

## **Jones Lane Elementary School PTA Week 21 Update**

### **CULTURAL ARTS ASSEMBLY, DURING SCHOOL ON JANUARY 31ST**

The PTA is proud to have Christylez Bacon, GRAMMY nominated Progressive Hip-Hop artist, perform for our students on Friday. Christylez Bacon combines rhyming, storytelling, and interactive call and response choruses with diverse instrumentation (West-African Djembe drum, human beatboxing). This high-energy program teaches students about improvisation and the cultural diversity of various musical genres, blending traditional elements of musical styles from jazz to hip-hop. Ask your kids what they thought about the show!!

### **PTA MEETING - FEBRUARY 4, 7:00 PM**

The first PTA meeting of 2020 will be held February 4th at 7:00 PM in the APR (Cafeteria). The meeting will include a vote on a budget change to add a \$10,000 expense for a new electronic sign at the school entrance. MCPS would pay for the electrical work and the foundation, JLES and JLES PTA would pay for the actual sign. The meeting will also include a presentation about Eureka Math by Mrs. Hennelly and interactive math activities led by Ms. Coddington and Ms. Woodfork. The meeting will begin with the Eureka Math presentation. Discussion of the sign along with other PTA business will begin around 7:30 PM.

### **CELEBRATION OF WORLD CULTURES AT INTERNATIONAL NIGHT**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2020**

**6:30-8:30 P.M.**

Be a part of the fun and help the JLES community celebrate our rich cultural diversity!

The diversity quilt has started to go up. Kids can work on their quilt squares and submit them throughout the week... help us fill the quilt!

We need more volunteers to showcase a country! Here are some ways...

1. Host a booth - bring a few items, make a poster board (we can provide you with one!), or bring some artifacts. Stumped for ideas? Let us know and we are happy to help! We need more sign-ups for booths! Kindly sign-up by Jan. 31st!
2. Host an activity - team up with friends or another family or showcase an individual activity.
3. Participate in the "Parade of Nations" - wear or bring something (flag/country name/banner) and join us on stage in the APR. No need to sign-up to participate ahead of the event.

For questions, contact Mugdha Tipnis at [mugdhapimprikar@gmail.com](mailto:mugdhapimprikar@gmail.com)

We also need help with the International Night planning committee, set-up and clean-up and volunteers (Adults/SSL hours). Be part of the fun this fantastic night and host a booth! Sign-Up now and help us

spread the excitement of learning about different countries around the world. For questions, contact Mugdha Tipnis at [mugdhapimprikar@gmail.com](mailto:mugdhapimprikar@gmail.com).

A bus will pick up families at West Side Drive at 6:15 PM and leave Jones Lane for West Side Drive at 8:30 PM.

Flyers have been sent home and attached here for your convenience. Let's make this a fun night for all.

[Diversity Quilt.pdf](#)

[Booth Sign-Up Form 2020 Print-1.pdf](#)

### **YEARBOOK HELP NEEDED!**

Have a camera on your phone? That's all that is needed to help with this request! The yearbook is in need of some photography assistance in the following categories. Specials (PE, Art, Music, Media), Dayline, Raising the Flag, Morning Announcements and Read Aloud Week. Each of these would require little time and can be scheduled whenever it works in your schedule (with the exception of Read Aloud Week which obviously needs to be done during a particular week!). No professional photography experience is needed, just someone that can capture the faces of a variety of students in each setting. Please consider helping by contacting Annette Golub at [yearbook.jlespta@gmail.com](mailto:yearbook.jlespta@gmail.com) for more information.

### **USED BOOK COLLECTION**

We are starting to collect books for our annual used book sale fundraiser. The fundraiser will be held at the STEM Night on April 17th. If you're ready to start clearing out your books, please drop them off at Amy Fenzel's house - 14829 Native Dancer Road. Respond to this email if you'd also like to volunteer to be a collection site!

### **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: BIG LEARNING FOREIGN LANGUAGE**



FLES classes give your child a JUMP START to World Language classes in middle school! Parents and children love Big Learning FLES and our classes provide an unmatched opportunity to lay a foundation for your child's future language learning. According to an MCPS study children who participate in FLES for 2 years in elementary school are 3 times more likely to take an AP World Language class in High School. Let's get started!!

Winter Session registration for classes for grades K-5 at Jones Lane ES is open now! Register online before January 26th for a \$10 Early Bird discount: <https://biglearning.asapconnected.com/default.aspx?org=2380>

Jones Lane Spanish Beginner, grades 2-5  
Mondays, 3:30-4:30 PM

\$229 / 12 weeks

Session dates: Feb 10, 24 Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Apr 20, 27 May 4, 11, 18

Open a window to another culture, communicate in a new language and make discoveries! Build practical language skills in a fun, language immersion setting. Learn cultural notes, describe, count, ask and answer questions, sing, compare, identify, and play lively games and activities. Favorite Winter Session topics include sports & hobbies, telling time, breakfast, farm animals, the alphabet and vowels, and more! Workbook included to reinforce early reading and writing in the language. (for new beginners and continuing beginner students grades 2-5)

Jones Lane Spanish Introductory K-1

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\$229 / 12 weeks

Session dates: Feb 10, 24 Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Apr 20, 27 May 4, 11, 18

Let's start speaking Spanish! A fun introduction to a new language where children learn and practice with storytelling, activities, puppets, games and songs in an immersion setting. Join us for our Winter Session story La Gallinita Roja or The Little Red Hen! (for grades K-1)

### **WANT TO SERVE KIDS AND HANG OUT WITH GREAT PEOPLE?**

Do you want to make sure that our schools have adequate funding for programs and positive conditions?

Do you want to make sure your community's voice is heard in MCPS about the wants and needs of your kids and their schools?

Then join MCCPTA as a Cluster Coordinator! This is a volunteer role for a county organization focused on making every child's potential a reality.

Cluster Coordinators are the vital connection between local schools and the county. Each high school cluster including their middle and elementary school feeders, is entitled to three Cluster Coordinators, and many of ours don't fill all of those roles, meaning many of our voices are not being heard.

This year, let's make that change!

Please reach out to [dcc@mccpta.org](mailto:dcc@mccpta.org) to learn more about becoming a Cluster Coordinator. Chris Rutledge will put you in touch with the right people to show you the next steps to be sure that the voices of your schools and its communities are heard and counted. And, oh yeah, you will meet some amazing people and learn some dynamic things along the way!

### **UPCOMING SPIRIT NIGHTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

- February 19th, 5-9pm @ **Chipotle** (96 Main St, Gaithersburg, MD 20878) *\*\*Must mention Jones Lane PTA name when ordering*

- March 11th, 5-9pm @ California Tortilla (Darnestown Road) \*\* Must mention "JLES" when ordering. Benefits 5th Grade Farewell.
- March 16th, 5-9pm @ **Panera** (285 Kentlands Blvd, Gaithersburg, MD 20878) \*\*Must show either printed or electronic version of flyer when ordering
- April 28th, 1030am-9pm @ **Mod Pizza** (145 Commerce Square Pl, Gaithersburg, MD 20878) \*\*Thanks to those who RSVPed. Our event is officially on!