



Jan 19th, 2018

Dear JFS Families,



REFLECTIONS 2017-18 Council Level Winners! We are super proud of JFS students who won at the Evergreen Council level and went forward to the District level. 5 of these talented students were celebrated for their creativity at an awards ceremony held at the Santa Clara Office of Education on Jan 11th, 2018. Also, Ritvin Narra advanced to State level of competition in Film Production category.

**Heartiest Congratulations!**

To see some glimpses, please visit JFS PTA Facebook page: **JFS Parents**. Kudos to the students and their families and our chairperson Smruti Pathak without whom this wouldn't have been possible.

**Donovan Ly** (Music)

**Ahaana Baheti** (Visual Arts)

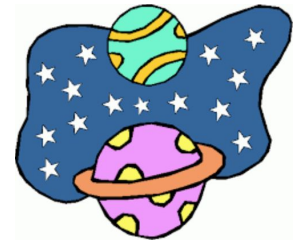
**Ritvin Narra** (Film)

**Saket Pathak** (Photography)

**Ahaana Baheti** (Dance Choreography)



It's a Star Party! **JFS Astronomy Night** is **Tuesday, Jan 23 2018** from **6:30-8:30 PM** on **JFS Blacktop**. San Jose Astronomical Association will set up several telescopes for guided viewing of the night sky. Students may bring their own telescopes for extended viewing. Come see the crescent Moon, Saturn, the double star Albireo, the Ring Nebula and more! (Weather and night sky permitting). It's going to be fun! Please contact Sterling Larnerd to volunteer or with any questions at [sslarnerd@gmail.com](mailto:sslarnerd@gmail.com).



**Friday, January 26th 2018 - Family BINGO Night**

Timing: 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm

All JFS students and parents are welcome along with their friends and families. Great deal on tickets. Awesome prizes including ONE GRAND PRIZE. Delicious food available to purchase from PTA. And of course BINGO. Fun. Fun. Fun.

Dinner starts at 6pm. Game starts at 7pm sharp.

Look for volunteering opportunities at [jfspta.org](http://jfspta.org)

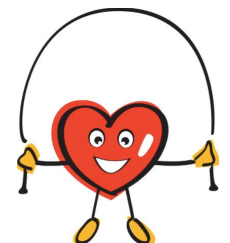
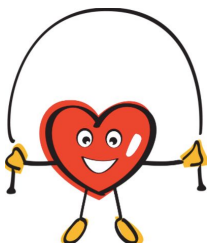
**Jump Rope for Heart** is kicking off its health education and FUNdraiser for the American Heart Association with a school wide assembly on **February 9, 2018** and a fun event day planned on **February 15, 2018**.

Participation envelopes will be sent home February 9 but students can get a head start online by registering with our team James Franklin Smith Elementary at <http://american.heart.org/jump-hoops/> or through the free app 'jump/hoops'.

Extra prizes are awarded for online/ app participation.

Parent volunteers are needed the week of Feb 12-15.

Please contact Sterling Larnerd at [sslarnerd@gmail.com](mailto:sslarnerd@gmail.com)





### MLK Assembly

*On Tuesday, January 16th, 2018 our whole school came together to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Our Peacemakers led the way in spreading a message of hope and love towards all people. It was very touching to hear student voices express from their heart their ideas about making the world better place. Each student was given a footprint, which are now posted in the MPR. Students wrote their response to "I Can Make My World Better By . . . We had two students introduce the event - Elle Huebner and Mahika Joshi. Many Thanks to Mrs. Gardin who chose the MLK song that we all sang together in the MPR. Thank you to Mrs. Matharu's class for the AM messages and Tiger Vaviya our student body president for leading the flag salute. It was a very patriotic and positive assembly about acceptance and respect for all.*

### PATHWAY AWARDS

Evergreen School District is now recognizing eligible 6th and 8th graders for bilingual proficiency. Students/ parents who have expressed interest must attend a meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2018 from 6-7 PM at the Evergreen School District Office. The languages that will be tested for proficiency are Spanish, Vietnamese, Mandarin, and Cantonese. This is a stepping stone to prepare for the Seal of Bilingual Award that can be acquired in high school.



### SAFETY

*A reminder to use the designated crosswalks when arriving and departing from school. We know this requires a bit more walking but it is the safest route and we want to always promote following the traffic rules to our children. Go Slow and Be Safe.*



### Multicultural Night

JFS PTA is urgently looking for a parent volunteer to chair the Multicultural Night Event. This event focuses on highlighting the richness of our wonderfully diverse community. Dates for the event are not finalized yet. Also, the event will be cancelled if we are unable to find a chair. If interested, please contact Deepa at [deepabathala@gmail.com](mailto:deepabathala@gmail.com) with any questions.



*Stay warm. Have a great weekend!*