

## Jones Lane Elementary School PTA Summer Update 5

### Letter from the PTA President

Dear Jones Lane Families & Staff,

It is an honor to introduce myself to you as your new PTA President for the upcoming year. I have an incoming Kindergartner, a 5th grader and a 7th grader. We have a new Board in place and we will be meeting over the summer to work on the budget and planning for the upcoming year. As of now there will not be any in-person events for the fall but we are still very committed to providing engaging and fun opportunities.

This weekly email digest will continue to come out every Monday. We will pass along information from MCPS, MCCPTA and other local sources that may be helpful to you. Please also follow us on social media, Facebook (Jones Lane Elementary School PTA), Instagram (@JLESPTA), and Twitter (@JLESPTAOfficial).

I welcome your thoughts and feedback, please reach out anytime; my email is [President.JLESPTA@gmail.com](mailto:President.JLESPTA@gmail.com).

I wish you all a fun and healthy summer in the weeks to come.

Sincerely, Stacy Kravitz

### JLES PTA MEETING

Thank you to everyone who came to our meeting at Aberdeen Park last Tuesday night. We were able to socially distance to safely and officially elect our new 2020-2021 PTA Board. We also had an open discussion about what YOU want to see from your PTA in the coming weeks and months. We discussed ways that we can engage each other and support our children's social needs, and support our teachers this coming school year. For specifics, please read the meeting minutes in the link below.

### 2020-2021 PTA Board

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Click here to see the [July 2020 Minutes.pdf](#)

### **What can your PTA do for you?**

We are actively seeking input from our members as to what sorts of activities, programming and support we can offer at this time. Please send all ideas and thoughts to VP Sarah Weinstein at [VicePresident.JLESPTA@gmail.com](mailto:VicePresident.JLESPTA@gmail.com).

### **MCPS Food Distribution**

Free produce distribution is scheduled on Thursday, July 16th from 12-12:30pm at the West Side Drive entrance of Malcolm King Park. The boxes weigh 25lbs and we only have enough boxes to provide 1 per family. PLEASE wear a mask and follow social distancing rules. We need to keep all JLES families and volunteers safe. ONLY complete this form if you are a Jones Lane family and need a box delivered to your home. We have limited volunteers and can only deliver to Jones Lane families whose parents are working and unable to come to the distribution or who live in other school neighborhoods. All others are asked to attend the distribution. Please call or text Jessica Berrellez if you have any questions (301) 300-8429. <https://forms.gle/LZaCU3Jzn1Vm2mAW7>

La distribución gratuita de productos está programada para el jueves 16 de julio de 12 a 12:30 pm en la entrada West Side Drive de Malcolm King Park. Las cajas pesan 25 libras y solo tenemos suficientes cajas para proporcionar 1 por familia. POR FAVOR use una máscara y siga las reglas de distanciamiento social. Necesitamos mantener a salvo a todas las familias y voluntarios de JLES. SOLO complete este formulario si es una familia de Jones Lane y necesita una caja entregada en su hogar. Tenemos voluntarios limitados y solo podemos entregar a las familias de Jones Lane cuyos padres están trabajando y no pueden venir a la distribución o que viven en otros vecindarios escolares. Todos los demás deben asistir a la distribución. Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Jessica Berrellez si tiene alguna pregunta (301) 300-8429. <https://forms.gle/LZaCU3Jzn1Vm2mAW7>

## News from MCPS

The *MCPS Fall 2020: Reimagine, Reopen, Recover* Guide provides an overview of a few of the recovery models the district is considering at this time. This is just a draft guide and MCPS will continue to amend and improve upon these recommendations as it receives feedback from the community.

Please read the message from Superintendent

here: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/publicinfo/community/school-year-2019-2020/community-update-20200711.html>

## From MCCPTA VP of Advocacy: Seek Common Ground COVID-19 Accelerator Learning Project

The Black and Brown Coalition was selected by a national funder, Seek Common Ground, to participate in a COVID-19 Accelerator learning project with other non-profits from across the country, in order to develop quick and effective responses to COVID learning loss. We will use our funding to reach out directly to Montgomery County students and families who were most disconnected from education, when schools shuttered as a result of COVID-19. We want to understand the obstacles that stood in the way of children learning and being successful with remote education more deeply. In addition, we want to listen to the actual voices and experiences of the students and families as well as the educators who serve our most underserved students. Through Identity, one of our founding partners, and their work at our high school wellness centers, we already have access to many black and brown students and families to participate in this project.

We are asking Coalition members to assist as follows: If through your community equity work, you engage with black and brown students (and families) (1) who were severely disconnected from learning after the start of COVID-19; (2) who are at risk of remaining left behind if MCPS relies on ongoing remote instruction and (3) who you think would have interest in participating with us in focus groups to share their unique experiences and help frame what is need for their students to be successful going forward, please share that information with Mondie Kumbula-Fraser at [mkfraser9@outlook.com](mailto:mkfraser9@outlook.com). Focus groups will likely occur during the week of July 27, 2020. Participants are eligible to receive a \$30 gift card stipend. The Coalition hopes to complete focus groups and interviews in time to use the information to inform our fall advocacy.

JLES PTA Meeting  
Tuesday, July 6, 2020, 7:30 p.m.



## **Minutes**

- I. **Opening – Jen Legge, PTA President**
  - A. Call meeting to order & note presence of a quorum (quorum is 15)
- II. **Minutes –**
  - A. Took attendance to avoid passing an attendance sheet out.
- III. **New Business & Discussion – Jen Legge, PTA President**
  - A. Announced the Nominees for the 2020-2021 PTA Board.

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Hazel Keating moved to vote on the nominees. Margaret Weiner seconded. The motion was unanimously approved with a 15-0 vote.

- B. Brainstormed ideas (possibilities, not commitments yet) for PTA in the coming year.
  1. Cater the Teacher Welcome Breakfast.
  2. Hire an advocate to have on retainer to help parents navigate special education, technology distribution, etc.
  3. Ask chairs should think about ways to make their events virtual.
  4. Talk to friends and family in and out of Montgomery County about what they are doing to support families.
  5. Distribute a parent survey.

6. Ask talented parents to offer evening enrichment activities such as yoga, iMovie lessons, cooking, etc.
  7. Create a program for middle/high school students to offer online classes or homework help for SSL hours.
  8. Create a buddy system to pair older kids with younger kids.
    - a) Modified patrol system for 5<sup>th</sup> graders
    - b) Work with teachers to set up buddies
  9. Create/use an app or listserv (something more dynamic and interactive)
  10. Create parent support groups
  11. Offer online education for parents (mental health, technology issues)
  12. Offer family porch portraits
  13. Hold regularly scheduled diversity and heritage celebrations.
  14. Find ways for the kids to see each other/teachers (slide shows, videos)
  15. Think about ways to recruit room parents and what their roles will be
  16. Hold a virtual school kick-off celebration
  17. Offer yard signs for incoming Kindergarteners
    - a) Have 5<sup>th</sup> graders make them
    - b) Put them at the school for pickup
    - c) Make signs for teachers to pickup also
- C. Discussed chairs that need to be filled for next year
1. A parliamentarian is needed to renew the bylaws this year. Most of the bylaws are boilerplate, but things like board positions, number of meetings, and the number of members that constitute quorum can be changed.
  2. Yearbook, Outdoor Classroom, and Kindergarten Orientation also need new chairs.

IV. Adjourn – Jen Legge, PTA President