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Jones Lane Elementary School
PTA Newsletter

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From the President - *Principina Drazan*

It was a celebration that rivals the best. On February 6th, **Kristin Paolini, Diane Schmid and Laura Mackail** put together a gala that made everyone stand up and cheer. Current and former students, friends, alumni, past principals, former PTA Presidents, and community leaders all came out to help celebrate Jones Lane Elementary School's (JLES') 20th Anniversary. Recently, **the Honorable Sidney A. Katz, Mayor of Gaithersburg, Maryland**, issued a Proclamation designating February 6, 2007 as "Jones Lane Elementary School Day". Mayor Katz noted that JLES has had "twenty years of commitment to excellence in education". Happy 20th Anniversary Jones Lane! We are proud of all that has been achieved over the past 20 years and look forward to further accomplishments in the future.

The comic, **Paul Hadfield**, a/k/a The Funny Guy, Spats, and Dad, entertained the students during the February Cultural Arts Assembly. Mr. Hadfield performed a comedic vaudeville act wherein he juggled, rode his unicycle and told jokes while standing on an unsupported ladder. The children had a ball watching Mr. Hadfield perform. What a happy way to begin the day!

Talent abounds throughout the halls of JLES. Recently, third, fourth and fifth grade students participated in an art contest designed to select the new Jones Lane Spirit Clothing Logo. Although all of the entries were spectacular, one student's logo was chosen as

the winner. **Samantha McInnis**, a student in **Mr. Hageny's** 5th grade class, jaguar logo emerged as the winner. The winning logo will appear on the new Spirit Clothing and accessories this spring -- just in time for Kindergarten Orientation. Congratulations, Samantha!

We are all anxiously awaiting the JLES PTA Annual Silent Auction. This year the Auction will take place at The Moose Lodge in Rockville on March 10th. This is one of JLES' largest fundraisers. Proceeds from the sales will go towards program that will directly benefit the students. **Tonie Rommel** and her committee have been scouring the metropolitan area to bring you great items to bid on this year. Vacation homes, class baskets, many items for him and her all are sure to please even the most discerning bidder. Please show your support for our school and join us at The Moose Lodge on March 10th. You'll be very happy that you did!

Our next PTA meeting is schedule for March 6th at 7:00 p.m. I hope you will join us and discover all of the exciting events that we have plan for you.



PTA Officer Candidates

It's time to elect PTA Officers for the 2007-2008 school year. A nominating committee has been formed to select potential PTA Officers. The committee consists of Mrs. Denise Shuster, Mrs. Christy Jenkins and Ms. Jennifer Barnes. Of the current Officers,

Principina Drazan, Martha Segreti and Michelle Cornblatt will seek re-election for their current positions. Ellison Onsi will not seek re-election. Susan Levy has served two consecutive terms as Secretary and cannot seek re-election for her position. If you are interested in running for any PTA Officer's position on the Board, please contact a member of the nominating committee at:

dshuster@usuhs.mil;

[Christina Jenkins@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Christina_Jenkins@mcpsmd.org); or

[Jennifer A Barnes@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Jennifer_A_Barnes@mcpsmd.org).

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From the 1st VP - Martha Segreti

I hope you enjoyed the fabulous Jones Lane 20th Anniversary Celebration hosted by **Diane Schmid, Laura MacKail** and **Kristin Paolini**. It was delightful to see so many former teachers, students and parents. What a celebration of the community spirit so unique to Jones Lane. Well done ladies!

Another success, thanks to our wonderful Jones Lane volunteers, was Community Night at Five Guys Burgers and Fries. Thanks to **Wendy Putnam** and **Sharon Samuels** for organizing an evening of families, food, and fun. This event made the PTA \$274 -- so thanks to all who participated.

There are many upcoming events to keep us out of the winter doldrums. This year's Silent Auction, at a new place and time, will be held on Saturday,

March 10th at the Moose Lodge. Rock-Hop is slated for March 23rd at Kingsview Middle School. Look for details for these events to come home in your child's backpacks in the weeks ahead.

Save the Date! Our Annual Rock Hop will be held at Kingsview Middle School on Friday, March 23rd, from 6:30 pm—9:00 pm. If you're interested in helping with this event, please contact Terri Cohen (tcohen@iconsci.com) or Nikki Saks (saksfamily1@hotmail.com)

Lastly, Art to Remember is also about to start. This is your opportunity to show off your little Rembrandt's talent on magnets, mouse pads and more. If you would not like an envelope and magnet to come home, please email **Kate Steinwandel** at

ksteinwandel@verizon.net.

As always, thank you for all of your support and hard work. Enjoy!



Volunteer of the Month- by Michelle Cornblatt

This month the PTA is pleased to honor two members of our JLES family who have been consistently giving of their time and energy.

Our first volunteer of the month is **Brenda Miller**. I can truly say that every time I walk into school Brenda is volunteering her time in her children's classrooms. She has taken on a leadership role this year by becoming the chairperson for our "Spirit Clothing". Recently she's been working on the launch of our new Jaguar line of clothes and accessories... look for it on sale soon! In addition, she is the room parent for her child's class and is always on the volunteer list for any of our schools many activities and events. We happily recognize Brenda's willingness and appreciate every effort she makes to our school.

The second person I would like to highlight this month is **Nan Ropelewski**. Just to begin, Nan is a consistent figure

in her children's classroom. Nan's leadership roles include being the chairperson for Kindergarten Orientation for the past 3 years as well as the chairperson for the Literacy Lab and Math Lab. She volunteers in the Media Center and is huge help at so many events including, Bingo Night, Rock Hop, Book Fair, Sally Foster, Field Day, and our Silent Auction. Most recently, Nan has done the unimaginable job of getting our PTA Yahoo Group up and running. The Yahoo Group is in full swing now and saving our school many reams of paper! We recognize all of your hard work Nan and we thank you for it!

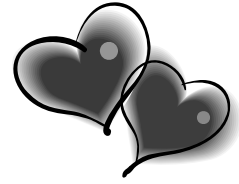
Both of these ladies are true assets to our school. I take this opportunity to let them know how much they are appreciated. Thank you **Brenda and Nan!**

Each month, this column will highlight one of the many volunteers who gave their time and talents to Jones Lane during the previous month.





Faculty News



Kindergarten

We have finally made it to the 100th day of school! The children were excited and enjoyed working with the number 100! The students were creative with the objects they used for their 100 Day Projects. You can see these out on the bulletin board out in the hall.

In math we are working with measurement lining nonstandard units end to end to measure various objects. We will proceed further into measurement dealing with capacity and weight. Children will continue with estimating as they predict how much an object will weigh (how many bears, paperclips, etc.) or which object is lighter/heavier. They will explore using balances to check their answers. On going discussions of different ways we measure can be an important topic to extend at home with

your child. After weighing concepts, we will move into working with 3-D shapes.

During the third quarter we will be focusing on facts vs. opinions. Given an important issue, the children will work on stating opinions to support their thinking. We will practice this using persuasive writing as well. We will also compare and contrast different versions of fairy tales. In addition, we will read literature that helps illustrate the idea of *cause and effect*.

Differentiation takes place on an ongoing basis in the classroom. It happens naturally within our day. We continue to work with graphing and interpreting data, ones, tens, and hundreds, problem solving, addition sentences, sub-

traction sentences, greater than and less than signs. In addition, working with concepts like use of quotation marks, compound words, author's purpose, and story webs to organize ideas in a book are just some other concepts we work on in the classroom. We use books that children can read with ease to work on these additional concepts so they are not struggling with reading it. Therefore, we can concentrate on other items. We continue to be quite busy and productive in the kindergarten classroom.

1st Grade

Welcome to quarter three! This quarter brings higher expectations in reading and writing for our first grade students. Comprehension strategies are emphasized to increase the students' understanding of what is being read. Predictions are made and questions are asked before, during, and after reading. Students are encouraged to make connections between themselves and the text as well as between two different texts. They practice visualizing descriptive text to enhance their comprehension. When responding to written comprehension questions first graders are being encouraged to elaborate with details from the text.

You can help by reinforcing these strategies at home. It is also helpful to have your child retell important details of a selection in his/her own words. Identifying the main idea, or the prob-

lem and solution(s) will also enhance comprehension. Students can also practice identifying real-life problems that they experience and talking about possible solutions to them.

First graders will be studying the characteristics of different genre such as poetry and folktales, including fairy tales and fables. The basic plots of folktales from around the world will be identified and text-to-self connections will be made.

In spelling we will be studying compound words, contractions, and common abbreviations. Children are expected to spell high frequency words (word wall words) and words with specific spelling patterns, correctly, in their writing. We will continue to practice writing with fluency and accuracy.

Don't be surprised if you receive a friendly letter from your child in the next few weeks! Writing letters that include a date, salutation, body, closing, and signature is a skill that we will learn during writer's workshop. We will also begin persuasive writing that includes stating a position and supporting it with evidence.

Unit three in math includes data collection and the continued study of addition and subtraction strategies. Please help your child by practicing the addition and subtraction facts often. This can be accomplished by using flash cards, games, or computer software.

Thank you for your support at home! We appreciate it greatly!



Faculty News *cont.*

2nd Grade

February is here and second graders are working diligently! This is a short month with many great things to celebrate and learn. Second graders predicted whether or not Punxsutawney Phil will see his shadow and many of them were correct! In addition to Black History, Valentine's Day, and President's Day, we will be learning ways to keep our teeth healthy. In honor of Dental Health month we will have a dental specialist visit on Feb. 27th.

As you know the math curriculum has been revised by MCPS and systematically organized into five different units. Please discuss with your children the different topics they are learning in class. A parent letter is sent home at the beginning of each unit so that you too can be aware of the unit focus, vocabulary, and content maps with essential questions and indicators. All of the students are working in flexible groupings in their homeroom classes. Before we begin each unit, the children

take a pre-assessment and the teacher is then aware of the concepts, which need to be reinforced or enriched with each specific student. Some of the topics we will cover this year are: numeration, addition with and without regrouping, subtraction with and without regrouping, graphing, shapes, money, time, fractions, measurement, grids, problem solving, multiplication, and division.

We appreciate all the help you give your child at home by making sure your child understands and completes his/her daily math homework. We will be finishing Unit 3 soon and moving on to Unit 4.

The children have done a wonderful job searching through articles and on the Internet to research penguins and the Wampanoag Indians! We have been working with Mrs. Tsai to learn the AGOPP strategy to help us write informational reports.

We will be taking the Terra Nova 2 National assessment this spring. There will be a packet sent home in your child's backpack full of practice activities. We certainly want our students to be prepared so please spend some time completing this packet with them. Look for further information on testing dates in the principal's newsletter. Remember that it is important that all students eat a healthy breakfast and get a good night's rest on testing days.

Our "Reading From A-Z" reading program is a yearlong program and is going strong. We hope everyone is reading daily and discussing what they have read with an adult! Thank you parents for your continued support at home.

3rd Grade

We're excited about our plans for February and the new marking period. In social studies, each class is learning about how transportation systems and technology link communities and promote growth. The impact on the natural environment is very much a part of what we explore.

As part of the reading curriculum the third graders are Reading to be Informed and Reading for Literary Experience. They are learning strategies that good readers use to understand informational text. In our writing curriculum students are Writing to Inform and Writing to Persuade. The six writing traits continue to be emphasized to students as they evaluate writing pieces.

Unit 4 in math covers geometry concepts using shapes, angles, symmetry,

congruence, slides, flips, and turns. In the first part of the unit, students explore and describe two-dimensional figures. Terms such as polygons, right angles, pentagons, and octagons are used to classify figures. In the second part of the unit, they will analyze and classify three-dimensional figures.

Explaining problem solving strategies in writing is an important part of demonstrating understanding in math. Children will continue to be challenged to write about their thinking. Please continue to review math homework and basic facts at home to assure future success and to reinforce these skills.

In science we continue to study Sound. The students are learning about frequency, vibration, tension, and sound waves as they attempt to explain why the pitch of a sound is high, medium,

or low. We are producing and observing vibrations during this unit. We will soon be making sounds using stringed instruments. The third graders are also looking forward to the in-school field trip from Mad Science of Washington on February 16th. Our next unit in the spring will be Plant Growth and Development.

During the weeks of March 12th and 19th the third graders will be taking the MSA, Maryland State Assessments. Please try not to schedule morning appointments during this time. In addition, try to make sure your child is getting a good night's sleep and eating breakfast. Thank you for your support.



Faculty News *cont.*

4th Grade

The fourth graders are working hard as they enter the second half of the school year. Now might be a good time to ask students about any school supplies that might need to be replenished. We continue to stress putting papers in the appropriate folders. Organizational skills are very important to being successful.

Math unit 3 deals with fractions, decimals and probability. This would be a good time to show your fourth grader how money is written using a decimal point. The tenths place correlates to dimes and the hundredths place corre-

lates to pennies. Conversations and hands-on experiences about math really help solidify the concepts. As always, practicing basic facts, particularly multiplication and division, will help with these concepts.

We have begun our new science unit on matter. Ask a fourth grader to tell you what matter is and in what forms it can be. We've been reading to be informed using our brand new science texts.

We are working on our social studies unit on immigration. Please share stories about your own family's immigration history with your fourth graders. The students are finding out about the "push" and "pull" reasons for immigrants coming to the United States. The unit continues with looking at the original English colonies of St. Mary's, Plymouth, and Jamestown.



5th Grade

5TH GRADE MATH: We are finishing our third math unit on decimals and fractions. The Unit Assessment will be next Thursday, February 8th and Friday, February 9th. We will be starting our 4th unit, Data and Statistics the following week. Students will learn to display and analyze data in a number of ways. Parents, please encourage your children to practice their basic facts.

MATH A: We have finished Unit 2 and are beginning our unit on Geometry. This unit includes angle measures, bisecting angles and line segments, and graphing transformations. The goal for timed basic facts this marking period is 40 multiplication facts in one minute for an "Outstanding" and 35 for a "Satisfactory".

MATH B: We have finished Unit 3 and have started evaluating proportions and percents in Unit 4. If your child is in Math B he/she should be able to calculate the tip the next time you are at a restaurant. Our goal for Mad Minutes is identical to the Math A goal above.

Also, we are reviewing reading, writing, rounding and ordering decimal fractions.

READING: Students continue having in-depth conversations about books in their book clubs and literary circles. We are concentrating on the genre of non-fiction as we embark on our feature article study in writing workshop. We are looking at text features and other structures that convey meaning in feature articles. We are determining the "big idea" in a feature article. Another genre we will study is the play. We will learn how plays are structured by looking at dialogue and stage instructions. We will use strategies to understand the plot and determine the theme in plays. We are also working with Mrs. Tsai on a research project in which each student researches a major US City. Each student will produce a pamphlet as their final product for this research.

WRITING: During the third quarter, students will create a feature article on

a topic that interests them. Students will ask questions about their subjects and then conduct research to find the answers. We will study the author's craft in published feature articles in preparation for crafting our own articles.

SPELLING: In preparation for the upcoming state assessment (MSA), we will be studying test-related vocabulary.

SCIENCE: We are immersed in our magnets and motors unit. Students have built compasses and electromagnets. Next, students will examine the role magnets play in motors.

SOCIAL STUDIES: We are studying the Articles of Confederation and events which led to the Constitutional Convention. We will then study the Constitution with an emphasis on the Bill of Rights.



Faculty News *cont.*

Media News - Mrs. Tsai

Author Visit We have been very busy in the media center during January and February. On January 4th, Fred Bowen, a famous sports writer, visited our school. He shared where his writing ideas come from and how he writes books. The students in grades 2 through 5 loved his presentation. Please encourage your child to check his books out.

Black Eyed Susan (BES) Book Award Students were introduced to BES Book Award and listened to book talks. Please look for the book list and encourage your children to read these popular titles. Students who finish reading at least 3 chapter books and 8 picture books can vote for their favorite books in April.

Kindergarteners had author studies. They learned about Donald Crews and Pat Hutchins. They also listened to read-aloud holiday and winter stories. In addition, they learned to use Graph Club software for graphing. They loved it. Right now we are focusing on folktales and discussing cause and effect relationships.

First grade learned about text features and how to identify facts from non-

fictional books. Folktales were introduced and read. Students learned to identify characteristics of the folktales. They will learn about Chinese New Year soon.

Second grade did penguin and Wampanoag research and had a lot of fun! Students learned about the AGOPPE research model and learned to highlight an article. They visited the Facts for Learning online resource and gathered more information. Second graders learned to take notes and wrote their reports.

Third graders finished the folktale unit. They listened to several read-aloud folktales and learned to make inference from the stories. They used a consensusogram to identify characteristics from the free choice folktales. They did a very good job!

4th graders are finishing the Native American research. They reviewed the AGOPPE research model and gathered resources using nonfiction books, encyclopedia and online resources. Text features, taking notes, and citing resources were our focuses. Brochures, shelter models, and reports were the

final products.

5th grade is doing cities of the U.S.A. research. They were having fun researching cities using the non-fiction books, encyclopedia, Internet websites and print resources. After note taking and bibliography citation, students will learn to use the Microsoft Publisher to create brochures.

Dayline TV Show Dayline Crew # 3 did a wonderful job broadcasting the shows. Thank you to all the crew 3 parents for your assistance. Crew # 4 will start soon.

A big thank you goes to all library volunteers who helped during January and February. Without your support, the media center couldn't provide quality service. Special gratitude to Mrs. Fitzpatrick for donating five videotapes and Umbar Kassa for donating an issue of magazines to our media center.





Art– Mrs. Wolf

Kindergarten and 1st grade students are completing a drawing, painting and sculpture unit titled “Bear in a Square”. They have been learning about color wheel and watercolor skills and painting rainbows. Students have explored books about bears in art, the type of bears that exist and chose two to paint in tempera. Next, they are detailed in oil pastel, matted with primary colors of construction paper and a collage of squares. The culminating activity is a clay bear sculpture.

Second and Third grade students are exploring visual texture, color and repeating patterns with an oil pastel resist. We are observing the paintings of California artist Laurel Burch. Her imaginative and highly patterned animals provide inspiration for students to

create their own unusually patterned creature. These observations will be used for an upcoming sculpture unit on Mexico and Oaxacan animal sculptures.

Fourth and Fifth grade students are working on a Native American unit. We have discovered Navajo symbols and created writings using new and old pictographs. Students have observed the totem poles and traditions from the Northwest coast. Using typical Native American colors, design and shape, totem masks have been created with tag board and tempera paint. Future projects will include storyteller figures and sand paintings.



Summer Search Catalog Showcases Hundreds of Summer Opportunities

Looking for something fun and educational for your child to do this summer?

The “Summer Search 2007: Expanding Educational Horizons” catalog has dozens of choices. It lists information on more than 100 courses, camps, academic and arts programs and university and college opportunities for students in Kindergarten through Grade 12. Opportunities are available in a variety of areas: fine and performing arts, science and engineering, sports and recreation, special needs and college prep.

Program costs vary, and college credit is available for some senior-level programs.

The Summer Search catalog is available in English and Spanish in all MCPS schools and in local public libraries.

For the first time, the catalog also will be available in Chinese, Korean, French, and Vietnamese.

For more information on these translations, contact the Division of Family and Community Partnerships at 301-279-3100 after Jan. 31. The Summer Search catalog in English and the five foreign languages mentioned above will be available on the MCPS web site.

Summer Search Catalog is available at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/summersearch/

This article is courtesy of MCPS Quicknotes.



Committee News

News from MCCPTA

Is Your Child Twice-Exceptional?

Are you puzzled by your child's school struggles? Does your child seem obviously bright, but unable to achieve academic success? Maybe she is light years ahead in math, but reading below grade level? Or perhaps he can bombard you with information about the Civil War, DNA cloning, lasers, or ancient civilizations, but when asked to write about the same topic, he may produce little or nothing?

Outside of class, your child may be a creative problem solver and analytical thinker who can stick to a task that interests him for hours. In school, frustrated by his inability to demonstrate academic achievement, he may shut down, melt down, or seem inattentive, bored or uncooperative possibility is that your student might be both gifted and talented and learning disabled (GT/LD).

Students who are GT/LD have repeatedly reported school as being a difficult and frustrating experience. It can be puzzling for parents because the child's gifts often mask the disabilities—for years a GT/LD student sometimes can cope with work by sheer brain power. On the flip side, when the disability masks the gifts, teachers may only see your child's inability to read or memorize math facts and never become aware of the student's superior intelligence.

MCPS is a recognized leader in the field of GT/LD education and offers support and special programs for bright students with learning disabilities. If you suspect your child may be GT/LD, please visit the MCPS website for more information: <http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/curriculum/enriched/gtld/>.

At that site, you can access Twice Exceptional Students: A Guidebook for Supporting the Achievement of Gifted Students with Special Needs which con-

tains a wealth of information about the identification of GT/LD students and how to teach them. If you need further assistance, please contact the GT/LD Specialist, Marisa Stemple 301-309-6272 or marisa_r_stempler@mcpsmd.org. This information has been provided by the GT/LD Network.



ART TO REMEMBER

The Jones Lane PTA winter fund-raiser, Art to Remember, is a great way to promote your child's art. Our art teacher, Mrs. Wolf, has been working with your children to select artwork created in class that can be reproduced onto a variety of colorful products, including magnets, key chains, stickers, calendars, note cards, mugs, mouse pads, tote bags, t-shirts and sweatshirts.

In February, order packets will be distributed with a sample magnet made from your child's artwork chosen by Mrs. Wolf. You may also **substitute** any other artwork as long as it is on an 8" x 10.5" paper. The finished products will be distributed in early April. These items make great gifts for family, friends, Mother's Day and Father's Day presents.

If you have any questions, please call Kate Steinwandel, 301-216-2333, or Lori O'Keefe, 301-947-2656.

If you do not want to receive an order packet, please email Kate Steinwandel at ksteinwandel@verizon.net by Monday, February 19th.



Silent Auction - 2007

Jones Lane Elementary School PTA

“MARCH MADNESS”

Rockville Moose Lodge
13755 Travilah Rd.

March 10, 2007 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm

Adults only - Free admission
Complimentary desserts, soda and coffee
Live entertainment
Basketball games on screen TV
Games galore - Live auction

COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL!!!

For more information please contact Tonie Rommel @ 301-527-0136.



Reflections Results - Maureen Conrad and Theresa McKnight

Here are the results of the County-wide judging process for the 2006-2007 Reflections Program. This year MCCPTA set a record with 37 PTA's submitting over 400 entries. The Reflections Program Chair indicated that competition was tight this year. There were many more excellent entries received than awards that could be given.

Of the 33 entries received by the JLES PTA, 20 were submitted to the county. One will be advancing to state-level judging and three others received an Award of Merit

Photography- Award of Excellence
Kristen Conrad

Photography- Award of Excellence
Tyler Carlson and Annemarie Brown

Visual Arts –Award of Merit Katie Han

There will be an awards ceremony on April 25, 2007 at Northwest High School. More information will follow.

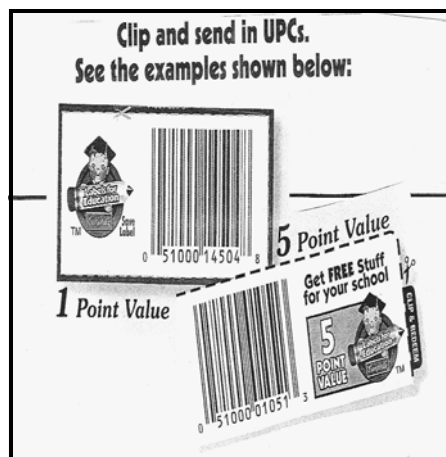
Congratulations to all our JLES students who submitted wonderful, creative entries based on this year's theme, "My Favorite Place."

KEEP CLIPPING YOUR BOXTOPS!

Save at home until our announcement for our upcoming contest in February. The class who collects the most box tops/ per average wins a pizza party! Last year we collected over 8,500 box tops!

SAVE YOUR CAMPELL UPC'S!

Labels are no longer being accepted this year. See the flyer sent home for participating products. These can be sent into school anytime. Bins are in the front hallway!





Safe Schools Hotlines, Bullying Form Available to Parents and Students

Everyone contributes to a safe and healthy school environment. Often, tips from parents and students can prevent youth violence, drug and alcohol abuse, gang involvement and other dangers to the safety of students. MCPS has a confidential Safe Schools Hotline to report threats, or safety and security violations. This anonymous service is available 24 hours a day/seven days a week. No caller ID is used. No one will ask your name. The Hotline number is 301-517-5995.

There are many hotline numbers available to MCPS students and their families. Other helpful numbers include:

- Montgomery County Police Drug Tip Hotline 240-773-3784
- Montgomery County Police Gang Tip Hotline 240-773-4264
- Montgomery County Crisis Center 240-777-4000
- Youth Crisis Hotline of Montgomery County 301738-9697

MCPS also has a process to document incidents of harassment or intimidation (bullying) against students attending public schools that occur on school property, on a school bus or at a school-sponsored activity. Reports may be made by a student, parent, guardian or close relative of a student.

Reports are made on the Harassment or Intimidation (Bullying) Reporting Form (MCPS Form 230-35), which is available at all schools or on the MCPS Web site. Reports are submitted to the school principal and investigated.



To submit articles, e-mail (in Word format):
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 (301)519-0594

Please visit our website to view the most recent calendar updates and information. Also, check the JLES and MCPS web sites for more information and what's new.

JLES PTA Calendar 2/2007 - 3/2007		
Date	Event	Time
February 13-14	Jump Rope for Heart	
February 14	Classroom Valentine's Parties	1:45 pm
February 15	Classroom and Group Pictures	
February 19	No School—President's Day	
February 27	Early Release Day K-12	12:35 pm
March 6	PTA meeting	7 pm
March 12– 21	MSA Testing Grades 3-5	
March 22	Courtyard Cleanup	9:00 am
March 23	Rock Hop	6:30 pm
March 26	3rd Marking Period ends	
March 27	No School—Professional Day	



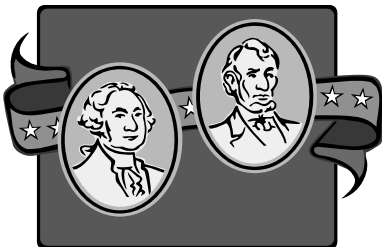
Wanted!

LOOKING FOR A FEW HELPING HANDS

We need volunteers to help with cleaning, trimming and weeding the courtyard on Thursday March 22nd. from 9:00am until 1:00pm. Call Kelly Grossberg for more information and to RSVP. 240.631.8181 Also please note there will be a rain date of Thursday March 29th.

Electronic Communication

"Our email system is up and running through Yahoo! We have added all members of the PTA for whom we had an email address. If your address has changed, or you have a new email, please send the corrected email address to Nan Ropelewski at nanrope5@hotmail.com. Eleven emails have been sent since early December. If you haven't received any of them, please check your junk mail filter to see if messages from JLESPTA are being flagged as junk or spam."



CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS

The Yearbook Committee is collecting pictures of school-related activities for the 2006/2007 school-year. If you have any to share, please place copies of prints (make sure they are marked with your name so that we can get them back to you) in the Yearbook folder in the copy-room or submit digital photos to Evelyn Wagner (evelynwagner@comcast.net) or Charise Geiling (charise.geiling@verizon.net). Thanks! **Evelyn Wagner, Charise Geiling**
Yearbook Chairs