



October 2018

As we head into the Fall season, there are several opportunities for us to gather as a community. College Day Picnic (put on your school pride!), the Halloween Parade and our Family Walk-A-Thon, which are three great reasons to be with your child during the school day. JFS kids love to see their parents at school. For more details on each events, please visit our website at jfspta.org.

Upcoming Events

10/10	Int'l Walk To School Day
10/19	College Day Picnic
10/24	Reflections Entries Due
10/31	Halloween Parade
11/3	Family Walk-A-Thon

Save the Date: Walk-A-Thon Saturday, November 3rd

Please join us for the **JFS FAMILY WALK-A-THON** on **Saturday, Nov 3rd**. In past years, many JFS kids have participated in a non-competitive walk-a-thon event to help raise funds for the school. This year, we say why not let the parents join in on the fun! This is a unique opportunity for you to spend quality time with your child(ren) at their school, while getting some outdoor exercise, and helping to raise funds for our STEAM lab which will benefit every JFS student. More details to follow but for now please save the date!



Bringing Art to Life: 2019 Reflections Program

"HEROES AROUND ME" That's the theme for the 2018-2019 Reflections Art Program which has been bringing the arts to life for more than 10 million students since 1969. Reflections is a statewide PTA program, which increases community awareness of the importance of arts in education. Reflections encourages students of all ages to unleash creative talents and be inspired, express themselves imaginatively in their artwork, tap into critical-thinking skills to create art inspired by the annual theme, and receive positive recognition for their original works of art.



Entries are due **Oct 24, 2018**. Look for entry forms in your child's Friday folder on Oct 5th. Any questions please contact program Chair / parent-volunteer Smruti, smrutipathak2003@gmail.com.



Halloween is Here!

The **Halloween Parade** at JFS is a long time school tradition. It is one of the most popular events. This year the parade will be held on **Wednesday, 10/31**. All the children and their parents are invited to join in costume. The estimated start time will be **8:30A.M.** As usual, for safety reasons, please do not bring any costume weapons to school. On the day of the event, parents can access the blacktop after morning drop off through the student gate.

Halloween Costumes Needed!

Junior Girl Scout Troop 62610 is collecting **gently used** Halloween costumes in sizes 0 - 14 to help host a Halloween party for children in need.

Collection Days: 10/1 to 10/22
Drop Off Location: B9 (Mrs. Quijano's Classroom)

Your generosity will help make this a happy Halloween for so many children in our community!

Movie Night was a blast!



The weather was perfect and the popcorn was popping - it could not have been a better night to picnic under the stars with our friends and family. Thank you to all our volunteers who helped make the evening a success!

Event Chairs: Gaurav Bhutani & Navjeet Singh

Volunteers: Deepa Kamepalli, Madhavi Deshpande, Hari Duriseti, Goldie Gadde, Ranjana Goel, Sunil Goshi, Supriya Gupta, Anita Maiwar, Yvette Nguyen, Jorge Roque, Raman Saini, Mallika Sehgal, Gurpreet Singh, Vasanthi Virajpet and Kamal Maddh.

Student Volunteers: Kevin Huynh, Ananya Raman and Ella Chow



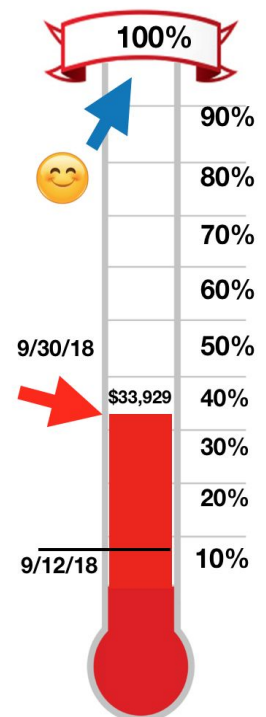
Thank you, parents! We're 1/3 of the way there!

As of the end of September, we've raised approximately \$33,000 so we're just about one-third of the way of our goal. Thank you to all the parents who have chipped in to help fund the support programs at JFS - particularly as we stand up the STEAM Lab and a STEAM program designed to integrate with our kids' grade-level curriculum! Few elementary schools in the Bay Area can boast such a claim.

While we have done quite well in our pledge drive, we still have quite a ways to go in order to reach our **\$100,000** goal. If you haven't had the chance to donate, please consider doing so. Additionally, if your company would match employee charitable donations, please be sure to submit for matching. To view a list of known company matching - programs go to: jfspta.org or contact us at jfspta2220@gmail.com. Also please be on the look-out for more information about our upcoming **Family Walkathon: Sprint for STEAM** event. It will be a fun event and an opportunity to involve your friends, family, and neighbors. We hope you'll join us!



Donate Today via Paypal or Credit Card > paypal.me/jfspta
Complete PTA Membership Form > <http://bit.ly/jfs-steamlab>
[suggested donation amount per family is \$150 or more]



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'd welcome your feedback.

ON BEHALF OF ALL JFS STUDENTS

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From Principal Ortega's Desk

October will be a very busy month here at JFSmith. As noted by the PTA there are some family friendly events that make school fun and help to promote a community feeling. Here are a few other items that the staff and I want to inform you about regarding the events happening at JFSmith:

- Thank you to all the parents who signed-up on BLOOMZ. It's a great way to stay connected with your child's teacher.
- 10-3-18 English Language Advisory Committee Meeting w/Denise Williams, Director of Categorical Funding for Evergreen at 8:30 am in the MPR.
- 10-5-18 Selected Progress Reports go home on Friday. Teachers use this as a way of updating parents when deemed necessary--not all students take one home.
- Primary Assessments in phonics and reading. This calls for substitutes to conduct the class while the teacher meets one-on-one with each student.
- We have monthly fire drills and we will have a Lockdown Barricade and a Earthquake drill this month. Please speak to your child about these important safety drills
- All classes will take their 'Safety Walk' to a safe location off campus. Thank you to the parents who have helped.
- Oct. 10th is International Walk to School Day. Please walk/bike/or carpool that day to show unity for a cleaner environment and less traffic! Meeting Place: Comerica Bank.
- Oct. 15th--19 is College Week. Show school spirit by wearing college gear or making a college emblem to wear ESPECIALLY on Friday our annual College Day Family Picnic
- Oct. 15th-17th is Child Abuse Prevention Program for our students. These are age-appropriate lessons for grades K,2,4,5,6, where students learn to protect themselves.
- Oct. 23--Begins 5th Grade Science at Camp Campbell in the Santa Cruz Mountains.
- Oct. 31st, Halloween Parade, Gate opens for parents at 8:30 am.

Looking forward to our Walk-A-Thon on Saturday, November 3rd, 2018 at 9:30 am. This is our main fundraising event of the year. We hope you will join us in the fun and help us reach our goal of a fully funded STEAM program for all students during the school day. There will be an auction and food trucks and a lot of fun with family, friends and community partners.

