



JVES PTA Newsletter

Accomplishments...

We are halfway through the school year and here's a snapshot of what we have accomplished:

- ☉ Yankee Candle profits \$6,200! Thank you for your support.
- ☉ Dinner and morning treats were supplied for the teachers to provide nourishment for two days of parent/teacher conferences.
- ☉ We raised \$400 with Spirit Wear drive.
- ☉ The book fair was a success. Our profits go towards the Jumper Program and items for the school.
- ☉ Coffee, donuts and pastries were provided for three days during American Education Week.
- ☉ The Holiday Shoppe was open for a week to provide children the opportunities to gift the important people in their lives.
- ☉ All Reflections entries have been submitted. Thank you participants!
- ☉ We collected a tree full of hats and mittens for Manna House – Way to support our community!

Coming soon...

- ☉ Word's Finest **Chocolate** Fundraiser will start February 7. Parent's will receive a permission slip in an upcoming Thursday folder and a box of chocolate will be sent home. Bars will be sold for \$1 each, a total of 60 bars per box. More details to follow.
- ☉ Next **Manna House** collection will be February 14th. As a reminder, please provide food that is properly sealed. Due to new health regulation we can no longer make 'homemade' lunches. Raw, whole fruit is acceptable, as are Lunchables, Uncrustables, crackers, granola bars, chips, applesauce and fruit cups.
- ☉ More information about **JEMS** (Jarrettsville Elementary Math & Science) Fair will be coming soon. We encourage students to participate individually or as a team. While not mandatory, it's a great opportunity to teach children to work together exploring science and math with friends and/or family.
- ☉ Ready to have some fun? Please check out page 3 for several opportunities to get involved.

Upcoming Meetings

February 8

General PTA Meeting

JVES Library

6:30 PM

May 10 (PTA Board elections will take place)

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JVES Library

6:30 PM

*Board & Committee Chair meetings will be held prior to General Meeting @ 5:30 pm. Committee Chairs will be notified of upcoming meetings via email.

Event Calendar

Feb 7-23

World's Finest Chocolate

February 9

Winter Dance

March 10

Bull Roast

March 13

Spirit Dine at J-Ville Creamery

March 15

JEMS Fair

April 20

Spring Fling

April 23-27

Book fair

May 5

JVES 5K & Fun Run

May 7-11

Teacher Appreciation Week

To see the newsletter in color, go to
<http://www.jvespta.my-pta.org/>

To see pictures from the events, Join our FB Group Page!
Questions or Suggestions? Email us at JVES.PTA@gmail.com



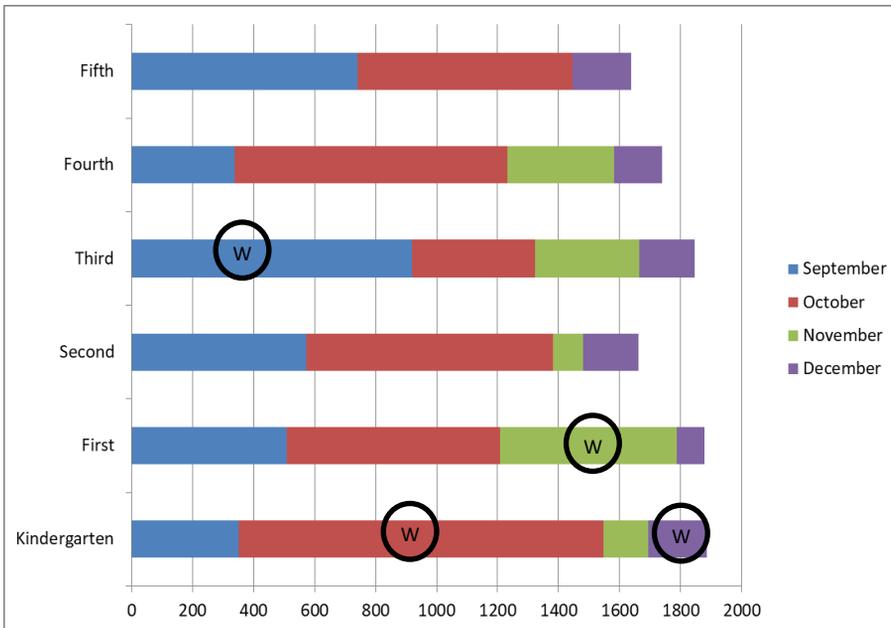
JVES Magnets are still available!

Send your child to school with \$3 in an envelope addressed "JVES PTA Magnets", include your child's name and home room, and we will send one to you. Alternatively you can email jves.pta@gmail.com to make arrangements.



If you are found around town during the month of February, you may win a prize. Board members will be searching the area for vehicles sharing their pride. If you get "spotted", you will find a note on your windshield notifying you of the sighting and next steps. We will draw one lucky winner at the end of February for a \$25 Amazon gift card.

*To be eligible vehicles must be spotted at least 2 miles from the school and must not be parked at a residence. Unfortunately, vehicles in motion will be excluded for safety reasons, but you may get a honk!



Congratulations Box Top Winners!

Kindergarten wins October and earns extra recess time!
The 1st grade wins November and will be dining with Ms. Garafola!
Kindergarten wins December and earns cash for the vault!

Please keep clipping and sending them in to the homeroom teacher! We've raised over \$1,100 so far this school year.

Congratulations and a fond farewell to Mrs. Hess who retired in December. We wish her all the best. The PTA gifted Mrs. Hess a gift certificate for a restaurant and a local nursery to thank her for 15 years of service at JVES.

Please submit photos for our Spring Yearbook from class activities, field trips, school events and more to JVESphotos@gmail.com!



Join our JVES PTA GROUP for all the most updated news and events!

Look for this icon:





The PTA could not organize, sponsor or manage any of the fundraisers, programs or services we provide for the students, teachers and administration without the help of many dedicated volunteers. We appreciate your support whether you are a leader or contributor, help daytime or evenings, serve an hour shift or can commit more time. We'd like to tell you about our upcoming activities.

Bull Roast

What?

An adult activity fostering relationships through food, fun and dancing. There will be games, an auction and a memorable menu. This is a great event for Kindergarten parents to get to others and for all parents to spend some quality time together.

How can you help?

- Attend the Bull Roast
- Sell 10 tickets and reserve a table for your friends
- Volunteer for 30-60 minutes during event
- Help solicit donations for the silent auction
- Help collect and package auction items

Next?

- Look for a flyer and order form in January
- Contact sktron@gmail.com if you can help during the event. The more volunteers we have the less work for individuals!

Spring Fling

What?

Several hours of games, prizes, food and fun for JVES families.

How can you help?

- Attend!
- Volunteer for 60 minutes during event
- Help with set up or tear down
- Buy tickets

Next?

- Look for a flyer with more information in March

This event requires a lot of organization and many volunteers are needed. We will begin planning for Spring Fling in January.

JVES 5K and Kid's Fun Run

What?

We are scheduling a 5K and Fun Walk for JVES families and the community, scheduled May 5th at Friends Park.

How can you help?

- Sign up to Run/Walk
- Volunteer for 30- 60 minutes during event
- Help contact sponsors for SWAG etc.

Next?

- Look for a flyer with more information in March
- Contact tracy@fitzgeraldmarketing.com now if you can help with planning and working the event. We need your help!

Winter Dance

What?

JVES will be hosting our first family dance for JVES students this year on February 9th from 6-8:30pm. We will have a DJ, photo booth, snacks and other fun activities. A parent or guardian is required to attend with each student (or multiple students from a family). The cost is \$5 per person with a family max of \$20 (including chaperone).

How can you help?

- Set up, including decorations, starting at 2pm on the 9th
- Clean up after event
- Volunteers to work crafts and activities during dance

Next?

- Look for a flyer with more information soon!
- Contact Stephanie smills97@gmail.com or on Facebook to volunteer



Dear Abby,

My best friend is a happy, ambitious and dedicated mother. I'm always a little bit jealous of how involved she is and how much satisfaction she gets from managing school events, helping the teachers and more. I asked her what her secret was and she said she joined the PTA Board and is having so much fun and is reaping the social rewards. I was shocked! Fun? Rewarding? Abby, can this be true? I have always thought PTAs are full of cliques and drama!

Sincerely,

Seeking Fulfilling Opportunity

Dear SFO,

First, joining the PTA Board provides a great opportunity to be involved with the most important people on earth: your children and those that work with them every day. If you believe the activities the PTA runs like the Book Fair, Holiday Shoppe, Teacher Appreciation Week and JEMS are valuable and if you appreciate field trips and assemblies, then you should step forward and join.

Is there drama? Sometimes. That's what happens when you have several people with opinions who care about their children. It's all good, it just means people care and we go to a majority rules vote. They always remain focused on the mission— support the children and their elementary school experience.

Are the Board Members a clique? I sure hope so! The Board Members spend a lot of time planning events and then following through with the actual event. When you spend time with like-minded (sometimes Type A) people, you create bonds and become teammates, collaborators, and friends. But, just because the Board spends time together, does not mean they are exclusive. They rely heavily on the committee chairs, volunteers and administration. Think of it more like a big holiday dinner with your extended family.

Finally, it is rewarding. It is exciting to see a fundraiser make \$6,000 after a few hiccups. It's fun to plan a Bull Roast where the community will enjoy time together over good food and dancing. It's nice to hear about a field trip that your child enjoyed during the day. It's sweet to pack an extra lunch so that a child at Manna House will not go hungry that day. It's pretty special to get a gift your child picked out from the Holiday Shoppe. And it's pretty cool to hear the custodian's exclaim "no one has ever decorated our door before!"

Dedicated, Committed, Hard-working, Organized? Run, do not walk to your Jarrettsville PTA! And let them know soon because elections are in May.

-Abby

Calling All Future Board Members

Two current Board Members will be completing their two-year commitment in June 2018 and we will need to fill positions. If interested, we encourage you to reach out and ask questions to learn more about the responsibilities. If these roles are not filled many of the programs and services the PTA sponsors, manages and leads for the school will not be possible. It truly does take a village.

**"Hey, hey what did I say,
you should join the PTA!"**

