



November 2018

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and we are taking a moment to reflect on what we are thankful for this holiday season. Without question, we are thankful for a strong JFS community comprised of dedicated parents and students. Furthermore, we are thankful for our school's principal, teachers, and staff, who are there to teach and care for our children everyday. Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

Upcoming Events

11/12	Veterans Day - No School
11/14	Conference Day - No School
11/19 to 11/23	Thanksgiving Holiday Break
11/27	Resilience In Children
12/1	JFS Ninja Warrior Day

Save the Date:
JFS Ninja Warrior Day
Saturday, Dec 1st, 2018.

Are you ready for a challenge? PTA will be hosting a **JFS Ninja Warrior Day** on Saturday, 12/01 from 1:30PM to 2:45 PM.

Come test your skills and train to be a JFS Ninja. Full kids and parents friendly obstacle course will be ready for you in the Edge Training Zone at ClubSport San Jose.

Registration form will come home soon. Stay Tuned.



Online Auction Is Now LIVE until Sunday, Nov 11th, 8:00PM

Our Nov 3rd Walkathon was a huge success! If you were unable to attend, or were eyeing a special item during the Silent Auction, here is another chance for you to participate from the comfort of your home. The final portion of our Walkathon fundraising effort started on Monday, Nov 5th and will end on Sunday, Nov 11th at 8:00PM. **Be sure to go online to place bids!** Here is the link to our auction site: <https://www.32auctions.com/jfs2018>.

Everyone is invited to participate and bid on a wide variety of items -- from "Teacher for the Day", a special lunch with the Principal, to events and experiences such as tickets to Silicon Valley Comic Con 2019. Here are some highlights of items available, but visit the auction website for the full list:

TRAVEL

- 4 days, 3 nights at a private home in Lake Tahoe
- Passes to SeaWorld San Diego

SPORTS

- Seats to the 49ers game
- Passes to Silver Creek Sportsplex

JFS TEACHERS AND STAFF

- Teacher for a Day
- Lunch with the Principal
- Mr. Munoz's Sports Extravaganza and Pizza Party
- Librarian for the Day

EXPERIENCES

- Passes to California Academy of Sciences
- Pair of tickets to Silicon Valley Comic Con 2019
- Round of golf at Silver Creek Valley Country Club

67 ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING

- Camp Galileo
- Open Skate
- Be The Librarian
- Martial Arts
- Tickets to Silicon Valley Comic Con
- Lake Tahoe Cabin!
- Be The Teacher
- Get a Massage
- 49ers Club Tickets & Fan Memorabilia
- Guitar Lessons
- Public Speaking
- Photo Books!
- Learn Chinese!
- Dance Classes
- Facial
- Badminton
- Workout at ClubSport
- Lunch With Your Teacher or The Principal
- Clothes



From Principal Ortega's Desk

November will mark a full trimester of school for your child. As busy as JFS is with events, so is your child busy with school's academics and new curriculum to learn. He or she must also navigate the social-emotional environment of a new class, new teacher, and new friends. We are here to support them in all areas and appreciate the great support of our families. Coming up this month is an opportunity to learn about fostering "Resilience in Children". This parent presentation will be presented by Ms. Howard, ASW, PPSC who is our District Social Worker. I hope you will take this opportunity to attend this important event (see below).

Many thanks to the PTA for some fabulous events during October: Walk to School had over 400+ Walkers/Bicyclist this year, Family Picnic Day + College Day was a huge success too. Already this November, we had a very family friendly fun Walkathon. Thank you to the PTA and all the wonderful parents who came out to support our Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math goals.

- Parents, please sign-up for 'BLOOMZ' it is the best way to stay informed about your child's class, communicate w/your child's teacher, and stay informed about JFS events.
- The Great American Shake Out Earthquake Drill was conducted on 10-18-18. All students participated and we stayed in contact with the district office through Walkie-Talkies and went through a mock simulation--we were successful in keeping all safe and sound:).
- NAME PLEDGES--Every child (except TK/Kinder we'll have to do something special for them:) has a Name Pledge in the MPR. The pledge reinforces the idea that everyone's name is important and names can tell a story about a person. We want to honor our student's identities and cultural backgrounds by pledging to RESPECT our names and our unique identities. Stop in to read them when you get an opportunity.
- SAFETY--Please remember the front loop is for drop-off ONLY. This means you need to pull your car forward--all the way to the office--and NOT stop in the middle of the lane. Also, please do not get out of your car. **Be kind to all drivers, especially to our teachers who are directing traffic. They are doing their best to keep traffic flowing and trying to keep everyone safe.**
- CONFERENCES--Nov. 14th is Conference Day--no students in attendance that day. Teachers review report cards and important information w/families regarding your child/ren. You may be asked to come on a different day/time to help the teacher reach all families and students.
- NO SCHOOL--Nov. 12th, Nov. 14th, and Thanksgiving Week Nov.19th--23rd.

"RESILIENCE IN CHILDREN"

Parent Presentation 6 to 7pm on Nov. 27th

In the JFS MPR

Flyer and RSVP to come



JFS WALK-A-THON 2018

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS & DONORS!

On behalf of JFS PTA, we like to take this opportunity to thank all our Walk-a-thon Sponsors and Donors, because without their generosity and support our event would not have been possible. Additionally, we cannot forget to thank the unsung heroes who support every PTA event, our Principal Mrs. Ortega, and all the wonderful teachers who helped in this event. A special thanks goes to Vasanthi Vardarajan, a parent volunteer who spent countless hours coordinating with each classroom, and meticulously wrapped every basket making them look beautiful for the silent auction. Big thanks also goes to our awesome basket makers, auction bidders, parent & student volunteers who came out on the day of the event. Indeed it takes a community to pull together such an event.

Type	Business
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Donor	Silicon Valley Comic Con
Donor	Silver Creek Sportplex
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Donor	Winchester Mystery House



PTA Board Members & Walkathon Event Volunteers:

Alice Tran, April Yan, Deepa Gopalakrishnan, Deepa Kamepalli, Linley Toro, Lisa Zee, Meenal Wodeyar, Nanitha Yamani, Sonali Patodia

Event Chair: Deepa Kamepalli **Sponsorships:** Alice Tran

Auction Baskets & Classroom Coordinator: Vasanthi Varadarajan

Volunteers On Walkathon Day:

Aayush Pagaria, Ahanna Baheti, Ananya Raman, Anshul Jambula, Arjun Mallipedi, Arlene Lam, Arushi Goyal, Audra Newell, Aidan Huynh, Aidan Lam, Balaji Margabandu, Charu Seth, Clairra Pham, Jorge Roque, Diane Roque, Ella Chow, Ella Ke, Eve Chen, Isabella Salcedo, Harinath Kamepalli, Jadie rudolph, Jaswinder Mann, Jenny Huynh, Kevin Huynh, Katie Choy, Katelin Choy, Lauren, Leena Saha, Lexis Pham, Lucca Toro, Madeleine Chow, Matthew Choy, Loi Thai, Maya Rajan, Meghan Le, Uyen Le, Naveen, Niharika Gollapalli, Phuong Tran, Prathiba Joseph, Priya Viswa, Rajesh Pasupathy, Ranjana Goel, Rani Kang, Ruchi Soparkar, Satyajit, Sherie Torres, Shreya Mitra, Shrishti Roy, Sonia Fanelli, Sophia Vo, Suman Goud, Sunil Goshi, Supriya Gupta, Sushmitha Reddy, Swathi Gollapalli, Taran Sidhu, Thang Nguyen, Usha Kalahasti, Victoria Fitzpatrick, Xinghai Xie, Yvette Nguyen

Silent Auction Basket Makers:

Alanna Yamada, Anne Marie Hodkinson, April Yan, Ashlee Hampsten, Beth Cacciaroni, Chandra Chittipeddi, Dawn Duong, Gauri Sharma, Helena Vijay, Kelly Nguyen, Linda Ulleseit, Linley Toro, Pavani Reddy, Preeti Grover, Priya Viswa, Ren Tong, Reshma Ibrahim, Sharon Noyes, Sherie Torres, Sridevi Krishnakumar, Steven Cacciaroni, Tiffany Lynn, Trish Vinh, Trisha Khan, Tuyen Bui, Veena Margabandu.

WALKATHON RESULTS!



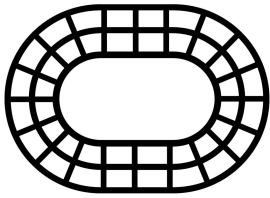
CLASSROOM WITH THE MOST STUDENT WALKERS!

A - 4 Mrs. Machado



CLASSROOM WITH THE MOST FUNDS RAISED!

B - 13 Mrs. Alexander [Wins pizza lunch with Mrs. Ortega!]



TOP WALKERS! These kids walked the most laps!

Logan Lynn - 40 Laps
Vaibhav Kamepalli - 30 Laps
Malek Ness - 29 Laps

ONLINE AUCTION IS LIVE! YOUR BID COUNTS

[HTTPS://WWW.32AUCTIONS.COM/JFS2018](https://www.32AUCTIONS.COM/JFS2018)

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'd welcome your feedback.