



Dear Jacksonville families and staff,

The JES PTA hopes you have been enjoying your summer! As we enter into our last few weeks of summer break, we look forward to the return of our wonderful community of students, teachers, staff, volunteers, and supporters on September 3rd!

It is the mission of the PTA to support our school's community and goals. Our **August 27th Welcome Picnic for Kindergartners/New Students** is a great opportunity for new families to make connections with the school administration, the PTA, and fellow parents. This fall we will be celebrating the **25th Anniversary of Jacksonville Elementary School!** To celebrate, we will be hosting the **JES 25th Anniversary Stride!** Students will have individual race fundraising pages for the Stride that they can share with family and friends to help raise funds for the JES PTA and the many things it does to support JES. All fundraising efforts will culminate at our family event on the evening of Friday, October 4th (rain date: October 11th). This event will have a 2.5K FUN walk/run, snacks, celebratory desserts, games and much more! We hope all can join us for this special Anniversary event!

I would like to thank our PTA officers, Tiffany Sherren, Marisa Breslow, Elena Bradley, Krystyna Graff, and Juliet Champion, and our many dedicated committee chairs for their hard work this summer in preparing for the amazing year ahead. Our next newsletter will include volunteer opportunities if you are looking to get involved with the PTA!

As the year begins, please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or feedback regarding the PTA. I look forward to working with you and your family.

Warmest Regards,

Kristal Schuch
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**2018-2020
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UPCOMING PTA EVENTS:

- **August 27th: Staff Breakfast by PTA Hospitality**
- **August 27th 6:00-7:30pm: Picnic for Kindergartners & New Students**
- **August 28th 10:00am : Kick-Off PTA Meeting Room 24 - All are welcome!**
- **August 29th - September 12th : School Supply Drive by PTA Outreach**
- **August 29th 6:00-7:45pm: PTA General Membership Meeting with annual PTA budget and Bylaw review/approval at JES Back to School Night**
- **September 23rd 11:00am -4:30pm: Red Cross Blood Drive at JES**
- **September 24th (tentative) Coal Fire Restaurant Fundraiser**
- **October 4th: JES 25th Anniversary Stride – 2.5K Run/Walk**

WELCOME PICNIC FOR KINDERGARTNERS & NEW STUDENTS TUESDAY, AUGUST 27th - 6:00-7:30PM (RAIN OR SHINE)

Please join us at the JES playground (Cafeteria if it rains), bring a picnic dinner, picnic blanket and your family – and we'll provide the fun!!! Tikiz Shaved Ice will be with us again this year. Each kindergartener and new student will be provided with a ticket for a free snowball. Additional snowballs for the family will be available for purchase. We can't wait to meet all of you. Please respond to Kristal Schuch (President@jespta.org) by August 23rd if you plan to attend.

VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED!

- For your convenience, the required annual BCPS volunteer application and training are available online at http://www.bcps.org/community/volunteer_info/. Return your completed volunteer application and training completion certificate to the school office as soon as possible.
- **New This Year:** Those volunteering at PTA events MUST sign a **Family Waiver** (form on page 5). If you plan to volunteer at PTA events (members and non-members), please complete the waiver found at <https://knightinspta.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Parents-Approval-Family-Waiver.pdf> and return to the JES office. This is required by the PTA's Insurance Company and is a requirement similar to the BCPS Volunteer Training.
- **Cafeteria helpers:** Volunteering in the cafeteria throughout the year is a fun way to see your children in a more relaxed social setting with their friends. Please contact Claire Marmen for more information and the sign-up schedule link: clairemarmen@gmail.com
- We are currently in need of a **Green School Club Co-Chair** and a **Reflections Art Contest Co-Chair**.
- Many more opportunities are available – see JESPTA.org, contact Tiffany Sherren - VP of Volunteers (VPVolunteers@JESPTA.org) - and look for the volunteer questionnaire coming home at the start of school.

NEW FAMILY LIAISON

If your family is new to JES this year with students in Grades 1-5, please contact coordinator Allison Picone (alipicone@comcast.net) with any questions you have about events, school information or anything else about JES.

2019-2020 STUDENT & STAFF DIRECTORY

Last year we shifted to an online directory service and we found it to be very successful! Our online directory service **MySchool Anywhere** has merged with a similar service, **Membership Toolkit**, and will be taking the **Membership Toolkit** name.

This service is still secure, easy to use, and free to our JES families. In order to make the switch you will first need to create a **Membership Toolkit** account. After you create an account and sign in, you will find all your information already there for you to review and update as necessary. It will be a quick and easy transition and you will be all set for the 2019-2020 school year.

If you are new to the school or if you did not have a **My School Anywhere** account, you will need to create a **Membership Toolkit** account, enter in your information, and decide which information you would like to be seen by the school community. More information on how to start this process will follow.

We will be using **Membership Toolkit**, not only for our directory, but also for our Weekly Blasts, our sign ups and our individualized race pages for our fall fundraiser and event!

We will share more information at Back to School Night and send information home to you during the first week of school.

Questions? Contact Elena Bradley at jesdirectory@gmail.com

2019-2020 PTA EMAIL LIST

The PTA will also be using **Membership Toolkit** to send you weekly JES PTA email blasts. These weekly email blasts are a very important way that we distribute information to you about PTA sponsored events at school. Even if you are a new family and do not want your family's information included in the online directory, please register your family on **Membership Toolkit** so that the PTA can add your email address(es) to our lists. You'll be given the option to exclude your family's information from the directory; if you do, no one will be able to access it, but we will still be able to add your name and email to our distribution list for communication.

Questions? Contact Juliet Champion at corrSecretary@jespta.org

Visit JESPTA.org and follow us on Facebook at Jacksonville Elementary PTA for school news, Student Directory submission info, events calendar, volunteer opportunities and more.

JOIN JACKSONVILLE'S PTA

The Parent Teacher Association of Jacksonville Elementary School invites you to join the PTA! We encourage every adult family member and staff member to join. Grandparents, aunts, & uncles welcome! Everyone's support greatly benefits our children, and membership has benefits for you as well.

The PTA is a partnership between parents and educators who strive to enhance student learning and enrich the lives of the students within the school. Advocacy at the local, state, and national levels is also part of the PTA's primary mission. By joining, you strengthen PTA's voice to advocate for all children and their schools. The funds raised by our PTA locally help support many programs within the school and provide the students with needed items (such as Kindergarten tote bags and 3rd/4th/5th Grade agendas) as well as enrichment such as cultural assemblies and field trips for all grade levels.

As a PTA member, you have access to National PTA's website (www.PTA.org) and receive weekly emails filled with valuable information, resources and tools. With your PTA member card you also enjoy discounts to many merchants and companies including AARP, Hertz, Quicken Loans and Squadlocker. Additional national discounts and partnerships can be found on PTA's website under "Member Benefits":

<https://www.pta.org/home/About-National-Parent-Teacher-Association/Benefits-of-PTA-Membership>



JES PTA Annual Membership Form 2019-2020

Annual dues are \$10 per member – and only \$6 for each additional adult in the household. This entitles you to membership in Local, State and National PTA. Complete the form below and mail it in with your payment (Cash or Check made payable to Jacksonville Elementary PTA). Your membership card will be sent to you.

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1 st Member Name:		\$10.00
2 nd Member Name: (same household)		\$6.00
Total Amount Enclosed (cash or check to "JES PTA"):		\$
Address:		
Phone:		
Email:		
Student(s)/Homerom(s):		

Mail your completed form, dues and waivers to: Jacksonville Elementary Parent Teacher Association
3400 Hillendale Heights Road
Phoenix, Maryland 21131

Or, send your form, dues and signed waivers with your child during the first week of school in an envelope marked "PTA Membership Dues".

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Maryland State PTA
 5 Central Avenue
 Glen Burnie, MD 21061

**PARENT’S APPROVAL, STUDENT WAIVER,
 AND PARTICIPANTS’ WAIVER**

Print the name of all family members who may participate in any PTA sponsored events for the [insert period] school year (including student, siblings and parents):

1. _____
 Participant Name Age, if minor child

2. _____
 Participant Name Age, if minor child

3. _____
 Participant Name Age, if minor child

4. _____
 Participant Name Age, if minor child

The undersigned parent(s) or guardian(s) assume all risks in connection with the participation of all individuals listed above in any and all of the PTA sponsored activities.

I attest and verify that all individuals listed above are physically fit and able to participate in any PTA sponsored activities. Further I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to understand any inherent risks associated with PTA sponsored activities and communicate those risks to all individuals named above.

I do hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief all individuals named above are in good health. In the event that I, or other parent/guardian, cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to secure proper treatment for my child(ren). I/we do hereby consent to whatever x-ray, examination, anesthetic, medical, surgical or dental diagnosis or treatment and hospital care are considered necessary in the best judgment of the attending physician, surgeon or dentist and performed by or under the supervision of the medical staff of the hospital or facility furnishing medical or dental services. It is further understood that the undersigned will assume full responsibility for any such action, including payment of costs.

I understand it is my responsibility to advise the PTA if the above named minor(s) have any allergies, medicine reactions, or unusual physical conditions, which should be made known to a treating physician.

I/we, as parent(s) or guardian(s) of the minor(s), do hereby, for my child/children, myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, release and forever discharge and hold harmless the Maryland State PTA, the local PTA and all officers, directors, employees, agents and volunteers of the organizations, acting officially or otherwise, from any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of action which in any way arise from the participation of any individuals listed above in any PTA sponsored activities.

By signing below, I confirm that I have carefully read and fully understand its contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability and signed it of my own free will.

1. _____
 Parent/Guardian Signature Print Name Date

 2. _____
 Parent/Guardian Signature Print Name Date
- _____
 Address City State Zip Phone (incl area code)