



April 2019

April is a rainbow month, of sudden springtime showers. Bright with golden daffodils and lots of pretty flowers - unknown author. It's spring time everyone! We hope you will seize the opportunity to enjoy the warmer weather and the natural beauty that is all around us.

Upcoming Events

4/12	7:00PM SJ Giants Game You can still buy tickets at the school office.
4/13	9:00 to 11:00AM Annual Evergreen TECH EXPO in JFS MPR. Come interact with the 'Makerspace Ship'!
4/19	Spring Break: 4/19 to 4/26. School resumes on 4/29/19.
4/29	DINO-MITE Book Fair Week! 4/29 to 5/3/19 during school hours.
5/2	Open House: 2:00 to 3:00PM

We are looking for Parent - Leaders to join PTA Board!

The PTA Nominations Committee is looking to build a diverse set of Board Members for the next school year -- one that is representative of our great JFS Community! There are varying levels of time commitment for each position - and it's all about being the voice of the parents. If you are interested in learning more or have questions, please contact anyone on the Nominations Committee by April 30th. Go to page 3 for more details.



Apr 29th - May 3rd, 2019

JFS families, get ready to Stomp, Chomp, and Read at our biggest and loudest book fair ever! It's the DINO-MITE Book Fair where we will unleash each child's inner Dino and turn them into reading raptors, bookceratops, and readasaurus rex bookivores. Come and stock up books for now and summer by supporting this important fundraising event for more books for our JFS Library.



** Book Fair Volunteers Needed **

We can't run a successful book fair without YOU! Please sign up to help set-up, sell books or assist students and parents with books.

Any help is *GREATLY APPRECIATED!!*

Sign up link is available on jfspta.org.



PRINCIPAL ORTEGA'S POST April 2019

JAYWALKING IS A CRIME! And dangerous too! Your children were reminded about being 'Street Smart' by San Jose City Traffic Officer Cordell. He shared important information about traffic and bike safety in an assembly last Friday. Ask your son or daughter to share what they learned.



CELEBRATION TIME for our Reclassification students who passed a very rigorous test for English Proficiency. There will be a district wide ceremony at Quimby Oak on Wednesday April 3, 2019 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm to honor their accomplishment.

YOUTH TRUTH Leadership Mini-conference. Eight students were selected to be the 'voice' of JFSmith. They will participate in a discussion about school climate and culture from a student's perspective. Thank you in advance to our young leaders.

TECH EXPO on Saturday, April 13th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. This year, the EXPO has a Dr. Seuss theme to integrate science and literature. Also, the **MAKER SPACE SHIP** will be on-site, it is a STEAM lab on wheels! Come enjoy the family fun!



SAN JOSE GIANTS tickets are still on sale! This is a great Family Fun Event! The Giants have a carnival like atmosphere complete with games for the kids and fun food inside the stadium--there are plenty of kid friendly activities. The game is on Friday, April 12th starting at 7pm. I hope to see you all there:)

MURAL PAINTING begins this weekend barring the rain. Chloe Nguyen a former student has designed a colorful and educational theme drawing. She presented her idea to the student council and asked for their input. They are purchasing supplies to help her complete this beautification project.

OPEN HOUSE will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2019 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. There will be a lot of wonderful student work on display. It is also a time to visit your child's next grade level and get them excited for the year to come.



IMPORTANT REMINDER;
SPRING BREAK will begin on
Friday, April 19th to Friday, April 26th.
School resumes on Monday April 29th 2019.

JOIN THE JFS PTA BOARD!

Parent-Leaders Needed For Next School Year 2019 - 2020

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Nominating Committee Contacts

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JFS PTA Board Roles

The executive board is the PTA's administration. Its main function is to be a representative of the entire parent body. Each role on the board contributes to a set of responsibilities, designed to keep things running smoothly for the JFS PTA.

President

Serving as president of a PTA includes the responsibility to lead that PTA toward specific goals chosen by its members. The president is the presiding officer and the official representative of the association.

Treasurer

The treasurer is an elected officer and the authorized custodian of all funds of the local PTA.

Historian

The historian assembles and preserves the record of activities and achievements of the PTA and assists the president in preparing the Unit.

Auditor

The purpose of an audit is to determine the accuracy of the books and records of the financial officers.

Parliamentarian [appointed by PTA President]

The parliamentarian gives advice on parliamentary procedure when requested; calls the first meeting of and advises nominating committee; chairs bylaws review committee annually.

VP, Programs

This role will be the central point of contact for programs/events chairs and volunteers - coordinating/supporting the leaders of all PTA sponsored programs/events.

VP, Membership

The VP of Membership is responsible for creating and implementing a membership plan, promoting membership throughout the year, collecting dues, and distributing membership cards.

VP, Communications

The VP of Communications plays a central role in keeping the PTA members connected and informed. This role is responsible for general communications to the parents at JFS.

Secretary

The Secretary maintains official record of all PTA proceedings of all general association meetings and of the board.

Financial Secretary

The Financial Secretary gives receipt for monies received and keep receipts; presents monthly report & annual report to association



Math Olympiad

Math Olympiad session for the year 2018 to 19 is now complete. Congratulations to all of the students who worked so hard this year on Math Olympiad. Thank you so much for your participation and dedication! Special thanks to all the parent volunteers **Melody Chan, Neelima Gottam and Binh Lam**, who helped us during the tests. We are really proud of each and every child.

Math Kangaroo

Congratulations to all students participating in the Math Kangaroo 2018 to 2019 competition. We were happy to see the students and their love for mathematics. Special thanks to parent volunteers **Vasanthi Varaderajan, Melody Chan, Pratibha Joseph, Supriya Gupta, Swamini Bajpai and Zou Yishu**. It would have been impossible to procure the test without the help of volunteers.

Hopefully sometime prior to the end of the school year we will have an award ceremony in order to congratulate students with the highest scores in both Math Olympiad and Math Kangaroo. Please stay tuned.

If you're interested in supporting these **parent volunteer** produced math programs at JFS, please reach out to Nanitha at ynanitha@gmail.com.

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.