



MONDAY MEMO

April 29, 2024

Jones Elementary PTA



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brews.
ballgames.
just because.

JB's Fundraiser Night is Tuesday, April 30th!

JB's in Severna Park will be generously donating 15% of dine in and carry out sales.
Please mention Jones PTA Spirit Night or show this email/ Monday Memo to your server.

*excluding delivery apps

Principal Day May 1st

A Jones Elementary edition

How to be a

PRINCIPAL



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✓ Parent Engagement

Mr. Whisman actively involves parents in their children's education. From organizing family events to being present in Parent-Teacher meetings, he ensures that parents feel welcome and informed.

✓ Rooting in what matters most

Our principal's heart lies with the students. He knows each child by name and takes the time to understand their unique needs. Mr. Whisman encourages curiosity, creativity, and a love for learning.



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✓ Supportive colleague

Mr. Whisman goes above and beyond to support his colleagues. Whether it's lending a listening ear during challenging times or recognizing their hard work, he truly values teamwork and collaboration.



Dear Jones Elementary School Community,

We are thrilled to celebrate Principal Jim Whisman on this special occasion of Principal Day! His unwavering dedication, tireless efforts, and compassionate leadership have made our school a nurturing environment for both students and staff.

Mr. Whisman, your commitment to excellence has shaped countless futures. Your guidance, wisdom, and genuine care for each student have left an indelible mark on our hearts. From early morning greetings to late-night planning sessions, you consistently go above and beyond to ensure our school thrives.

How Can You Participate?

1. Written Thank-You Notes: Encourage your child to write a heartfelt thank-you note to Principal Whisman. Express their gratitude for his impact on their education and personal growth. These notes can be dropped off at the school office or emailed to jwhisman@aacps.org.
2. Artistic Memories: Students and families are invited to create artwork that captures their best memories of Mr. Whisman. Whether it's a drawing, painting, or collage, we'd love to see your creativity! Art submissions can also be dropped off at the school office or shared via email.

Let's come together as a community to honor Principal Jim Whisman and show our appreciation for his outstanding leadership.

Thank you, Mr. Whisman, for being the guiding light that illuminates our educational journey.

With gratitude,

The Jones Elementary School Family

2nd Annual Jones Arts Showcase

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Congratulations Artists!

Congratulations to the following AMAZING student artists who have made it into the All County Art Exhibit at the Westfield Annapolis Mall!!!

Mikayla M 5th

Ella K 4th

Liam B 5th

Shyne D 1st

Brayden H 3rd

Olive W 2nd

Elena M 3rd

Burke S 2nd

Harry L 4th

Lucy R Kindergarten

Augie L 1st

Seraphina H 3rd

You can find our school alphabetically - the elementary schools will be from The Container Store to LUSH. There will be a reception on Tuesday, April 30th from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Artwork will be displayed until Thursday May 9th.

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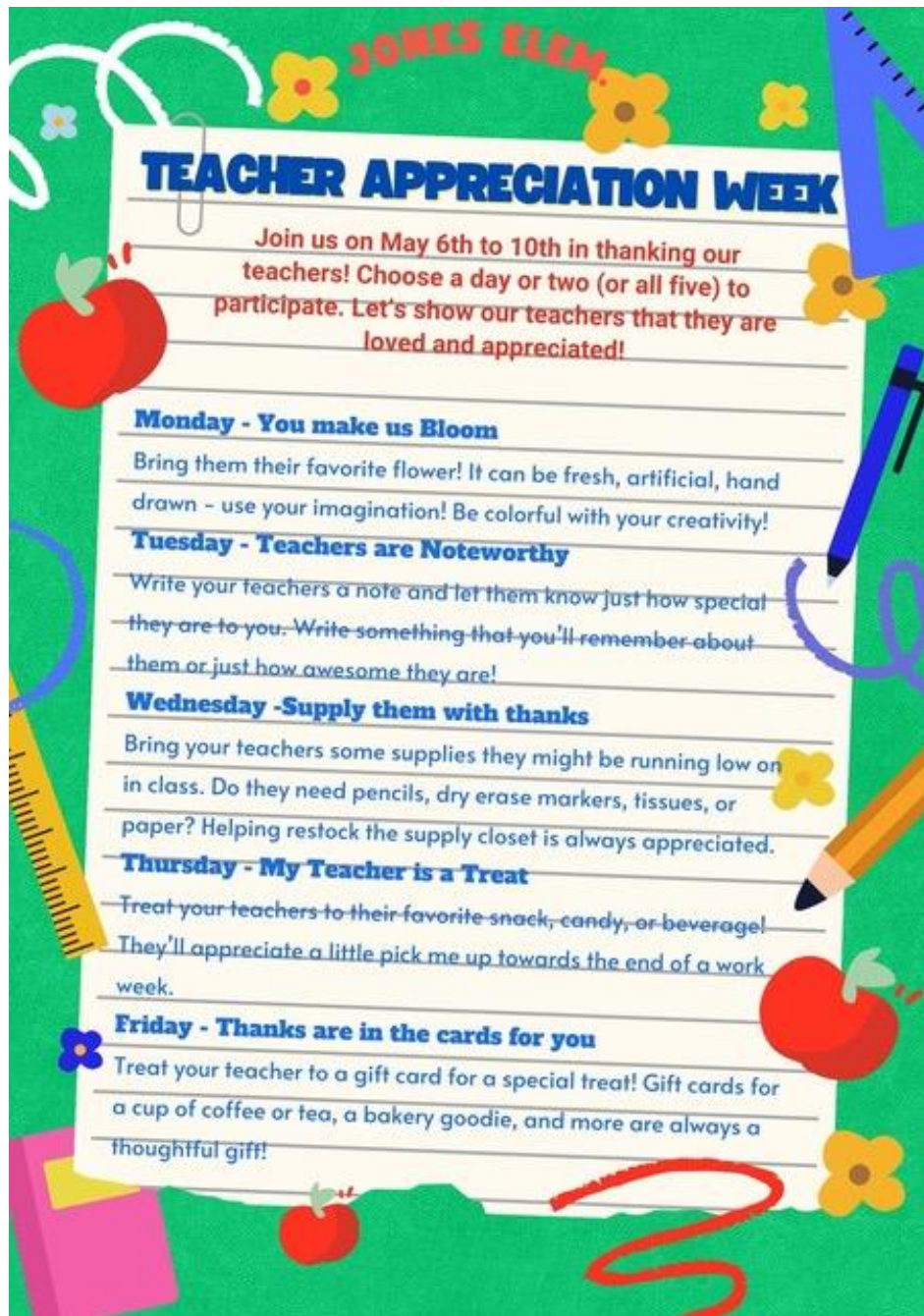
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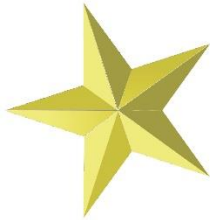
Maura Cavanaugh, Brooks King, Sophia Lin (K)

Eve Ponder, Lucy Heavner (1)

Nadya Green, Vincent Marino (2)

Tommy Claggett, Nalah Marshall (4)

Avery Dickstein, Emma Trust (5)



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Ms. Angela Atkinson



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LAST CHANCE

Free classified Ad for the Yearbook

Please note:

- Classifieds should be emailed to yearbook@jonespta.com by tomorrow **Tuesday April 23rd**.
- Please include your child's name and grade.
- This year, *classifieds* are being offered free of charge.

Something small will suffice, like Good Job or Congratulations!

2024/2025 PTA Budget, Board Nominations, Committees and Leads

Reminder!!! We are accepting nominations for ALL positions, regardless of incumbency. Nomination does not guarantee a position on the board. Nominations were announced at our April meeting and can be found in the link below along with more information. Deadline for any additional nominations is April 30, 2024. The in-person only vote for the positions will be on May 8th.

[Nominations and Roles Here](#)

2024-2025 Proposed Budget

Please click the button below to review the FY2024-25 PTA proposed budget. At the April PTA meeting, events, programs, and funding for the 2024-25 School Year were discussed, and budgeted for, based on revenue and expenditure in years past. Rising cost of several services were taken into consideration.

Please note that expenditures for this school year are estimated at this point. We will vote to pass the proposed budget at our May 8 meeting in the Media Center. If you have any questions regarding the budget, please email Aimee Pasquariello at treasurer@jonespta.com.

Vote will be in person at our May PTA meeting. You must be a PTA member to vote.

[2024/25 Budget](#)

Book Fair Online Sales and Thank You



Thank you to Mrs. Bigalow and Mrs. Hutchinson

The Spring Book Fair has been a huge success so far! We loved seeing kids, parents and teachers share their love for books all week.

We are so appreciative to our Book Fair Lead Deborah Hutchison. Our school is fortunate to have such amazing volunteers that give their time and hands to help support our school. **Thank you Deborah!**

Reminder! The Spring Book Fair Continues Online through April 28!

While we packed up the book fair in the media center, families and friends can continue to shop online through Sunday, April 28th. To access our online book fair, go to our Jones Elementary home page at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/joneselementaryschoolsp>. All purchases made through Sunday, April 28th, will benefit our school.

Thank you to all our volunteers who helped students browse and buy the books they loved. And a huge thank you to Mrs. Bigelow for all her support and allowing us to take over part of the media center for the week.

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Celebrate Bus Driver's Day at Jones Elementary! Let's show our appreciation for our amazing bus drivers!

Bus Driver's Day is tomorrow, and we want to make it a memorable celebration. Our dedicated bus drivers and aides work tirelessly to ensure our students arrive safely to and from school every day.

Here's how you can participate and make their day extra special:

1. Write Thank You Notes: Take a moment to express your gratitude by writing heartfelt thank-you notes. Whether it's a simple "thank you" or a longer message, your words will mean the world to our bus drivers.
2. Create Artwork: Get creative! Encourage your children to draw colorful pictures or create artwork that celebrates our bus drivers.
3. Share Treats: If you'd like to contribute treats, feel free to send them in! Homemade cookies, fruit, or other goodies—our bus drivers will love the thoughtful gesture.

Bus 484 - Driver- Anna Leight; Aide-Charlotte Addis

Bus 473 - Driver- Abdoulie Sallah; Aide-Julius Kennedy

Bus 183 - Driver- Mike Mrozk

Bus 185 - Driver- Darrell Swaim

Remember, our bus drivers are the unsung heroes who keep our school running smoothly. Let's come together as a community to say "thank you" and brighten their day! Let's make it a day filled with kindness and gratitude. Thank you for your support!

Mrs. Alderman and Mrs. Hand

Happy Administrative Professional's Day

To our incredible administrative team, Ms. Carol Alderman and Ms. Mindy Hand, your dedication, hard work, and unwavering commitment keep our organization running smoothly. From answering doors to handling complex office tasks, you both go above and beyond every single day.

Ms. Carol and Ms. Mindy your organizational skills and attention to detail are truly remarkable. We're grateful for your invaluable contributions. Your positive attitude and willingness to go the extra mile inspire us all. Thank you for your commitment and support.

Thank you for being the backbone of Jones Elementary. Your tireless efforts make our school brighter. Thank you for all that you do!

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Childcare can be provided, please email secretaty@jonespta.com with the number and ages of the children.

Virtual Meet

Wednesday, April 17 · 6:30 – 7:30pm

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/bbo-zxut-tpn>

Or dial: (US) +1 413-369-1281 PIN: 587 903 780#

[Nomination and Roles Here](#)

WE NEED YOU!

MAKE FRIENDS. HAVE FUN. DO GOOD THINGS.

The Jones Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (Jones PTA) is an active and friendly group whose mission is to enhance education through volunteerism and enrichment. We have a long history of bringing programs and enhancements to our school that support classroom education, our teachers, our students, and compliment the curriculum.

Each year we open the floor to nominations for all board positions. Our term limits are two years which allows for a rotation of new ideas and new energy. We are currently welcoming nominations for all positions for the 2024-25 school year. Please nominate yourself or someone you think would be great for the position.

Most importantly, please don't be shy. While we take great pride in our school and the work we do for it, we are also comprised of people with full time jobs, part time jobs, and work at home jobs. We are parents and partners first and foremost, and work together as a group to fulfill our mission. You will never be asked to take on more than you can handle as a Board Member. We welcome parents from all grades. The only requirement is that you are a current and up to date PTA Member.

Vote will be in person at our May PTA meeting. You must be a PTA member to vote.

Please send questions to secretary@jonespta.com.

It's Book Fair Week!



Bring the whole family to the Bookfair on Wednesday, April 17 from 5-7 p.m.

The buying days are Wednesday-Friday, please note that students will visit with their class either Wednesday or Thursday to purchase books.

This week we kick-off our Scholastic Spring Book Fair. You can find your child's browsing and shopping days [here](#). First, they will have an opportunity to view the books with their class, create a wishlist to bring home, and will be able to make purchases with their classroom on the buying days using cash or [a virtual wallet](#).

Help teachers build their classroom libraries and bring on the Bookjoy for students! We need your support to expand our classroom libraries and provide teachers with valuable resources. To make contributing easy, we have set up eWallets for each classroom, [here](#). Your donations enable teachers to buy books at the fair that benefit your child's classroom and inspire a love of reading.

Bookfair Resources:

- [Volunteer & complete requirements](#) - we still need more volunteers!!
- [Visit the virtual book fair](#)
- [Browse books with digital flyer](#)
- [Set up a virtual wallet for your child](#)
- [Classroom Schedule](#)
- [Teacher eWallet Donations](#)

Please email enrichment@jonespta.com for questions.

SP Cluster Needs Your Support for Make-A-Wish VIP

★ ★ ★ ★ **WISH NIGHT** ★ ★ ★ ★

**TUESDAY,
APRIL 16TH**

SP BOYS LACROSSE VS SOUTH RIVER @ SEVERNA PARK

6:30 GAME

WE WILL HAVE A SPECIAL WISH GUEST, AIYLAH, WHO WILL BE THE
HONORARY CAPTAIN FOR THE COIN TOSS, SO GET THERE EARLY!



**KONA ICE TRUCK,
FACE PAINTING,
BRACELET MAKING, AND
T-SIRTS FOR SALE!**

KIDS IN REC JERSEYS GET IN FREE!!

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPINED BY A PARENT OR COACH

CONTACT ECOLON@AACPS.ORG WITH ANY QUESTIONS

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "SM".



As you may be aware, Severna Park High School has been partnering with Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic for over ten years now. The 11th grade Leadership Institute students plan a week of school and community-based efforts to grant life-changing wishes for children in the Mid-Atlantic who are facing critical illness. This year's Wish Week is April 15-19, and while some events are based solely in the high school, attached are some events that we believe elementary school families may also enjoy being a part of and hope that you will consider spreading the word.

The lacrosse game on Tuesday is free to children in any rec uniforms and is honoring a 7-year-old from Pasadena as our VIP who is having her wish granted this spring; we would love to have a big crowd to show her how much we care!

Send in your Classified Ad for the Yearbook and Order Date Extended

Don't miss the chance to recognize your child with a classified ad in this year's Jones yearbook! Whether it's congratulations on a job well done or a special wish as they move on to next year, an encouraging message is always appreciated.

Please note:

- Classifieds should be emailed to yearbook@jonespta.com **no later than Friday, April 19.** We absolutely cannot accept submissions after 4/19.
- Please include your child's name and grade.
- This year, *classifieds* are being offered free of charge.

SALES extended until the end of the week, Friday April 19th.

Please save your emailed receipt after ordering for your own reference. yearbooks are available for pre-order only. **Extra yearbooks are not being ordered by the school and there will be no yearbooks available for sale at distribution.**

Yearbooks cost \$20 plus tax and a convenience fee. Personalization is available for an extra \$4.99.

[ORDER HERE!](#)

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2024-25 school year began April 3rd. To be eligible to enroll, children must be five years old on or before September 1, 2024. Registering for kindergarten early helps our school plan for how many teachers we need in that grade level. Please register your kindergartener and help spread the word to new families.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE!](#)

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Testing

UPDATE – MCAP TESTING DATES (for only grades 3rd-5th)

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Monday, May 6 – Thursday, May 9th (ELA/Reading)

Friday, May 10th – Thursday, May 16th (Math)

**no testing on Tuesday, May 14th (Schools closed for General Election Day)*

***testing days were revised due to allotted non-testing days in accordance to AACPS guidelines*

Jones FoxStars of the Week!

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Alister Burks-Grieger, Jordan Clagett, Clare Schieffer (K)

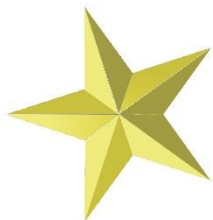
Norah Ali, Augie Le (1)

Remi DeOrio, Jacob Kramer, Nixon May (2)

Zoey Beckett, John Gregory (3)

William Neice (4)

Sean Garman, Luke Simoes (5)



Employee of the Week

Mr. James Lewis



School Dance

THANK YOU

What an amazing night! Thank you to the team that organized and made the night a memorable one for so many Jones families. We can not do anything without our amazing volunteers. **You are appreciated.** Thank you for taking your time to support our school and community.

Dance photos are needed for the yearbook. Please send any photos to yearbook@jonespta.com ASAP as the book is being finalized this week.

Attention 5th Grade Parents:

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Nonprofit Events Hub (NEH)

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New last day of school is **June 11** for students.

Yearbook Sales

**NOTE ALL MUST ORDER-NO MEMBERSHIPS INCLUDED
A FREE BOOK THIS YEAR-NO EXTRAS WILL BE
AVAILABLE TO ORDER AFTER APRIL 11**

Please note that yearbooks were not given out with membership levels this year. YOU MUST order a book if you want a copy.

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Garden Clean Up



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Congratulations to Lily



Congrats to 5th grader Lily Price! Lily's poem moved on from the county to the state contest. Today she was awarded first place in the state for 5th grade poetry!

School Dance this Friday

A Night *in the* Big Apple

Friday, April 12th | 6:30-8:30 PM | Jones Elementary
Adult/Child Event

TICKETS ON SALE NOW
\$5/Ticket, Max of \$20/Family

There will be a DJ, Photo Booth/360 Video, & Concessions.
Please bring cash for concessions

No dress code: Come as fancy or as casual as you wish.



Last Week to Buy Tickets! And we need some volunteers!

Our upcoming school dance promises to be an unforgettable event, and we need your help to make it a success! Help transform our gymnasium into a dazzling dance floor, set up and manage refreshment stations, welcome our guests at the entrance, keep an eye out for safety and ensure a smooth flow of attendees, and assist in tidying up. Your participation makes a difference!

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[Volunteer Here](#)

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The Spring Book Fair is here!



April 15th-19th AND Parent's Night is April 17th 5p-7pm

We are excited for the Scholastic Spring Book Fair to take place at Jones from April 15-19.

Corrected Schedule: Students will browse with their class Monday and Tuesday, and will be able to make purchases Wednesday and Thursday using cash or [a virtual wallet](#). Classroom schedule can be found [here](#).

Please email enrichment@jonespta.com for questions.

A Night in the Trades Opportunity

Center of Applied Technology South
211 Central Avenue East (Behind SRHS)
Edgewater, Maryland 21037



A Night in the Trades!



PARTICIPATE IN
HANDS-ON
EXPERIENCES



SKILLS
DEMONSTRATIONS
BY TEACHERS &
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LIGHT CONCESSIONS
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Spring Clean-up of the School



Sunday April 7th starts at 11:00am

Sign-up here: <https://jonespta.membershiptoolkit.com/volunteer/125324>

Our gardens need some spring clean-up. Students, siblings and families are invited to help us clean up the gardens. We will be working on the main front garden in addition to the 2 areas next to the Media room. We will be pulling weeds and laying mulch.

Please bring your own shovel, rakes and gloves. Any spare lawn waste bags are appreciated for donation although we will have some on site also.

School Dance Ticket Sales now OPEN!



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Spring Club Chaperones STILL Needed

Please sign up

Dates open are April 9, May 7 and May 21!

Parent Chaperones: Remember, clubs must have one parent chaperone and Eco Adventure requires two, each session.

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