



December 2018

'Tis the season to enjoy the magic of the holidays with friends and family. As this will be our last newsletter of the year, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year!

Upcoming Events

12/3	'Hour of Code' Week
12/6	Festival of Coding 6:30PM to 8:30PM - MPR
12/7	Holiday Festive Wear Day
12/11	Vision Screening
12/13	Mulan Jr. Show at 7:00PM
12/14	Mulan Jr. Show at 7:00PM
12/17	Peacemaker Presentation (All Grades)
12/20	No Minimum Day (Thursday)
12/21	Wear PJs to School Day
12/21	6th grade musical performance
12/21	Last day of school
12/21	Minimum day TK/K dismissal 12:30; 1st to 6th 12:45
12/24	12/24/18 to 1/4/19 Winter Break
1/7/19	Return to school



IT'S SHOWTIME!

It's showtime folks! JFS PTA presents MULAN Jr. with Starting Arts. JFS kids have worked hard and we are so excited to have them on stage. MULAN Jr. is based on Disney's Oscar-nominated film, it is a heartwarming celebration of culture, honor and the fighting spirit. With hit songs and a story packed with action, humor and heart, MULAN Jr. brings ancient China to life with a modern sensibility. The shows (both days) will be videoed professionally and available for parents to download digitally!

Show Dates:

Thursday, 12/13 - BEIJING cast. Starts at 7:00 PM.
Friday, 12/14 - LEIJING cast. Starts at 7:00 PM.

Buy Tickets Online

<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3899519>

Link also available on jfspta.org

Be sure to buy your tickets at a discount online at \$8.24. Tickets at the door will be \$10 (first come, first serve).

Support Our Budding Artists!

Want to join in on the fun? Drama Parents and everyone are welcomed to sign up. It's almost show time! We need help on 12/13 and 12/14 to set up chairs in the MPR, ushering, tickets, food & drinks, star notes and clean up. Please visit jfspta.org to access the sign-up link. We greatly appreciate your support!





From Principal Ortega's Desk



The festival season is upon us. No matter what holiday you celebrate, the JFSmith staff hopes you have a wonderful time with family and friends during the December vacation from December 22nd to January 6th 2019. Before we go, we have some great events to share with you: Our annual 'Coding Week' begins December 3rd with a culminating event entitled,

"Festival of Coding" on Thursday Dec. 6th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the MPR, with Mr.

Munguia our STEAM Coordinator, our PTA and Starting Arts will conduct the performance

of "Mulan" on December 13th and 14th, and finally, our 6th grade classes will perform a holiday musical 'send off' before we leave on December 21st.



JFS Student News: Congratulations to our student leaders!

Student Body President--Raj Dutta, Vice President--Chloe Tang,

Secretary--Madison Lynn, Spirit Commissioner--Laila Elashmawi, Historian--Lucca Toro, Treasurer--Marcus Trieu.

~~~Also, Congratulations to our PeaceMaker Student Mediators : Amanda Ngo, Christien Dinh, Agob Mersho, Leona Wong, Trinh Pham, Jimmy Eid, Jake Cacciaroni, Isabella Lovdahl, Maryam At-Taras, Amanda Olson, Berkeley Newell, Darsh Gottam, Grace Cummins, Amaar Chughtai, Natalie Yeun

Abigail Kim, Ahaana Baheti, Shaurya Wodeyar, Naina Dutta, Ankita Nag,

Adelene Nguyen, Ritwin Narra, Shadab Ali, Mishika Grover, Nicole Kim, and Ryan Ngo. We are proud of all of you because of your willingness to help your fellow students.



Tis the season of giving, we will be collecting canned food for the 2nd Harvest Food Bank from Dec.3rd to Dec.14th.



Help us keep improving the safety of JFS. Next week look for an email link asking you to respond to a safety survey--we want your input. Thank you!

*HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY BREAK
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR! ~~~JFS STAFF*



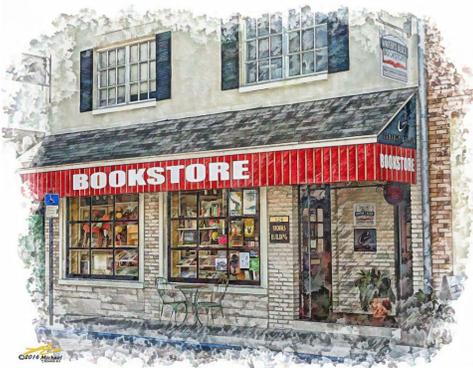
OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE & VOLUNTEER



12/3 - 12/14 is 2nd Harvest Food Donation Drive at JFS

Second Harvest is one of the largest food banks in the nation. They provide food to more than a quarter of a million people in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties every month. More than half the people they serve are kids and seniors. Making sure we can all eat is an issue everyone can get behind. Please donate any CAN FOOD (not yet expired) to the admin office.

Do you love books or perhaps dreamed of opening a bookstore when you grow up? Or, perhaps you love to entertain and would jump at a chance to produce a Broadway musical, or throw a mega summer party? Here is a chance to realize your dreams! We are forming teams to tackle our upcoming events in Spring 2019: **Book Fair, Multicultural Night, & Carnival!** We want your creativity and fresh ideas! We need your energy and unique talent to help make this year's events better than ever before. High School students will receive community service certificates. If interested, please send your emails to deepabathala@gmail.com indicating which event you'd like to take part.



Did you know everytime you shop on Amazon, that Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to JFS PTA? That's like you receiving a matching 401K contribution from your employer! Yay! Help us increase Amazon's donation to JFS by simply selecting "James Franklin Smith PTA" right below the search bar on Amazon, whenever you shop this holiday season!

Comments? Questions?

Do you have general questions about PTA programs, events or wish to get involved? Please feel free to reach out to us at: jfspta2220@gmail.com. For more info, please visit: jfspta.org. Follow us on Facebook: **JFS Parents**

This newsletter was put together by parent-volunteers like you! We love your feedback.