount by the end of the school year! **KEEP CLIPPING THOSE BOX TOPS and SUPPORTING JACKSON ELEMETARY SCHOOL!**

Stay warm and safe! From the PTO Board.



CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Student Council would like to thank all the students who brought canned foods to school! We know the needy families in our community will greatly benefit from your kindness. We collected a lot of food! It was awesome!!!

BUS LANE

This is just a reminder that between the hours of 7:15 and 9:00 AM and 2:15 and 3:45 PM NO vehicles are to be in the bus lane. This includes parked or moving vehicles. It is imperative that we keep the area clear so buses can move freely to deliver or drop off students. Thank you for your cooperation!





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, January 12, 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 9th. Families are responsible for providing their own skates. In-line or traditional roller skates are acceptable.

READ - SKATE - CALCULATE
January 12, 2009



Our family wants to attend READ-SKATE-CALCULATE on January 12th.

Number of adults who will attend _____

Number of children who will attend _____

Parent signature

Phone

STUDENTS MAY NOT ATTEND WITHOUT A PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Just a Reminder About
Reading Goals



★ **Every child in our school has independent reading goals. Please make reading a part of your child's schedule every night!**



★ **The last time period for completion of reading logs (K-grade 2) ended on December 23rd. The next time period for completion of the reading logs is January 5th through February 4th. Please help or encourage your child to read 20 books. Remember.....readers are leaders.**

★ **Students in grades 3—5 have independent reading goals that they must meet every marking period. In reading the interims that recently went home, I became aware that many students are lagging behind in meeting their goals. Please encourage your child NOW to get focused on his/her goal and read every day. The second marking period ends on January 23, 2009.**



January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
					NO SCHOOL	
4	5 School Resumes Day 3	6 Day 4	7 Day 5	8 Day 1	9 Day 2	10
11	12 2:00 PTO Board Mtg. Read, Skate, Calculate 6:30-7:30 Day 3	13 Day 4	14 8:30 Breakfast for Everyone 6:30 Adult Book Club Day 5	15 Day 1	16 Group Pictures for Yearbook Family Movie Night 6:30 Day 2	17
18	19 NO SCHOOL	20	21	22	23 End of 1st Semester End of AR period Day 1	24
		4 - Sight Assessments				
		Day 3	6:30 Adult Book Club Day 4	Day 5		
25	26 Day 2	27 Day 3	28 6:30 Adult Book Club Day 4	29 Day 5	30 Report cards issued Day 1	31