



March 2nd, 2018

Dear JFS Families,

**JFS FAMILY STEM NIGHT - Tuesday, March 20 from 6 - 9 PM**



**STEM is Science Technology Engineering and Math!**

There will be lots to explore and learn more! Hands-on STEM activities and lessons for students of all grades/ages and their families. Volunteers are needed to make this event EPIC! For questions, email Sterling at [sslerner@gmail.com](mailto:sslerner@gmail.com)

Sign up here: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2240153/true#/invitation>

**MULTICULTURAL NIGHT - Friday, April 13th, 2018**

Cultural performances, be it dance or singing is going to add sparkle to this event. Looking for volunteers to coordinate any performance from any country/ culture. JFS PTA will help facilitate the process. Don't hesitate if you want to and don't know how to begin. We can help! If you have an idea or want to know more, email **Sonali** at [bahetisonali@gmail.com](mailto:bahetisonali@gmail.com)



Thank you so much to those who signed up for the Costume Parade. More details will be sent out soon.  
*Stay tuned.*



**Coffee with Superintendent Kathy Gomez** will be on Tuesday, March 6, 2018. She will be at JFS to speak to our parents and all of our school community about our district fiscal health. Please plan to attend this important meeting. We will have a 4:30 session and a 6:30 session in the MPR. Our district budget directly affects the JFS community. Parents, please come out to listen and to help shape the future of our district and JFS.

Exciting NEWS! JFS Carnival is coming up on June 1st, 2018! JFS PTA is looking for a volunteer who can coordinates games for the event. If interested, please contact Deepa at [deepabathala@gmail.com](mailto:deepabathala@gmail.com)



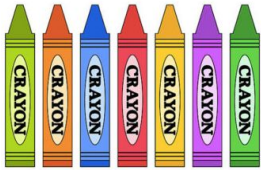
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***What's NEW!***

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**The Crayon Initiative** Do you have any used or broken crayons that you would like to donate? We are collecting crayons to be recycled and redistributed to schools, children's hospitals, art programs and other organizations that work with children. Our Crayon Box is in the office. Thank you!



**School Safety**

The school tragedy in Florida, has made us all think about school safety even more. We want parents to know that we monitor the grounds diligently, we do our safety drills monthly, we know who is entering our school, and we try to do everything possible to keep your child/children safe. Thank you for partnering with us to make sure you check-in at the front desk, to make sure you call-in when your child is ill, and to be patient in the parking lots at drop off and pick-up. We also need your eyes and ears to report anything that seems suspicious that is in close proximity to the school. We just took the Safety Survey in the fall 2017 and over 93% of your children 3rd-6th said they feel Very Safe or Safe at school. We will continue to do our very best every day to provide a safe environment for your child to learn.

Sincerely, JFS Staff/ Ms. Ortega

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**JFS PTA BOARD NOMINATIONS**

Interested in having a voice on the PTA Board next year? The Nominations Committee is looking to build a diverse set of Board Members for the 2018-2019 school year - one that is representative of our great JFS Community. We would love to hear from you! If you are interested in learning more or have questions, please contact anyone on the Nominations Committee by March 12, 2018:

- Alice Tran ([alicetran23@gmail.com](mailto:alicetran23@gmail.com))
- April Yan ([april.yan@gmail.com](mailto:april.yan@gmail.com))
- Deepa Gopalakrishnan ([deepagv@gmail.com](mailto:deepagv@gmail.com))

These are the open positions we are focused on filling:

1. President
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Membership

Position descriptions can be viewed at <http://capta.org/pta-leaders/run-your-pta/job-descriptions/>





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