



# February 2020 Newsletter

## Principal's Corner :



Hello JCE Families,

February is a beautiful month at JCE. Soon you will see precious oversized hearts posted all over our school. Each heart represents one of our teachers and staff members!! The best part of this is that these hearts are created by our loving parents and our sweet students. If you would like to create a heart for a staff member, please visit the following link <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/30E0C4DAAAB2EAB9-hearts1>.

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Congratulations to Mrs. Lucas and Mrs. Sahl. They were both recognized last week as Julington's Teacher and Rookie Teacher of The Year. We also want to congratulate Mrs. Clarke and our Battle of the Books Team for working very hard all year and representing JCE!! We are very proud of all of you!!! Last week our first robotics team led by Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. S. Foster competed against many schools and was awarded the Judge's Award. Go team!!! We are very fortunate in having the very best teachers and hardworking students representing JCE.

More celebrations..... For the past 2 years we have been working very hard in developing our STEM initiative and partnerships. In our first year, we added STEM as a resource where students began to learn to code, problem solve, and work in teams. This year we added "STEMulating Night of Science & Literacy". It was a success!!! Thank you to all the families and business partners that attended and for your amazing positive feedback. There's more news..... JCE has been designated as a STEM demonstration school for St. Johns County. We want to thank STEM2Hub, Lego Education, Code.org, UNF, PTO and "you" for supporting us. We are leading the county!!!

JCE has many upcoming events. "Pennies for Patients" begins Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>. Each year JCE students, families, and staff come together in an effort to support our local children who have been diagnosed with leukemia. Information will be going home Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>. Celebrate our staff through Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week beginning Feb 10<sup>th</sup>. Daily optional activities are enclosed. "Family Knight" is on Feb 10<sup>th</sup> where teachers (JCE, FCMS & CHS) will not assign homework, exams, or projects allowing time to unplug and spend time with family. Go bowling, have dinner & conversation, or snuggle up with a great family movie!! Looking forward to it. Last but not least, our monthly SAC meeting will be held at 3:30 on Feb 11<sup>th</sup>.

Stay connected with our biweekly emails of events, check out our website for a listing of all our happenings, and follow us on Twitter to catch JCE in action (JulingtonCreekElem.@JulingtonCreek3).

As always, thank you for your daily support and sharing your precious little ones with us!

*Jeanette Murphy, Principal*

## ***Calendar of UPCOMING EVENTS***

Reminder – early dismissal Wed. at 1:45

### **February**

5 Club Pictures  
10 Family Knight  
10-14 JCE Staff Appreciation Week  
11 SAC Meeting 3:30 pm  
17 Presidents' Day—School Closed

### **March**

3 PTO Meeting 6:30 pm  
5-6 Class and Individual Spring Pictures  
10 SAC Meeting 3:30 pm  
12 Variety Show  
13 Teacher Planning Day—No Students  
16-20 Spring Break

Please check the school calendar on the website often for additional dates and resource schedule.

## **JCES Events and News**

### **SAC Meeting**

All are welcome to attend the SAC meeting on Tuesday, February 11 at 3:30 pm in the Media Center.

### **Cafeteria News**



Please note that on February 14th a special chicken nugget heart shaped item will be on the menu.

Letters go home to parents each Tuesday if money is owed to the Cafeteria. If the balance has not been paid by Wednesday afternoon then an email will be sent. Parents can sign up to receive free low balance reminders at [SchoolPay.com](https://www.schoolpay.com).

JCE was chosen to be the first STEM2HUB demonstration school in St. Johns County! With this partnership, our teachers will receive top level training from Lego Education and Code.org. JCE will be the flagship school that will model STEM Education to all the other schools in the District. We are beyond excited to have been given this amazing opportunity.



### **Note from the Front Office:**

We cannot guarantee that items dropped off after the start of the school day will be delivered before the end of the day. We are unable to call into classrooms to interrupt instructional time for dropped off items.

Thank you for your understanding.

### **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Poster and Essay Contests Results**

Many students took the time to create a poster or write an essay. Thank you to all who participated and took the time to reflect on this year's theme!

At the annual awards ceremony Julington Creek won **FIRST place** in the poster contest with the work of second grader **John Chrissovergis** in Mrs. Ragusa's second grade class. Julington Creek also won **FIRST place** in the essay contest with an insightful personal story by **Jack Callahan** in Mrs. Spano's fourth grade class.

At the awards ceremony there were three other students who won Honorable Mentions in the poster contest and they are: Paisley Chittum in Mrs. Graham's kindergarten class, Skylar Briggs in Mrs. Trubey's first grade class, and McKenzie Colson in Mrs. Gilbert's third grade class.

At Julington Creek there were also eight other Honorable Mention posters, and they are: Kindergarten—Amelie Pursley in Mrs. Hodges' class, and Haley Dahlweiner in Mrs. Johnston's class. First Grade—Nekshitha Beeralala in Mrs. Taylor's class, and Mateus DeAndrade in Mrs. Carson's class. Second Grade—Christian Reed in Mrs. Iannacone's class and Isabella Bestafka in Mrs. Adams' class. Third Grade—Claire Mitchell and Marleigh Romine both in Mrs. Gilbert's class.

Congratulations to all!! A special thank you to our PTO for generously donating the "I have a dream" spirit sticks that all participants will receive.

# Jaguar Cafe

## **Monday, Feb. 3**

Homestyle Mac and Cheese OR  
Chicken Nugget

## **Tuesday, Feb. 4, 18**

Nacho Lil Bites OR  
Chicken Sandwich OR  
Mini Corn Dogs

## **Wednesday, Feb. 5**

Cheese Pizza OR  
Chicken Poppers

## **Thursday, Feb. 6, 20**

Cheeseburger OR  
Mini Cheese Ravioli OR  
BBQ Chicken Max Snacks

## **Friday, Feb. 7, 21**

Hot Dog OR  
Max Cheese Sticks

## **Monday, Feb. 10, 24**

Chicken Quesadilla OR  
Chicken Nuggets

## **Tuesday, Feb. 11, 25**

Cheese Calzonettes OR  
Chicken Sandwich OR  
Mini Corn Dogs

## **Wednesday, Feb. 12, 26**

Chicken Poppers OR  
Cheese Pizza

## **Thursday, Feb. 13, 27**

Pasta & Meatballs OR  
Hot Dog OR  
Max Cheese Sticks

## **Friday, Feb. 14, 28**

Loaded BBQ Fries OR  
Cheeseburger OR  
Heart-Shaped Chicken Nuggets  
(Feb. 14 only)

### **Ala Carte**

**Mondays: Pizza \$2.25**

**Tuesdays: Curly Fries \$1.00**

**Cookies 40¢ (limit 2)**

**Wednesdays: Papa Johns \$1.85**

**Fridays: Ice Cream \$1.00**

*Teresa Butrimas, Manager*

**(904)-547-8000**

## **JCES Clubs and Activities**

### **Music News**

#### ***JCE's Annual Variety Show:***

All students who would like to perform a talent on JCE's stage may receive a letter/tryout form from Mrs. Isabelle in the music room. The information is also in this newsletter, and on Mrs. Isabelle's website.

**Tryouts:** Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. JCE's stage  
**Mandatory Dress Rehearsal:** Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – 2:45- 5:30 P.M. JCE's stage

**Shows:** Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 A.M., 1:30 P.M., 6:30 P.M.



## **General Information**

### **St. Johns County Mentor Fair**

The St. Johns County School District (SJCS D), RSVP of St. Johns County and other local mentor groups will be hosting a mentor fair on Wed., Feb. 5 from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., at the Fullerwood Center Auditorium, 10 Hildreth Drive in St. Augustine.

Representatives will be on hand to provide information about mentoring students in the SJCS D. Mentor training will also be provided to interested individuals and a continental breakfast will be available.

Mentors give approximately 45 minutes per week to meet with a student and support him/her in academic pursuits, and other goals. No prior experience is required and background screening and training are provided at no cost. Contact RSVP/Volunteer Services at 904-547-3945, or [Cheryl.Freeman@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Cheryl.Freeman@stjohns.k12.fl.us) for more details.

## **SUMMER MARINE SCIENCE PROGRAM**

Applications for the summer Marine Science Program will be passed out by science teachers during the week of February 10<sup>th</sup>. Applications will be due back to science teachers by February 28<sup>th</sup>. Applications can also be downloaded from the website prior to April 6<sup>th</sup> at <http://www-grms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/> and click on the Marine Science link. The link also will have a complete day by day curriculum for each grade level, parent information, and a video from last year's program.

This summer program is available to all students currently in grades five through seven. Three eight-day sessions are held at Gamble Rogers Middle School with bus transportation provided. The dates for the three sessions this summer will be June 1<sup>st</sup> through June 11<sup>th</sup>, June 15<sup>th</sup> through June 25<sup>th</sup>, and June 29<sup>th</sup> through July 9<sup>th</sup> (Monday-Thursday). Small classes of 12-14 students are separated by grade level. All instructors in the program are St. Johns County School District teachers.

More information about the program can be had by emailing Kristina Bransford at [marinescienceprogram@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:marinescienceprogram@stjohns.k12.fl.us).



# Julington Creek Elementary PTO News

Dear JCE Families,

We, your PTO Board, would like to express our sincere gratitude for trusting us to serve on and direct Julington Creek Elementary PTO. It has been an honor and a privilege to put your generous financial contributions to work in order to benefit the teachers and students at JCE. Being on the Board has allowed us to get an inside look into the school, to work with Administration first hand, and to establish a working relationship with teachers and staff. We can honestly say that JCE has the best team of education professionals, and our children are in the best hands! We, as a parent and student body, have benefited greatly from the dedicated service of many Board and PTO members this year and in years past; however, it's time for many of us to move on – either because our children are graduating to middle school, or because personal obligations have taken priority. As a result, we have many open positions on our Board and Committees. Many of these programs cannot continue if new volunteers don't offer to fill these roles. It is true that many hands make for light effort, so please, if you perhaps can help us continue to make JCE a fun, friendly, and successful elementary school for our children contact us at [jcelemppto@gmail.com](mailto:jcelemppto@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

*Your 2019-2020 PTO Board*

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## **COMING UP** February 10<sup>th</sup> - Hearts for Teachers and Staff Due

February 10<sup>th</sup> - Help needed hanging hearts starting at 10 am

February 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> - Teacher Appreciation Week

February 10<sup>th</sup> - Family "Knight" (No Homework)

March 3<sup>rd</sup> - General PTO meeting (6:30 pm in the Jags Den)

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**Yearbooks are on sale now through March 6<sup>th</sup>. \$20. Online ordering only with credit card at: [www.leonards.com/yearbooks](http://www.leonards.com/yearbooks) Access Code C482375**

**Hearts for Teachers and Staff are due February 10<sup>th</sup>. Help us show our amazing JCE teachers and staff just how much we love them. Sign up for a heart here <https://tinyurl.com/vbe2sf9>.**

**Save the date! Family Fun Day will be on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 4pm. More information will be coming out soon. We hope to see you there.**

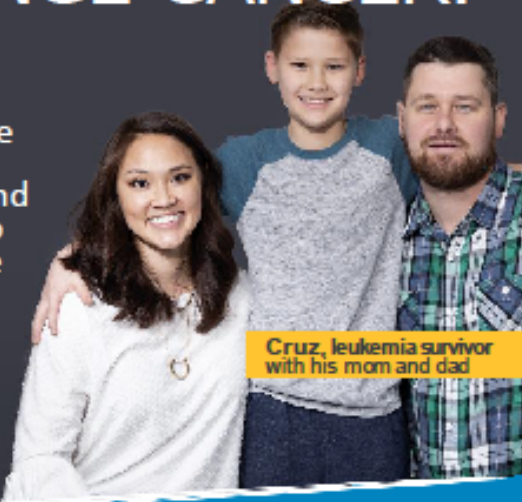




# TOGETHER WE CHANGE CANCER.

Heroes like **Cruz** never take on cancer alone. Heroes need educators, parents, and students in their squad to overcome cancer and live healthier lives.

Join our squad: [PenniesForPatients.org](https://PenniesForPatients.org)



Cruz, leukemia survivor with his mom and dad

**Our School Goal:**  
**\$5,000**

Top classroom will receive a catered lunch from Olive Garden!

**Spirit Week:**  
**2/10-2/14**

**Mon. Feb 10<sup>th</sup>. PAJAMA PENNY DAY-** donate pennies and wear your favorite PJ's to school.

**Tues. Feb 11<sup>th</sup>. NEON NICKEL DAY-** donate nickels and wear your brightest neon attire

**Wed. Feb 12<sup>th</sup> - DAZZLING DIMES DAY-** donate dimes & wear something that makes you feel unique

**Thurs. Feb 13<sup>th</sup>. CRAZY QUARTERS DAY-** donate quarters and wear a crazy hat and/or socks to school

**Fri. Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR A LEUKEMIA CURE-** donate any amount and wear red, white, or pink.

**Anytime:** Donate a dollar to your classroom teacher to add your name to the Wall of Hope.

Dear JCE Families,

Our school will be participating in the Pennies for Patients program from **February 3<sup>rd</sup> through February 14<sup>th</sup>** to help raise funds for blood cancer research and to support local blood cancer patients.

Last year, our school raised over \$7,000 for Pennies for Patients! By participating in Pennies for Patients, our school is joining the HERO SQUAD to help support blood cancer patients, like Cruz.

Encourage your student to search the house or car for spare change, do an extra chore, or come up with their own ideas to earn money to donate!

Be on the lookout for your student's Hero Kit, which will go out the day we kickoff the campaign.

**EVERY CENT COUNTS  
AND MAKES A HUGE  
IMPACT!**

Online giving page: <https://events.ils.org/pages/ncfi/Julington-Creek-Elementary-School-2020>



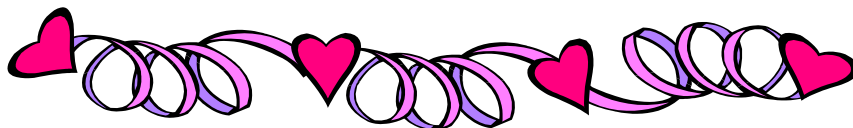
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**EVERY HERO NEEDS  
A SQUAD**  
TOGETHER WE CHANGE CANCER.



**CRUZ**  
Leukemia Survivor



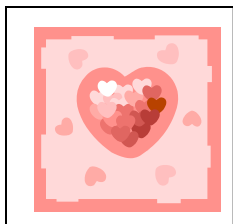
## Candy Grams!

Spread some love and help Julington Creek Elementary's **Relay for Life team**  
**Celebrate, Remember, and Fight Back** against cancer.

Valentine Candy Grams will be sold from February 3-February 13. Deliveries will be made on February 14. For \$1.00 each, candy grams can be sent to students, friends, teachers and staff here at Julington Creek Elementary. Send loving thoughts to that special someone.

Send completed order forms and payment in an envelope marked Candy Grams to your child's teacher. Wait for the smiles on February 14!  
Thank you for your support!

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Message \_\_\_\_\_



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Message \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parents,

January 13, 2020

The Variety Show tryouts are quickly approaching, and we know the children are working hard on their acts! ☺ We have just a few reminders. There will be only one tryout date, **Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**, from **6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.** on the stage in the cafeteria due to availability of judges and availability of the cafeteria. A parent **MUST** be present for his/her child's tryout. Videotaping instead of trying out is not permitted. Ex. My child will be out of town the evening of the tryouts.

The following criteria **MUST** be adhered to please:

- 1) All printed words to songs must be attached to try-out sheet. Words/lyrics to songs must be elementary school appropriate as well as Cheer/Dance/Gymnastic moves.
- 2) Students will not be allowed to sing along with the words/lyrics of prerecorded music. Music must be accompaniment only or Karaoke versions. These may be available on iTunes.
- 3) ONLY CDs formatted for a CD player (CDR - - NOT CD-RW's), or flash drives with file formats of WAV, MP3, MP4, M4A, WMA will be accepted for the tryouts, dress rehearsal, and performances. NO cell phones, and You-Tube videos allowed.
- 4) Lip-syncing will NOT be permitted.
- 5) Acts should not be longer than approximately 3 minutes, and not shorter than 1 minute.
- 6) One act per child. You cannot perform an act from a previous Variety Show entry.
- 7) Costumes may be worn during the tryouts, but are not required.
- 8) Mandatory dress rehearsal ~~date~~, Wed., March 11<sup>th</sup> 2:45 - 5:30 P.M. on the stage. Students will call home after their act is completed. Please pick up your child from the cafeteria. There is a place on the permission slip to write the phone number for your child to call.

We would also appreciate it if you would talk to your child before the tryouts about realizing he/she may not be selected to participate in the show. Many acts may be worthy enough for the show, but the judges will be deciding upon a maximum of **18** acts. The judges' decisions are final, and no re-evaluations will be accepted. We would like to wish everyone "Good Luck!" ☺

The show will be performed 3 times on **Thursday, March 12** at **9:00 A.M., 1:30 P.M., and 6:30 P.M.** in JCE's cafeteria. Please note that there will be a monetary donation of \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for students, and \$6.00 for families at the door that you may give at the evening performance to help cover the expenses of the shows. We would like to wish everyone "Good Luck!"

Please return the attached form and permission slip to Mrs. Isabelle by Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. NO forms will be accepted the day of the tryouts - **Thurs., Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>**; **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Turn in only one form and one permission slip per act. For acts that include more than one child, please list all the children's names and parent signatures on ONE permission slip.

Sincerely, Mrs. Kathe Isabelle  
Music Teacher

Mrs. Jeanette Murphy  
Principal

# Julington Creek Variety Show

Tryouts Permission Slip

2020

My Child has my permission to try-out for the  
Julington Creek Variety Show on Thursday, February 20th

Name and Phone Number of the person who will be picking my child up following the  
dress rehearsal (Needed if child makes it into the Variety Show)

Student's Name/Teacher/Grade

Person's Name, Phone Number, and  
E-Mail Address

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**\*\*\*STUDENTS MAY LEAVE FOLLOWING THEIR ACT IN THE DRESS REHEARSAL\*\*\***

What type of talent will be performed?

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Will you need mats? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need a microphone? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

Any questions should be directed to Mrs. Isabelle in the Music Room.



# Julington Creek Elementary

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**A limited number of yearbooks have been ordered so reserve yours now. • Books may not be available later.**

*Se ha pedido un número limitado de libros anuarios, así que reserve el suyo ahora. Es posible que los libros no estén disponibles más tarde.*

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LEAD CLINICIAN FOR THE UF JACKSONVILLE  
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RESOURCES SYSTEM-MULTIDISCIPLINARY  
CENTER (FDLRS-MDC)

FOR A DISCUSSION ON:

***THE ACB'S OF ATTENTION DEFICIT  
HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER (ADHD)  
- PART 1***

*"You can't  
change who you  
are, and you  
shouldn't be  
asked to."*

**GOAL:**

Provide parents of 504, Gifted, and ESE students with an overview of:

- characteristics of ADHD
- evaluating ADHD and other attention-related conditions
- conditions that may co-occur with ADHD

ESE PARENT  
ADVISORY

ST JOHNS COUNTY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

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PEDIATRIC CENTER

FEBRUARY 4, 2020

**LOCATION:**

FULLERWOOD  
TRAINING CENTER  
10 HILDRETH DR  
ST AUGUSTINE, FL  
32084

**6:00 PM – 7:30 PM**

IT'S *plane* TO SEE WE HAVE THE  
BEST STAFF IN THE *world*!



## JCE STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK FEBRUARY 10 - 14, 2020

*Monday: Write a note to your First Class teacher*

**Ex: Ms. Jacobs is high flying because...**

*Tuesday: First Class Delivery*

**Bring your teacher their favorite treat!**

*Wednesday: Books can take us to amazing destinations*

**Bring your teacher a gently used or new book to add to their VIP Library Lounge**

*Thursday: Check Engine Light! Supplies need replenishing*

**Bring in fun Post-it notes, pens, notecards, etc...to help your teacher soar to new heights!**

*Friday: Destination Unknown*

**Send in a gift card to your teacher's favorite location. Target, Amazon, Firehouse, etc...**





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