



The Jaguar Journal

Jagathon fundraiser benefits everyone

The Jagathon is one of Jones PTA's largest fundraisers of the year. It was designed to be a hassle-free way for parents to help the school, without having to sell items, as many other schools do. The fundraising goal is \$7,000, which will pay for many projects and special events the PTA offers each year. If the goal is reached by Oct. 13, Principal Luciano will take a pie to the face!

The PTA hosts the Fall Festival, several movie nights throughout the year, cultural performances and guest speakers for the whole school. Teachers also can request grants to purchase special materials for their classrooms, and the PTA paid for math curriculum training for the faculty.

One unique addition, paid for by Jagathon funds, is a kiln for the art classes.

HOW TO GIVE

- Make your donation through PayPal at <http://tinyurl.com/ddjonesjagathon14>.
- Send cash or a check made out to Jones PTA to school in an envelope marked "PTA office — Jagathon."

Besides creating artistic pottery, sculptures and ceramic tiles to use for murals, clay can also be used to teach various aspects of science and social studies, says Mrs. Vicidomini, art teacher. Students can observe physical properties of materials such as clay, see what differentiates solids and liquids, and witness the properties of matter before and after undergoing change. Pottery also has strong ties to N.C. history, significant in fourth-grade social studies.

"I'm very excited to be able to share my favorite art medium with my students!" says Mrs. V. "I've taught with clay at other schools, and it was always one of the students' favored activities."

Besides the kiln, PTA funds are purchasing ukeleles for the music department.

Learning to play an instrument also has applications toward the rest of the curriculum. Understand musical elements — such as beat, rhythm, and scales — improves students' math skills. Music also helps boost physical coordination, discipline and the social development that comes with playing in an ensemble.

Mr. English, music teacher, is looking forward having a new instrument available for students to learn.

Welcome, new staffers!

Pre-K

Patricia Harp

Kindergarten

Yesica Granados

1st Grade

Elizabeth Lobos

Lady Riano

2nd Grade

Marisol Arias

Sarah Carpenter

Allyson Koopman

Gabriela Manchego

4th Grade

Patricia Puentes

4th-5th Combo

Luisa Ortiz

5th Grade

Jessica Marsh

Exceptional Children

Chelsey Jones

Guidance

Tierra Johnson

Custodian

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TRASH TALK



Brian Yanish, illustrator and founder of the ScrapKins Recycled Arts program, speaks to Jones third-through fifth-graders about making art from materials that would normally go in the trash.

CALENDAR

Sept. 25-Nov. 13

Parent-teacher conferences

Wednesday, Oct. 4

Early release day

Wednesday, Oct. 4

Food/clothing pantry opens

Friday, Oct. 13

Fall Festival

Friday, Oct. 20

Reflections art contest submissions due

Tuesday, Oct. 24

Picture Day

Tuesday, Oct. 24

Pint-Sized Heroes Blood Drive, 2-6 p.m., cafeteria

Friday, Oct. 27

Box Tops due

Friday, Oct. 27

Jagathon wraps up

Monday, Oct. 30

No school

Jones Fall Festival

FRIDAY, OCT. 13, 5:30-8 P.M.

Admission

Adults: Free
Children 4+: \$3
or donation of
school supplies

- Colored copy paper
- Expo dry erase markers
- 2 boxes of crayons
- Washable markers
- Composition books
- Glue sticks
- Pencils and erasers
- Rolls of clear tape
- 2 boxes of tissues
- Hand sanitizer



The Fall Festival is a great way to meet other families in the Jones community. There will be:

- Games • Food • Music • Face painting
- Dance performances by Ballet Folklorico & more

Look for a Signup Genius soon to volunteer for setting up, a shift working at one of the game booths and helping with cleanup!

Does your business want to sponsor the Fall Festival and advertise to the Jones community? Sponsorships start at \$25. Email jonesfallfest@gmail.com for information.

SAFETY FIRST WHEN DROPPING OFF KIDS

Every year when school starts, it takes a few weeks to get into a smooth routine. Getting back into the swing of homework, bedtimes and morning preparations is tough. The same is true for the car rider dropoff line.

Jones administrators are closely monitoring traffic patterns to spot and head off any unsafe behavior. Here are a few reminders that may ease the dropoff routine:

☞ Left turns into the car rider dropoff zone are not allowed during morning or afternoon pickup. The school added new cones recently to prevent left turns.

🚫 U-turns on Lama Street or into private driveway are discouraged. Turnarounds can cause traffic hazards on South Street. Drivers coming from Randleman Road can make a right on Lama, a left on Ashe Street and then a left at the light to be back on South Street for the dropoff lane.

☞ Parking in front of the school OR the car rider lot to drop children off is not allowed. Please park in the parent lot off Ashe Street to walk your children to the building. The car rider lot is closed and locked when school begins so parking there could mean your car gets trapped inside.

🚫 Watch out for pedestrians! School crossing guards can stop traffic, even during a green light, to let walkers cross. Pedestrians cross the car dropoff parking lot, too. Please yield to those on foot.

Food & clothing pantry opens soon

Did you know that Jones is opening a clothing and food pantry? It kicks off Wednesday, Oct. 4!

Bring gently used clothing and shoes for adults and children of all sizes. Donations of nonperishable food items are also welcome.

If you would like to receive food

and/or clothes from the pantry or are interested in volunteering or donating, email Ms. LeGrande (legrani@gcsnc.com) or Ms. Simmons (simmonk@gcsnc.com).

Pantry hours for student/family access will be 2:30-4 p.m. Wednesdays.

Calling all artists! Reflections due Oct. 20

The PTA is seeking submissions for the N.C. PTA's Reflections art program. Students may enter original pieces in literature, dance or music composition, photography and visual arts. Entries are

due to Jones PTA by Oct. 20 and may move on to local, state and national competitions. For complete rules and specifications, go to ncpta.org, click on Programs and look for Reflections art program.

Relink your VIC card; send in Box Tops

Help Jones every time you shop. Link your Harris Teeter VIC card to Jones and the PTA will receive a percentage of your purchases. Ask at the customer service desk or link online at harristeeter.com/

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You can also submit Box Tops from specially marked Box Tops for Education products to the school. Please send them in ziptop bags by Friday, Oct. 27