

November Newsletter

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

IT'S A GREAT TIME
TO BE A BLUE JAY!

Fall has always been my favorite season. Not only for the beauty of the colors we see but in school there always seems to be so many amazing things going on. Our October started with families donating and classes collecting for the Fall Festival. This year, our festival was held on Saturday, October 13th and like years in the past, it was a wonderful day. I don't know that our PTA and staff volunteers get the credit they deserve for everything they do to prepare for this day. They go ALL OUT to organize so many games, prizes, foods and this year even a hayride for our community to enjoy. My sincerest gratitude goes out to all of you for time and dedication to our kids.



STUDENT COUNCIL - ANNUAL CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Our student council will be holding their annual canned food drive November 7th - November 16th. Each year our student population does a tremendous job supporting our local families through this drive. Items are collected each morning from the homerooms and counted. It has become a friendly competition between all of the grades and homerooms with the true winners being our community. The winning homeroom in school however will receive a party to celebrate their generosity.

This organization and planning continued into the classrooms with the parties and Halloween parade. The excitement was palpable last Friday as you walked through our building. Many of my "older" students were excited to share that they had figured out that Mrs. Smith was guilty of the crime of ransacking the room and biting the cookies in one of the STEM activities they completed using clues. While the older kids were solving crimes, our younger students enjoyed many crafts and games in thanks to our parents that created them.



Our student council this month collected socks to donate to the Rescue Mission demonstrating their understanding of helping the community as well.

No matter where you look at JMES you see great things happening. It really is a great time to be a Blue Jay!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

This month our students are working on Cooperation. As parents you have the ability to help your children make wise choices and build strong relationships while maximizing their full potential. Each age is a new opportunity to help develop these skills. Every month we focus on a new character trait and by having conversations with your child about what they learned at school provides you with the opportunity to enforce the lessons we are working on. For example, you can sit down with your child and ask them what does the word cooperation mean to them. Start by asking about things such as getting along with friends, siblings or completing chores. So don't miss it.... Conversations can be both simple and meaningful and have a significant impact on the development of your kids' current and future self.

"The only thing that will redeem mankind is cooperation." - Bertrand Russell



3RD GRADE PARTY FUN



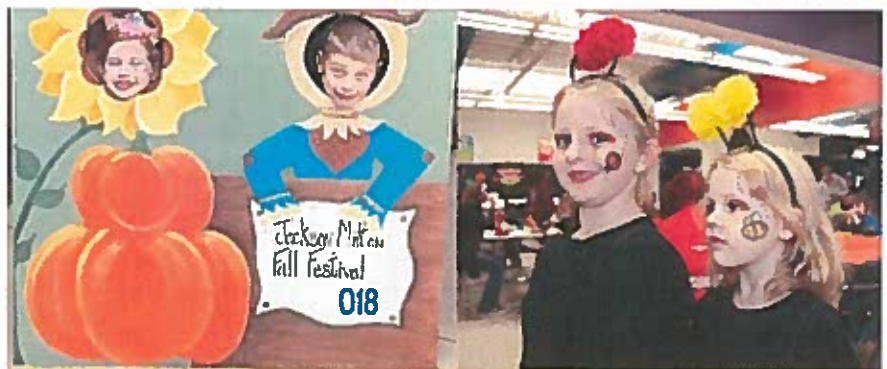
2ND GRADE PUMPKINS



5TH GRADE PROBLEM SOLVERS



6TH GRADE SLEUTHS



PTA

Hello everyone, Thank you to all who came out to support the Fall Festival. It was a great family event. The kids enjoyed face painting, balloon animals, pumpkin painting, hay rides, a costume contest, various games, a slide and fun photo booth, but most of all, quality time with their family and friends. Thank you to all of our sponsors and people who donated time, baskets, or food. A special Thank You to Tausha Bacorn, who took on the task of being event organizer, and all committee members. We love being able to put on events like this for our JM families. Reminder our next PTA meeting is November 5th, 6pm in the JMES Library. We always have light refreshments and provide adult supervision and activities for any kids that accompany their parents. Hope to see you there!

VETERAN'S DAY ASSEMBLY

November 9th
Lunch - 12:15
Program - 1:45

PICTURE RETAKES

November 13th

WAIVER DAY

November 20th - No School for students.

CONFERENCES

November 20th - Please call the school to schedule a conference with your child's teacher.

THANKSGIVING BREAK

The building will be closed November 21st - November 25th. Classes resume on Monday, November 26th.

CLUB DATES

Coder - 6th Math - 7th
Science - 13th
Student Council - 29th