



March 2019

Spring is around the corner and the PTA is busy preparing for events for the remainder of the school year. Currently we still need volunteers for the Carnival in June - especially a Creative Director to lead the event. If you might be interested please contact Programs VP, Deepa, at deepabathala@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

3/5	Science Fair Night! 6:00PM to 7:00PM in MPR
3/19	Parent Night 6:00PM - 7:30PM in MPR (School Safety and Cyberbullying)
3/21	Math Kangaroo Test 1:00PM to 2:15 in MPR (For students who registered at the beginning of the school year.)
3/29	Spirit Day - Dress to Impress

Be a Creative Director This Summer. See Page 3.



Seeking Nominating Committee Members

In preparation for the 2019-2020 school year, we are in need of Members to serve on the Nominating Committee to help us identify suitable candidates for next year's PTA Board. If interested, please email: jfspta2220@gmail.com.



Tuesday, March 5th, 6:00PM to 7:00PM

Are you excited about electricity? Do you fantasize about fossils? Then please come to our annual Science Fair Night to view our amazing student-produced science fair projects! Projects from all participants will be on display.

Location: MPR



Math Kangaroo in USA

since 1998

International Competition in Mathematics

Math Kangaroo (Test Only)

Hi Parents, please look out for an email from the Math Kangaroo chair Nanitha Yamani closer to the date. She will include all details about the test and procedures.

Test Date: March 21st, 2019, 1:00PM to 2:15PM

Location: MRP

Who Should Attend: Only JFS students who registered at the beginning of the school year. This is a test for the students. We do not have classes this year.



FROM PRINCIPAL ORTEGA'S DESK
*****MARCH--2ND TRIMESTER REPORTS 3-8-19*****



Thank you, parents, for taking these surveys they really do help us shape our programing. The Safety Survey was taken in the fall and here are some findings that I thought would be of interest to you:

Student Responses 3rd-6th:

- How safe do you feel at school? 89% very safe / safe
- How often do you see bullying? 72% very little / never
- How well do you know emergency procedures at school? 88% avg. very well / well
- The least favorable response was : Students get teased at school because of learning difficulties
5% responded often, 20% responded sometimes.

These are only partial results but I wanted all to know that the majority of students feel safe at school and appear to know what to do in case of emergency. There are areas of concern that we need your help with in regards to treating others with respect and empathy. These are areas that we address in school and we appreciate any support you provide at home to reinforce respectful and empathetic behavior to their peers and other adults.



On that note, we are providing extra programing from the SJPD Crime Prevention division to come in and discuss Social Media and Cyberbullying to our 5th and 6th graders. We will also be hosting a Parent Night on Tuesday 3-19-19 @ 6:00pm-7:30pm to address the same concerns and perhaps touch on some broader topics. Please join us.

Also, The City of San Jose Traffic Division will be presenting a 'Street Smart' assembly to all our students at the end of this month. This program teaches many aspects of being 'Street Smart' and being aware of traffic dangers. PLEASE PARENTS take advantage of our crossing guards and demonstrate to your child to cross ONLY at crosswalks and to make sure to look both ways always.



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**SCIENCE FAIR, JFS PARENT NIGHT, Tuesday 3-5-19**  
**6pm to 7pm in the MPR**  
**Come see all the science projects and investigations!**





## Dream Job: Chief Creative Director

Alright, maybe not quite a Hello Kitty themed carnival at JFS (or maybe...) but we are planning the biggest annual event and we need creative minds like yours! If you love to entertain and throw parties, this dream job is for you! Imagine what you can do for your child and of course all his/her 700+ school friends and family! What yummy foods, fun games, and surprises will you bring to see the big smiles on children's faces and the twinkles in their eyes when filled with happiness? PTA has the funds ready and you'll have a team of volunteers — we just need your creative vision and leadership! Join us to make our children's dreams a reality this summer!

If you are interested in joining the PTA Carnival Planning Committee, please contact Deepa Kamepalli at: [deepabathala@gmail.com](mailto:deepabathala@gmail.com). All volunteers welcome!



### 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](mailto:jfspta2220@gmail.com). For more info, please visit: [jfspta.org](http://jfspta.org). Follow us on Facebook: **JFS Parents**

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