



# Jackson Jaguar News



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Every student prepared for  
a world yet to be imagined

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## Principally Speaking

Dear Parents,

We are now well into the school year, with lots of learning going on! I'm sure many of you have noticed that expectations for student behavior and academic learning are very high. We at Jackson believe that the children are the ones ultimately responsible for their learning. Parents and school staff need to work together for this to happen. Here are some ways that you can assist your child in developing personal responsibility for learning.

- Each day spend time talking with your child about what happened at school. What things went well? What things did not go well? What can be improved?
- Review homework for the evening. What needs to be accomplished in reading, writing and math? Make sure your child completes all assignments. If the classroom communication system requires a parent signature, make sure to sign the folder everyday.
- Ask your child what their goals are in reading, writing, and math. Expect that they will be able to tell you. What do they need to do to achieve those goals?
- Talk to your child about appropriate behavior. Make sure they understand that school is their job. They need to be listening to the teacher and completing their work.
- Make sure that students are at school on time. Instruction begins promptly at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. Every minute of instruction is valuable, don't let them lose it!
- Keep in close touch with your child's teacher. Feel free to call with any questions or concerns.

The home/school connection is a powerful partnership. Together, we can make sure that all students achieve high levels of academic performance.

*Anne H. Dancy*

### Jackson Mission Statement

*Jackson students will  
become productive  
citizens by being  
academically prepared,  
effective communicators  
and lifelong learners.*

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### 2009 / 2010 School Improvement Goals

**Reading—** By May 2010, 90% of all students in grades K – 5 will demonstrate at least 90% mastery of vocabulary in each content area as specified in Building Academic Vocabulary (Marzano/Pickering) list. By May 2010, 90% of all K-5 boys will demonstrate benchmark on Dibel indicator assessments appropriate to their grade level.

**Writing—** By May 2010, 90% of all students in grades 1-5 will demonstrate at least 90% mastery on the conventions/mechanics section of the ECAW (Every Child a Writer) writing rubric. By May 2010, 90% of all boys in grades 1-5 will demonstrate at least 90% mastery on the conventions/mechanics section of the ECAW (Every Child a Writer) writing rubric.

**Math—** By May 2010, 90% of all students in grades 1-5 will attain at least 90% of timed math facts for that grade level. By May 2010, 90% of all boys in grades 1-5 will attain at least 90% accuracy of timed math facts for that grade level.



## Conference Days

Conferences will be held Wednesday evening, October 28th, and all day and evening on Thursday, October 29th. More specific scheduling information will come from your child's teacher.

**There will be no school for students on October 29 and 30.**

When preparing for the parent-teacher conference, remember that the teacher is an important part of the community of people who will help your child succeed in life. One of the purposes of the meeting will be to determine the best way for the two of you to work together to meet the same goal: the best education for your child.

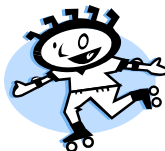
*Here are a few tips to get the most out of your meeting:*

- **Describe your child.** Keep in mind that the teacher is just getting to know your child, so offer information about his particular need and talents, his learning style, and what his fears and passions are.
- **Bring a list of questions.** Ask how your child is progressing academically and socially, and share concerns you have or that your child has expressed to you.
- **Get the curriculum.** Ask the teacher what the goals for the year are and how you can become involved to help your child meet those goals, either in the classroom or at home.
- **Make a plan.** Agree on a specific agenda that you and the teacher can work from to best serve your child. It can be as simple as signing homework to setting up a tutor for him.
- **Keep in touch.** Ask the teacher the best way to check on your child's progress.
- **Thank the teacher.** Let your child's teacher know that you appreciate how difficult her job can be at times and that you are grateful for her patience with and dedication to your child.

## Skating Party at Skate City

On Tuesday, Oct. 13, we will be having a skating party at Skate City, 1920 N. Academy Blvd. from 3:00—5:00 p.m.

A free fun bus will take students from Jackson to Skate City and return them to Jackson at 5:30 p.m. Students must have a signed permission slip to ride the bus.



## Media Moments



### Destination Book Fair



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Jackson Elementary so we can **read around the world!** The book fair will be Monday, Oct. 26 to Thursday, Oct. 29.

On school days we will be open before school from 7:45-8:15 a.m. and after school from 2:15-3:00 p.m. On conference days we will be open 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., closed from 4:30-5:00p.m.

Volunteers are needed before and after school and during conferences. Please call Ms. St. Lawrence (328-5822) or Mrs. Sobecki (328-5824) if you are able to help. **Bon Voyage!**

### Battle of the Books

Jackson Elementary will participate this year in the Battle of the Books competition. Fifth graders are invited to join this program that combines reading a variety of good books with a “knowledge bowl” format where the students respond to questions asked. Teams from all over the area will meet in April for the competition. Our students will meet Fridays during lunch beginning on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Reference Riddles

The Reference Riddles at the Jackson Media Center is a program where a reference trivia question is available for the students to answer. We have a new contest every two weeks. The answers will be found by using one of the reference books in the Media Center (dictionary, thesaurus, encyclopedia, or atlas). The prize for the first correct answer that is drawn for each grade level will be a \$5.00 gift certificate to the fall book fair (October 26th) at Jackson Elementary. A special thank you goes to the Boosters for providing the gift certificates.

### Kids Collect Needs You!!

Be sure and let Mrs. Sobecki know if your child would like to share their collection (in a locked case) in the Media Center. Thanks to Jose E, 3rd Grade, and Uriah K, 2nd Grade, for sharing their collections this month.





# ROAR Winners

Daisia M	Heidi S	Serena S
Elizabeth A	Ashley C	Aundrea S
Connor G	Nicholas N	Jeanine S
Jesse B	Nathan C	Jacob M
Marissa N	Logan C	Alyson G
Jailyn J	Chris G	Phillip C
Xavier W	Bailey T	Xavier J
Mya H	Skylar M	Destiny W
Anthony C	Robert G	Antonio C
Shannon G	Brenna H	Gavin D
Destiny M	Jason D	Mia A
Kaddin S	Elizabeth E	Rayna S
Brianna G	Brianna V	Matthew M
Adrianna S	Jacob M	Boogie G
Michael B	Dominick A	Erick B
Brianna V	Jose E	Faith W
Joshua H	Vincent R	Jeremy H
Ian C	Grady M	Marlie G
Jadyn B	Alexis C	Holly H
Andrew G	Devyn L	Cristian S
Angel B	Taliah L	Haley M
Elijah Tr	Krista W	Journey H
Georgia S	Joel H	Kade G
Angelica M	Torrie K	Bobbi V
Xavier P	Jeremy H	Natalie W
Carlos G	Deon H	Benny P
Elisia S	Tyler S	Abby J
Mairya B	Kinsey T	Nahli A
Genesis C	Nina D	Laura G
Aravis C	Brian M	Kane C
Tylena S	Cye J	Michael M
Aaron B	Bailey T	
Brendan P	Autumn M	
Adayla R	Griffin M	
Noah T	Asia G	

## Show your Jackson Jaguar Pride!



Every Friday, wear your Jackson t-shirts and pins. Don't have one? T-shirts, pins, jaguars and more are on sale at the school store after school on Thursdays. T-shirts are only \$5!! (Youth & adult sizes for sale.)

## Parent Boosters



Boosters is off to an amazing start this year. We have 9 new members, and are very excited about the group growing. If you were unable to attend our first meeting, please join us on October 6 at 5:30 p.m.

Thank you to all who participated in the BOGO card fundraiser. The funds from the sale will benefit the students and teachers during the fall semester.

The Coronado Homecoming Parade was a great success. The students had a wonderful time showing their Jackson Pride and their support for Coronado.

Upcoming events for October are:  
 October 6 Booster Mtg. @ 5:30pm Media Center  
 October 6 Parent Math Workshop for Gr. 3, 4, and 5 @ 6:00pm in the Media Center  
 October 13 Parent Math Workshop for Gr. K, 1, and 2 @ 6:00pm  
 October 26-November 13 Butterbraid Fundraiser

Please join us for the above events. Childcare will be provided for the meeting and workshops.

There will be a Board of Education Candidate Forum on Wednesday, October 7, at the School District 11 Administration Building Boardroom, 1115 N. El Paso Street from 6—8 p.m.

## Science Matters Science Club



"Blast Into Space" with our first Science Club this year. The club will meet on Tuesdays, Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10 and 17 from 2:40—3:40. Build a telescope and make a classroom comet. Don't miss this cosmic adventure! The cost is \$56. Scholarship help is available. Check with the

office at 328-5800. Science Club is run by Science Matters in Colorado.



Students **MUST** have locks for their bikes and scooters.

Thank you!



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 
4	5	6 Booster Mtg. 5:30 p.m. Intermediate Math Night 6:00 p.m.	7	8	9	10
11	12 1st Grade to Venetucci's Farm 8:45—11 a.m.	13 Primary Math Night 6:00 p.m. Skating Party @ Skate City 3—5 p.m. Free bus to & from school	14	15 Kindergarten to Pumpkin Patch 9:15 a.m.—1:45 p.m.	16 NO SCHOOL Teacher Work Day End of 1st Quarter	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Butterbraid sale begins	27 Science Club begins	28	29	30 NO SCHOOL— Conference Days	31 Set your clocks back tonight!
Scholastic Book Fair!						