

## Jones Lane Elementary School PTA Week 22 Update

### **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. Please review the attachments.

[October 2019 Minutes](#)

[Agenda - February 2020](#)

[JLES PTA budget January 2020.pdf](#)

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

**THIS 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! Don't miss this fun and educational night for the whole family!

During the event we will have a "Cultural Parade" after the performances on stage. No need to sign-up ahead of time. To participate...

1. Wear traditional clothing, or
2. Bring a flag/banner from home, or
3. Make a sign to how during the event.

The planning committee also needs help with set-up and clean-up and volunteers (Adults/SSL hours). 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.

Let's make this a fun night for all.

## **ONLINE CAMP AUCTION - BEGINS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH**

Summer seems far away but camp registration is open! Support the PTA by bidding on a great camp experience for you children!

Sneak Peak of some of the camps to look out for: Bella Ballet, Metropolitan Ballet Theater, MSA. MCCA, Whitman Camp, Cougar Flag Football Camp, Panda Programmer, Cheer Extreme, Club SciKidz, Bach to Rock, Hill's Gymnastics, The Little Gym, Camp Twin Creeks, and Bretton Woods!

## **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

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

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!*