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JVES PTA Newsletter

The school year is nearing the end. It was a full year of planning and executing events for our school and we hope everyone enjoyed the PTA-sponsored activities. This year our PTA grew to 293 members, a 23% increase over the prior year. We know it's a jam-packed schedule and we appreciate the involvement of the collective association, the "WE" in this summary. Take a moment to review the accomplishments of 2017-2018...

FOR THE STUDENTS, WE:

- ✓ Funded or subsidized field trips for each grade level this year (\$5,150) and assemblies totaling (\$3,000)
- ✓ Participated in Trunk or Treat at the Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire House
- ✓ Organized two Kindergarten meet and greets in late summer
- ✓ Hosted the JEMS fair in March to showcase our budding scientists and mathematicians
- ✓ Held two Book Fairs this year and were able to provide a free book to all children who met the minimum reading goal through the Jumper program
- ✓ Organized the first Winter Dance in February where both parents and children were delighted
- ✓ Continued to collect Box Tops and reward the grade level that collected the most on a monthly basis
- ✓ Provided an inexpensive opportunity to choose holiday gifts for loved ones
- ✓ Planned and hosted a fantastic Spring Fling event, a favorite JVES tradition
- ✓ Organized (2) Spirit Dines, winning the Creamery bonus money the second year in the row for money raised
- ✓ Planned an end of year pool party in partnership with the NHSC
- ✓ Organized Reflections Art competition entries and hosted small celebration for participants
- ✓ Executed an accelerated strategy to get the Yearbooks out early so they could be signed by friends while still providing a supplemental insert to include the late year events

FOR THE TEACHERS & STAFF, WE:

- ✓ Provided breakfast on the first day back for teachers
- ✓ Honored the custodians with a decorated door and gift basket
- ✓ Celebrated Bus Driver Appreciation Week with small gifts and treats
- ✓ Provided meals for teachers during parent conferences
- ✓ Celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week, showering our teachers and staff with lunch, gifts and more
- ✓ Provided small stipends for each faculty member and each grade team to help with supplies

FOR THE PARENTS, WE:

- ✓ Increased the level of communication to share news
- ✓ Added a Facebook Group page and a bi-monthly newsletter
- ✓ Offered an adult meet and greet to start the year
- ✓ Complied with the Thursday folder option the school offered to ensure flyers and communication were arriving consistently
- ✓ Focused on family and comradery by hosting fun events like the Bull Roast, the Family Fun Run and Walk and the first Winter Dance
- ✓ Provided discounted Hershey Park tickets and Oriole's tickets



FOR THE COMMUNITY, WE:

- ✓ Supported the Lunches for the Needy program at Manna House
- ✓ Collected hats & mittens in the winter
- ✓ Collected supplies for homeless animals
- ✓ Raised “Pennies for Patients”
- ✓ Collected items for Ben’s Wish

FUNDRAISING SUMMARY:

Each year we need to profit over \$20K to pay for all of the activities we currently fund and to consider new and exciting technology and educational resources. These activities bring joy to our students and teachers! We also need to maintain adequate savings and insurance and send money to the local/state PTA which provides training and support for the Board, an invaluable resource. We were able to fully fund our budget this year and made ~\$25,000. The top fundraisers were the Bull Roast and Yankee Candle. Based on the outcome of the final budget, the PTA voted to make a donation to JVES for technology this year. For more information about the budget, please contact jves.pta@gmail.com.

IN APPRECIATION:

- ✓ THANK YOU to the parents who became members, participated in fundraisers, attended events, donated time to help set up or work at an event, and especially our committee chairs who organized and managed our events. We cannot do any of this without you.
- ✓ We love and appreciate JVES teachers and staff for the ongoing support we often ask of them!
- ✓ A special THANK YOU to Ms. Garafola and Mrs. Smith for their continuous support and assistance throughout the year. And to the office staff who is critical to the success of the PTA.
- ✓ THANK YOU to the custodians who often stay late to clean up after us.
- ✓ THANK YOU Mrs. Frey for coming to our meetings and facilitating communication between the PTA and teachers. You are a vital asset to our team.
- ✓ A HUGE THANK YOU to Dana Sennett, our fearless President, and to Elizabeth Golly, our hard-working secretary, for your two years of service as Board members. Your dedication and devotion has been a huge asset to the PTA and to JVES.
- ✓ We’d also like to thank the incoming 2018-2019 Board for continuing the mission. Introducing:
President: Amy Simmons, Vice-President: Stephanie Mills, Vice-President: Kristin Walsh
Secretary: Danielle Moore, Treasurer: Diedra Cardamone



As we sign off for the year, let’s congratulate the April Box Top winners – the 5th grade won extra recess time. We will announce the May winner in the FB Group! This year we made \$1,600 by sending in our Box Tops. Please remember to collect Box Tops throughout the summer to support our school. Submit them in September when we begin another year of friendly grade level competition!