

Elms Principal's Weekly

Dear Elms Family,

Celebrating Success: Thank you to all of our PTN volunteers for a great Carnival!

Our 5th graders had an amazing time! Special thank you to Kristina Melendy & Amalia Ulrey for coordinating the event!

Autism Awareness: This week Elms Staff raised \$215 to help our PreK Team raise funds for POAC. Thank you to each of our PreK Team for your hard work and dedication. We have 2 teams walking in the POAC Walk this Saturday. Thank you all for your continued support of this worthy cause.

PTN Meeting: Our next PTN meeting will be Wednesday, May 18th @ 6:30pm. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Lunch with the Boys in Blue: On Tuesday, Officer Menafra, the District School Resource Officer, stopped by to have lunch with our 4th graders. Officer Menafra had a great time getting to know some of our students!

JEA Pride Newsletter

On behalf of the Jackson Education Association, you are invited to read the newest edition of the [JEA "Pride in Education" Newsletter](#). This publication features great articles and pictures about things going on in every one of our ten schools!

Junior Art & Musical Theater Summer Camp

Students aged 8-13 can spend their summer at our Junior Art & Musical Theater Summer Camp! The three-week program includes art design, props design, costume design, vocal coaching, dance routines, acting and a musical theater performance! Classes will be held June 27th through July 15th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information see the [Junior Art & Musical Theater Summer Camp Flyer](#) or the [Junior Art & Musical Theater Camp Registration Form](#) or call (732) 833-4684. Registrations are due by June 17.

JTV Summer Film Academy

Want to learn how to make a short film, produce a television show or create your own music video using state-of-the-industry equipment and techniques? Sign up for the JTV Summer Film Academy! Three unique sessions are being held in June and July. It is open

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to students who will be entering grades 5-12 next year (students from other districts can sign up, too). See the [Summer Film Academy](#) brochure on the Jackson Television website for more information. Registration questions? Call Diane Coots at 732-833-4684. Registrations are due by June 10.

Summer Community School Programs - Including SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM!!

There is still room in many of our summer programs. Take a look at the end pages of the [Community School Brochure](#) for information on our varied programs including fitness classes, junior forensics, piano, SAT prep or how to get your little one ready for kindergarten or first grade. **We also have a fantastic SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM with Beginning Band, Summer Stage Band, All Shore Summer Focus, Beginning Guitar & Drum Set Fundamentals!** Check out our Community School Spring/Summer Brochure or call our office at 732-833-4647 for more information.

Does Your Child Want to Play a Sport in Middle School or High School Next Year?

Check out the district website or our school website for information about Sports Physicals, which will be held at Jackson Liberty High School from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the following dates: Wednesday, June 1 for students attending Jackson Liberty High School or McAuliffe Middle School; and Monday, June 6 for students attending Jackson Memorial High School or Goetz Middle School.

All students will need to bring with them a COMPLETED [Pre-Participation Physical Packet](#). These packets can be downloaded or picked up in the nurse's office or athletic office. Parents are welcome to have their family doctor do their child's physical. If you opt to do this, please make sure the completed physical packet is submitted to the middle school school or high school nurse by June 6th. You must sign up for a time slot by filling out our [Physical Registration Form online](#). You will need to be signed in to your child's district Google account to complete this registration.

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REMINDER: PARCC Testing will begin April 5 and NJASK Science Testing will take place on May 25 During the month of April and May, our students will again be taking the PARCC and NJASK Science state assessments. We encourage you to visit the district's "[Understanding Assessments and Grading](#)" resource page, which has a host of information about the PARCC and other assessments - including:

- The [full testing calendar for each school](#);

- A list of [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#);
- [Sample tests, videos and more](#).

This page also includes our recent and upcoming [grading and report card changes](#). The PARCC testing dates and other testing dates are also available on the calendars on our district and school websites.

The New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge Science (NJASK Science) is a state test given to students in grades 4 and 8 throughout New Jersey. These tests were developed to evaluate the achievement of students within the context of New Jersey's Core Curriculum Content Standards in the area of Science. A parent information guide from the NJDOE will be sent home with your child the week of April 11, 2016.

As I'm sure you are aware, a child will perform more successfully on a test if he/she has proper rest, good nutrition, and arrives to school on time. Your special attention to these areas will help ensure your child has his or her best chance for success!

Please contact the school directly if you have any questions. We will be glad to assist you.

Sincerely,
Michael Burgos & Lisa Lane
Principal & Asst. Principal

Important Sign-in Information from District Director of Security J. Lamela

The Jackson School District has updated our security procedures. Please be patient while we adjust to these new initiatives. [You can read about the changes in this letter from the Superintendent of Schools.](#) To help us with a smooth transition we ask that you **PLEASE BRING YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE OR OTHER GOVERNMENT ISSUED ID** each and every time you come to the building.

When you ring our doorbell the receptionist will request to see it before buzzing you into the building.



Upcoming Events

April 25-27 – Gr 3 PARCC Testing
 April 25 – Report Cards available via Parent Portal
 April 28-29, May 2, 3 – Gr 4 PARCC Testing
 May 4-6, 9 – Gr 5 PARCC Testing
 May 4-6 – PTN Plant Sale
 May 10-12 – BOGO Book Fair
 May 11 & 12 – Gr 2 Trip
 May 12 – Gr 5 Orientation @ Goetz
 May 12 – Gr 4 Assembly
 May 13 – Parent Meet & Greet @ Goetz w/ Mr. Perino
 May 13 – Blue Claws Night

PTN Information

ATTENTION ALL ELMS FAMILIES:

PTN OFFICER ELECTIONS!!! Voting will take place at the May 18th meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the IMC. If you cannot make the meeting and you are a PTN member, you can vote by proxy by May 13th. You can email Jennifer Tapinis at jenntap@yahoo.com. Nominations are for President: Jill Everett; Vice-President: Laura Spencer; Treasurer: Michelle Kohute; Recording Secretary: Maria Waters and Asaiki Simon; Corresponding Secretary: Michelle Russell, Cynthia Marullo, and Danielle Fernandez.

It's time to order your 2016 Yearbook!! Here is the link to the online ordering for the Yearbook. <http://www.balfour.com/new-jersey/jackson/elms-elementary-school/> The price is now \$24.00. If you are ordering books for more than one student, be sure to enter information for each student's book individually, then click "continue shopping" and enter information for each additional student. This is the only way to insure that books are delivered to each individual student in June. Enter promo code tigers16 at checkout to save \$1.00 off each book ordered. Don't forget to print out and keep your order confirmation at the end of your transaction. Questions? Please contact Denise at dfoxgolonka@gmail.com

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Elementary Discount Card – ONLY \$20 per card. Good at 250+ local merchants in Jackson, Freehold, Howell, Manalapan, Marlboro, Old Bridge, Matawan/Aberdeen, and more...Unlimited and Reusable – Just show the card and save thru 2016!! Please visit www.route9community.com to see a list of participating merchants/discounts. To order please see form in resource section of the PTN page, back of the February Newsletter, Elms Facebook page. Or send in payment including Student's name, phone, teacher, number of cards. Make payment out to Elms PTN, put on the outside of the envelope "Discount Card". For each card that is purchased, Elms makes half - \$10 to Elms for each card sold!! Any questions, please contact Jenn Tapinis at jenntap@yahoo.com

Teacher Appreciation Auction will take place on April 27th. If you would like to donate a gift item, gift basket, gift card, etc. to the Teachers Gift Auction, please contact Jenn Tapinis at jenntap@yahoo.com All donations are greatly appreciated and are needed by April 22nd.

The Teacher's Luncheon is on also on April 27th. If you would like to be on the committee for the luncheon please contact Cythia Marullo. We are also asking for dessert donations for our luncheon. Donations need to be delivered to Elms no later than 10:30

a.m. on the 27th. Please contact Cynthia at cynthia5521@yahoo.com if you can donate.

Spring Clean your Car!! Check the April newsletter for more info...Get your discount car wash for Freehold Raceway Car Wash. \$17 for the #3 car wash!! Elms will receive 50% of the proceeds!! Info is also available on the PTN page and on the Facebook page. Any questions, contact Jill at jilleverett1@gmail.com

Mark your calendar:

Teacher Appreciation Week: 4/25-4/29

Plant Sale: May 4th to the 6th

May 13th is Blue Claws Night

5th Grade BBQ is Friday, June 3rd

Also, please check the PTN link on the Elms school page. Calendar is updated!

Please join our Facebook page, it is a great way to stay involved and hear about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, etc.

Check out Elms Spirit Wear web site www.ElmsSpiritWear.com Bling t-shirts, dry-fit, t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies and flannel pants. Free Delivery, available all year long, free shipping right to your door.

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