

OCTOBER 2022

THE JULINGTON CREEK JAG JOURNAL



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Happy Fall!

Fall weather is here!! We are thankful for this change in the weather, thankful for our amazing students, families, and staff, and thankful for a fabulous start to the school year.

We have many new families to JCE for whom WOW Wednesdays may be a new concept. Once every seven weeks, students spend an entire day focused on related arts activities. We call this WOW Wednesday! Students rotate through Music, Art, Media and STEM. While students are engaged in enriching physical and artistic activities, teacher teams spend the day looking at data, planning, and taking part in professional learning.

Several happenings in the fall months. Red Ribbon Week begins Oct. 24th. This is an important time in our schools where we emphasize being drug free and taking an active role in a healthy lifestyle. JCE is turning 50!!! On October 20th our students will participate in b-day celebrations and fall activities recognizing 50 years of excellence. We end the month celebrating our love for books by sponsoring our first Book Fair of the year. Teachers will be sending out information soon.



Congratulations to our JCE Teacher of the Year, Teresa Taylor, and JCE Rookie Teacher of the Year, Ellie Cowan (previous JCE student). We are proud of your accomplishments and excited that you both will represent JCE!!!

Mark your calendars for:

- PTO General Mtg Oct 4th 7pm
- ESE Curriculum Night Oct 5th 5pm
- SAC Mtg Oct 11th
- Teacher Planning Day- No School Oct 17th
- Picture Retakes Oct 19th
- Report Cards on HAC Oct 25th
- Kindie Costume Parade Oct 31st
- Book Fair Parent Night Nov 1st
- JCE PTO Skate Station Night Nov 11th 5:30-7:30

Thank you for your continued support!



Mrs. Jeanette Murphy




Scholastic Book Fair


Oct. 31 – Nov. 10

New dates







Cashless
Please set up an e-wallet
Open now for funds.
Funds will stay in account
and may be used in May
2023 book fair.



Students may pay with a
debit/cc with a parent
note that includes a "Do not
exceed" amount.



Parent night:
Tuesday, November 1
3:00 – 6:30 p.m.



Volunteer Sign-up on
Media page or PTO's FB page

Visit our Media Center Page for links or <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/julingtoncreek>

CALENDAR

Oct. 4 - PTO Meeting 7:00
Oct. 5 - ESE Curriculum Night 5:00
Oct. 11 - SAC Meeting 3:30 pm
Oct. 17 - Teacher Planning Day
Oct. 19 - Picture Re-takes
Oct. 24-28 - Red Ribbon Week
Nov. 1 - Book Fair Parent Night

Check the calendar on our school website for Resource and WOW dates.

Congratulations to...

MRS. TAYLOR, OUR TEACHER OF THE YEAR, AND MS. COWAN, OUR ROOKIE TEACHER OF THE YEAR!!



MUSIC NEWS

All 4th and 5th graders who are going to purchase a recorder, book, and/or CD from Mrs. Isabelle may do so through Friday, October 21st. The letter and order form Mrs. Isabelle sent home states the deadline is Friday, October 14th, but due to Hurricane Ian, the deadline is extended.

Both may be found on Mrs. Isabelle's website if needed.

<https://teachers.stjohns.k12.fl.us/isabelle-k/>

Recorder/Book = \$14.00

Recorder = \$6.00

Book = \$8.00

Recorder/Book/CD = \$21.00

Students in Kindergarten, 1st, and 3rd grades will have Health Screenings on Tuesday, November 8. This free screening will check vision, hearing, and height/weight measurement for growth and development. Parents in these grades were emailed a form to complete only if they are opting out of their child being screened. If you do NOT want your child screened, please complete and return the "opt out" form you received.



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LUNCH MENU

October Menu

Mondays

Chicken Nuggets

Tuesdays

Hot Dog on a Bun

Homestyle Mac & Cheese

Wednesdays

Homestyle Chicken Sandwich

Thursdays

Mini Corn Dogs

Cheese Pizza

Fridays

Hamburger/Cheeseburger

Cheese Filled Pizza Sticks

Managing your student's account can be easy by using Paypams.com. If you wish to have restrictions on your student's account, please email the cafeteria manager.

Please contact Teresa Butrimas, JCE Cafe Manager, at 547-8000, if you have any cafeteria-related questions.

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

Do you like solving problems? Using interesting materials to make something creative? Working together with others? Competing? Having fun?

We are looking for 4th and 5th graders to join our Odyssey of the Mind team this year!

If you're interested in being part of our team, you're invited to come to Odyssey Night!

WHEN: October 5th @ 5:00pm

WHERE: 4th Grade Pod

WHO: 4th and 5th grade Students AND their parents!

HOW: Scan the QR code to register or click [HERE](#)

Want to watch videos of past Odyssey competitions? Scan here!



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From the Front Office:

Please allow plenty of time when coming to check out your student early. For safety reasons, students are not called to the front office for early check out until the parent has arrived at the school. Always remember to bring your driver license.

JAGUAR TRACKS

PTO NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER 2022

PTO CALENDAR

October 4 @ 7:00 pm
PTO Meeting

Oct. 7 - Oct. 14
Boo Gram Sales

October 31
Costume Spirit Day &
Boo Grams delivered

November 8 @ 7:00 pm
PTO Meeting

November 11
Fall Family Night at
Skate Station

Nov. 14 - Nov. 18
Feather Your Turkey
Fundraiser

BOO GRAMS

On Sale October 7 - October 14

\$3- Individual Student

Halloween themed goodie bag

Please note: If student receives multiple
they will receive duplicate items

\$25- Sponsor a class

Each child in the class will receive a
special halloween treat
(1 set per class)



All Boo grams are
Allergy friendly. They do
NOT include any food
items or candy.



<https://2022-boo-grams.cheddarup.com>

GET INVOLVED

The PTO could not exist
without our amazing
volunteers. It doesn't
matter how much time you
can give, everyone is
welcome to get involved.

<https://www.jcepto.com/become-a-volunteer/>



ARE YOU A PTO MEMBER YET?

The simple act of joining provides **instant financial support** for our students — and provides you with a great way to stay informed about what's happening at school.

All PTO members have **early access to all PTO events** and voting rights on how PTO funds are utilized during the school year.

 <https://www.jcepto.com/pto-info/membership/>

FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The executive committee is looking for 1-2 members with an accounting background to join our financial review committee. This committee reviews the monthly financial reports to verify the information from the treasurer. The time commitment would be at most 1 hour a month. Please reach out to Lynn Bestafka via email: treasurer.jcepto@gmail.com if interested.



JAGUAR ROCK

The Jaguar Rock is a great way to
send a message for the school
community to see!

<https://www.jcepto.com/rent-the-jaguar-rock/>



JCE SPIRIT ITEMS

We have a limited supply of JCE Spirit Items available for purchase!



Drawstring Bag



Car Magnet



Keychain



<https://jce-spirit-items.cheddarup.com>

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A message from Bev Slough, School Board Member, District 1

It has been a pleasure to welcome a normal new school year! I am so glad that parents and community members have access to our schools again and such things as football games and plays are able to accommodate full capacity. Both students and teachers alike have welcomed the return to school as usual.

That said, we have certainly faced challenges this year. The staff shortages that have been experienced all over Florida have finally caught up with us in St. Johns County. We still have teaching positions as well as support staff jobs that remain unfilled. We are working hard to have a teacher in place for every class. Our Human Resources department has reached out to our intern students from UNF, Flagler College and other colleges to encourage them to join our substitute pool to give them experience in the classroom and to provide introductions to various principals around the county. In addition, they are providing preparation for the certification test so that students can graduate with that already accomplished, thus ready to go to work as teachers. In addition, job fairs are being held at several colleges of education and outreach to the community at large is ongoing.

We also continue to seek paraprofessionals to fill vacancies at nearly all our schools. To be a para at a Title I school requires an associates degree (60 hours of college credit), but that requirement has been lifted at non Title 1 schools to encourage more applicants. Hourly rates have been increased to a minimum of \$15 for all these positions, with extra pay for several of them.

Another area where we are experiencing personnel shortage is bus operators. As our district grows (we currently have almost 50,000 students), the demand for bus operators and additional bus routes increases. We are currently short so many operators that we have had to stop school field trips until we have more drivers. On October 1, another opportunity for people to come drive a bus and see what that is like will be held. When we did this last year, we were able to hire some new drivers from those who took advantage of the opportunity.

If you or someone you know has a desire to work for St. Johns County Schools, there is ample opportunity to do so. Please visit the district webpage, www.stjohns.k12.fl.us, to see the current openings.

Even with all the growing pains, our children are still deeply engaged in their learning. As I visit schools and classrooms, I see eager learners taking advantage of all the opportunities that our schools afford them. The first interim grades have been released, and I encourage all parents to visit Home Access Center to check their children's progress. If your child is struggling in an area, please reach out to the teacher to create a plan for his/her success going forward.

The School Board recently approved a \$1.2 billion dollar budget for this school year. Our district is the largest employer in the county, runs the largest transportation service and the largest food service department in our area. The school district is a large business, with over 6000 employees who are all focused on a quality education for St. Johns County students.

This year is our accreditation year. You may have received a survey from your child's school with questions about the education being delivered in our district. I encourage you to complete the survey because it will provide valuable information both to our district and to the accreditation team that will visit later in the year.

As always, it is my honor to serve as your school board representative. If I may assist you in any way, please contact me at Beverly.Slough@stjohns.k12.fl.us.