



September 2019

Welcome parents to the 2019-2020 school year and to our first monthly newsletter of the year! Our goal is to provide the JFS parent-community with the information you need to know for the upcoming month. In an attempt to simplify and make parent-life easier, we are partnering with the school to give you one, consolidated update each month.

Key Upcoming Dates

9/6	Parent Survey Opens
9/18	Parent Workshop: Resilient Children, 6pm
9/20	Family Movie Night
9/26	Inservice--NO SCHOOL
10/1	Parent Presentation: Peacemaker, 6pm
10/2	Int'l Walk to School Day

Please support our school

This week marks the start of our PTA Pledge Drive. In addition to joining the PTA, please consider making a donation. Your support goes towards:



Teacher/Classroom Funds



Community Events



STEAM Education and Materials



Creative Arts Programs

For additional information, please join us for our first General Association meeting (TBA).

Principal Ortega's Post



HAPPY THOUGHTS--as we begin another new year - it has been great to see all our students again. Our whole school community is excited and looking forward to another year of growth and development for our students, your child/ren.

NEW FACES, NEW JFS STAFF--Welcome Mr. Sevilla a former Chaboya school teacher and Mr. Munguia to our 6th grade teaching team. We are also pleased to announce that Mrs. Aquino has joined our 1st grade team with many years of experience. In addition, we have a new Resource Teacher, Manilen Rentrigrado who taught at Evergreen Elementary before coming here. The new Speech Teacher is Mrs. Arboleda who was at one time an intern here. And finally, our dedicated new nurse is Mrs. Bal. We are so lucky to have all these wonderful additions to our JFS Team!

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT--Thank you to those who could attend; I want to applaud you for attending and for being active in your child's education. Your child spends 6 hours a day at school and it is important that you have good communication with their teacher and vice versa. Fostering a healthy relationship that builds trust and confidence is our goal. We are all invested in your child's continued growth and positive development academically and socially.

SAVE THE DATE--September 18th @6pm is an opportunity to provide resiliency tools to your child as they grow. Dr. Howard is an exceptional presenter. Do not miss this presentation--I personally learned so much more about kids and about the why and the how to help them and how to make the toughest job (parenting) just a little bit easier.

PTA--None of these programs and parent education would be possible without the continued support of our outstanding PTA--Thank you!

FALL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

SAVE THE DATE! Annual JFS Movie Night on Friday September 20th

Grab your picnic blankets, (low) stadium chairs and join your friends and other JFS families for an evening out on the blacktop for a FREE movie. Some food, beverage and popcorn will be available for purchase.



Interested in volunteering for this event?
Please contact Sonia Fanelli: soniafanelli78@yahoo.ca

THE PEACEMAKER PROGRAM

It makes our school a happier place to be with caring adults and students. Your child will receive a presentation on Tuesday 9-10-19, please ask them what they know, what they learned. The Parent Presentation is on **Oct. 1st @6pm**. This is an effort to wipe out bullying and bring in respect and kindness. Come experience an uplifting and positive approach to school behavior!



MATH OLYMPIAD: Volunteers to teach

We are looking for parent volunteers who can teach math concepts for Math Olympiad. The class will be after school hours from 2:15 PM in JFS to train JFS kids (4th-6th Grades) for Math Olympiad. Interested parents, please reach out to Nanitha Yamani, Math Olympiad Chair at ynanitha@gmail.com. Our hope is to find the right volunteer. Without a volunteer to teach, we will conduct just *Test Only Math Olympiad Contests* once a month and no classes will be held. For more details about Math Olympiad, visit: <https://www.moems.org>.



Drama & Performing Arts

The African savannah comes to life on our stage with Simba, Rafiki and an unforgettable cast of characters as they journey from Pride Rock to the jungle...and back again, in this inspiring, coming-of-age tale! This year JFS PTA presents **THE LION KING**. The after school drama program will start on **Sept. 23, 2018**, with rehearsals on Mondays and Wednesdays through December. Additional information can be found via separate flyer or contact parent-chairperson, Sonali Patodia: bahetisonali@gmail.com.

STAY IN TOUCH!



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