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PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES Sept. 27th – Oct. 1st

Parent/Teacher conferences are being scheduled before Fall Break. If you have not heard from your student's teacher to schedule a conference, please contact them.

PTSO THANKS

Special thanks to our PTSO for doing an amazing job of kicking our year off with our Book Fair and Croc Treats. If you would like to help PTSO with any of their events, please email them at jamaicaptso@gmail.com

PUMPKIN PATCH

PTSO's next annual fall Pumpkin Patch will be on Thursday, October 21st after school. PTSO is looking for volunteers to help set up for this amazing event.

FALL BREAK October 4th – 8th

A reminder that our Fall Break will begin next week. We will release on Thursday, September 30^{th} @ 1pm. There will be **NO SCHOOL** on Friday, October 1^{st} .

DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Our October Governing Board Meeting will take place on October 19th at 6pm. All parents and community members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Awards assemblies will always be the week after we get back from break. The first assembly will be on Wednesday, October 13th in the gym. Grades 6-5-4 will be at 8:15am. Grades 3-2-1 will be at 9:30am.

CITIZENSHIP

We believe that it is important for the school to teach and evaluate citizenship as they would teach and evaluate academic work. In order to help students be successful, we must support them in both citizenship and academic performance. Therefore, students receive a citizenship grade on their quarterly report card. In general, a student with good citizenship:

- Attends school regularly and is seldom tardyno more than 4 tardies per quarter (a student can have four absences AND four tardies and earn an "S"
- 2. Respects school property and observes classroom rules consistently.
- 3. Works diligently and uses time effectively-turns in assignments on time.
- Displays courtesy and respect-complies with guidelines of the school handbook.

TARDIES

Every minute counts at Jamaica towards high level, quality instruction. When a child comes in late, not only do they miss out on the lesson, but it causes a distraction to the rest of the class. Each quarter the students are allotted 4 tardies without penalty. On the 5th tardy and every tardy thereafter, students will be asked to conference with Mrs. Helart and parents will be contacted to follow up on any issues. Tardies do prevent students from earning the perfect attendance award. Thank you to all of our parents who have their students here on time each day. We appreciate you!



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SPIRIT DAYS

We will have Storybook Character/Literary Hero day on October 29th for grades K-3. Students in these grades will be allowed to dress up as their favorite literary character. Grades 4-6 will be allowed to dress in orange and black in honor of our fall harvest time.

GAME DAYS: We will also recognize our LHHS game days by allowing students to wear "Game Day" shirts or any purple shirt that is school appropriate in support of our Fighting Knights. This month's game day is October 29th.



PICTURE RETAKES

Friday, October 22nd

Smile! If your students need a retake, today is the day. Please be sure to send your student in picture dress if they are redoing their pictures.

NURSE UPDATE

If you would like information about family assistance for the holidays, please see the nurse.

BOO BAGS

PTSO will be selling Boo Bags starting on October 11th. Order forms will be sent home with the students. The last day to order will be October 19th. These bags will be delivered to student's classrooms on October 29th.

CROC TREATS

The last Croc Treat day of the season will be Thursday, September 30th. Croc Treats will resume after Spring Break.

STUDENT SUPPORT

There are many resources available to parents to help support students with academic, social-emotional, or even special needs. If your family is in need of support, please contact the office for some suggestions. Here are a couple of websites to look into for additional support based on your child's needs.

Behavioral Support: https://www.understood.org/en
Literacy Support:

https://www.literacyworldwide.org/blog/literacy-daily/2017/11/02/resources-to-support-family-literacy