



MONDAY MEMO

January 29, 2024

Mo Gaba Positivity & Perseverance Award



Azucena, whose name means “lily” in Spanish, is the kind of kid who moves through life's challenges with grace and fluidity, just like the beautiful flower she is named for. Azucena came to Jones Elementary with a whirlwind of obstacles, but you would never know when speaking to her. She has risen above and grown as a bilingual speaker and, with the help of her teachers, has made significant progress in all her academics.

When asked what advice she would give someone facing a challenge, Azucena said, “if you believe in yourself and don’t give up, things might not go exactly how you want, but at least you know you’ve tried.” This quote embodies the person that Azucena is. She is kind and compassionate, and when she notices that someone needs a helping hand, she is quick to jump in. When presented with obstacles, Azucena always tries

her best. Her positivity and perseverance through these obstacles is a model to the Jones community. Our staff is in awe of this bright and shining light of a kid!

It is without hesitation that we nominate Azucena for the Mo Gaba Positivity and Perseverance Award. Congratulations!!

Yearbook Updates

Join the Jones Yearbook Committee! Any adults interested in helping to create our amazing yearbook, please contact Sarah Bigelow at sebigelow@aacps.org by **Monday, 2/5**.

Fifth grade parents: Please share photos of your child over the years, whether it be at a school event, participating in a hobby, or hanging out with friends. These will be part of our "**Fifth Grade Memories**" page in the yearbook. Photos can be sent to yearbook@jonespta.com or sebigelow@aacps.org.

Jones FoxStars

Employee of the Week



Ms. Dominique Briggs

FoxStars of the Week



Alister Burks-Grieger, Flora Kruse, Dakota Mandley (K)

Charles Briggs, Chloe Morgan (1)

Olivia Banks, Annabelle Spiker, Jude Sporrer (2)

Liam Gilligan, Ceci Palisano (3)

Michael Mayne, Jackson Smith (4)

Hadley Hunley-O'Donnell, Emma Trust (5)



Talent Show Canceled

Due to low enrollment, the Jones Talent Show has been canceled until further notice. We apologize to those who have committed. Please stay tuned for potential other ways to showcase your talent.

Respectfully,
Jones PTA

PTA Meeting

Please note there will be no February PTA meeting. The next general meeting is scheduled for March 13th.

5th Graders

Attention 5th Grade Parents:

Please see the attached flyers regarding an upcoming Parent Information Night for parents of current fifth grade students, and a virtual meeting opportunity regarding information about the middle school AVID Program.

[Severna Park Middle School Info Parent Night](#)

[AVID Flyer English and Spanish](#)

CoreShark

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Wednesday, February 7

12:00a CoreShark H2O grades 2nd and 4th

Thursday, February 8

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Monday, February 12

12:00a Picture Day for Yearbook Groups

Wednesday, February 14

12:00a Valentine's Day Parties

Monday, February 19

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Tuesday, February 20

12:00a BoosterThon Kickoff - spirit days

Wednesday, February 21

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Thursday, February 22

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January 22, 2024

Check out these dates!

JANUARY

24 - PTA MEETING

26 - Mo Gaba Day, support Baltimore wear your favorite Baltimore sports gear or colors

30 - Report Cards emailed

FEBRUARY

1 - Jones Has Talent rehearsal

2 - Jones Has Talent show

6 - 2 hr Early Dismissal for Unity day, wear orange

7 - PTA MEETING

12 - Picture day for Yearbook Groups

14 -Valentine's Day Parties

19 - School Closed

20 - 27- BoosterThon Kickoff, Spirit Days

26 - Spring Mids for Kids Starts

28 - BoosterThon Fun Run

29 - 5th Grade Portraits

CAR LOOP ETIQUETTE



To help things run smoothly,
here is some etiquette to keep in mind.

PLEASE and THANK YOU!

In the Morning Drop Off Line:

1. **P**assenger side seating! Please consider buckling your child (or your youngest child if multiple) on the passenger side of the back seat. This allows your child to just unbuckle and jump out, so you don't need to exit your car.
2. **L**ease everything with your child! Backpacks and lunch bags and anything else should stay close to them in the car. Don't put things in the front seat. Or the trunk. Keep everything close at hand for quick and easy drop offs that allow you to not get out of the car.
3. **E**xit on the sidewalk side for safety! See #1 above, but also, using the passenger side puts your kids on the sidewalk side, avoiding the risk of potential accidents from oncoming traffic.
4. **A**cept the line! The school doors open at 7:45 a.m. Prior to this time, a line will form in the car loop. All car riders must remain in their cars until the school bell rings. Students are not to be dropped off early/left unattended and parents are responsible for supervision until 7:45 a.m. The first car in the line should pull all the way forward in the line. **Reminder** – the cafeteria door is only for students enrolled in before care through Super Kids. Do not use this door if you do not have children registered in Super Kids.
5. **S**et a positive example! Be patient. Be kind. And, remember, you do not need to get out of your car.

For the Afternoon Pick Up Line

6. **T**hat line, though! Again, the pick up line starts early. The first car in the line should pull all the way forward (almost to the cafeteria door). The staff becomes expert at identifying cars throughout the year (it's uncanny) and they'll see you coming and start getting your child/ren ready to hop in. If the line is extending down Hoyle (because it will), do not block the entrance or exit to the bus loop. Also, for the sake of the already beleaguered buses, please form a one-way line down the school side of Hoyle and not line up on both sides.
 7. **A**ttention, please! While you may zone out checking email or texting friends in the other cars during the wait, please pay attention so you hear those bells ring and notice when the cars in front of you have moved.
 8. **N**o need to get out of the car! Sense a theme? Staff will help kids open doors and load backpacks when needed.
 9. **K**ids can buckle themselves! Make sure your child/ren know how to buckle themselves and that the buckles are accessible. This eliminates the need for you to get out and help your child buckle in. That said, please do not leave the line if your child is not yet fully buckled. Safety first!
 10. **Y**OU can stay in your car!
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Talent Show



SIGN UP NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Shine Bright Talent Show registration is now extended until January 24th!

We will need at least 20 performances for this wonderful event to move forward. The rehearsals will be on February 1st, and the talent show is the evening of February 2nd.

Email your sign-up forms to mpzeeks@gmail.com.

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Rescheduled PTA Meeting

Wednesday, January 24h 6:30-7:30pm

The meeting will be held in our school library. We would like to see you there! Childcare will be provided if needed. Please email secrectary@jonespta.com with the number of children and ages beforehand.

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Philanthropic Brainstorm



Please come!

Thursday, January 25th, 7:15pm @ Logue Home

Leeann Logue, mom to Jones First Grader Jack and Kindergartener Connor, invites you to attend a casual brainstorm on any philanthropic opportunities in our community. The hope is to overlay to existing Jones events or as stand-alone options, in 2024 and beyond. Any parent or guardian of any Jones student is welcome! Snacks and beverages provided by host.

Please RSVP to LeeannJTL@gmail.com and additional information will be provided!

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New link

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February 1 – Talent Show Rehearsal

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Students of the Week



Maura Cavanaugh, Anastasia Hutchison Emily Mattern (K)
Hunter Briles, Rowan White (1)
Lucas Bird, Ellie Mohr, Lehlani Sabir-Beach (2)
Mila Kling, Kieran Martens (3)
Luca Lewnes (4)
Allie Nairn, Azucena Zavala Sanchez (5)



Employee of the Week

Sarah Bigelow

Reading Camp Out

Monday, January 22

The PBIS Committee is excited to announce our next quarterly behavior incentive...a reading campout! On Monday, January 22, **we will transform the gym into a “campsite,” complete with tents, sleeping bags, and flashlights!** For this special day, students are invited to wear pajamas or comfy clothes and bring a book to read. In order to make this day a success, we need your help!

- Please complete the [Camp Out Google Form](#) if you have a tent suitable for indoors or other items that we may borrow. Any items should be labeled with your child's name and grade and will need to be at the school by Jan. 18 in time for set-up since there is no school on Jan 19. We will send items home with your child, or you may pick them up at the school after the event. We are also looking for a few parents that would be willing to help us set up the tents prior to arrival.
- We would also love to have a few parent volunteers to help out in our campsite. Please sign up if you would like to volunteer: [Camp Out Volunteers](#). Please plan to arrive 5-10 mins before your scheduled time and sign in at the office. All volunteers must have completed the background check and watched the volunteer video.

As always, thank you for helping support our PBIS initiatives!

- Jones ES PBIS Team

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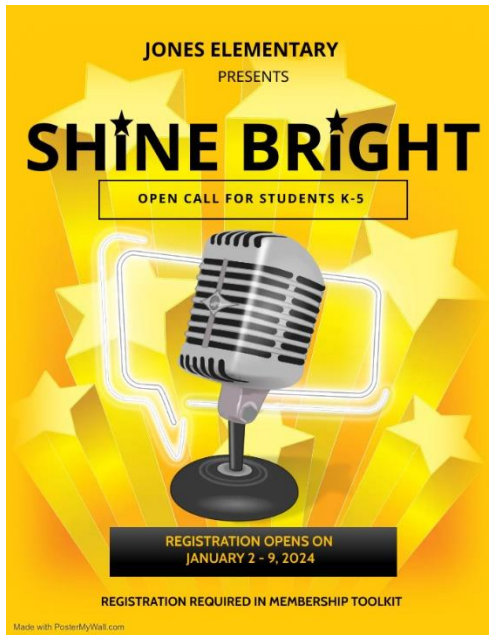
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[Sign-up form here](#)

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Jodi Simpkins

Harvest for the Hungry

Way To Go!

Final Harvest for the Hungry Update

We just received word that Jones ES contributed **1,840 pounds** to the Harvest for the Hungry! **This makes us in the top 10 for the entire county and the top school with 350 students and under!**

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Jordan Clagett, Anastasia Hutchison, Owen Rosenbaum (K)

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Teddy Miner, JP Strube (2)

Cassidy Patterson, Leighton Umana (3)

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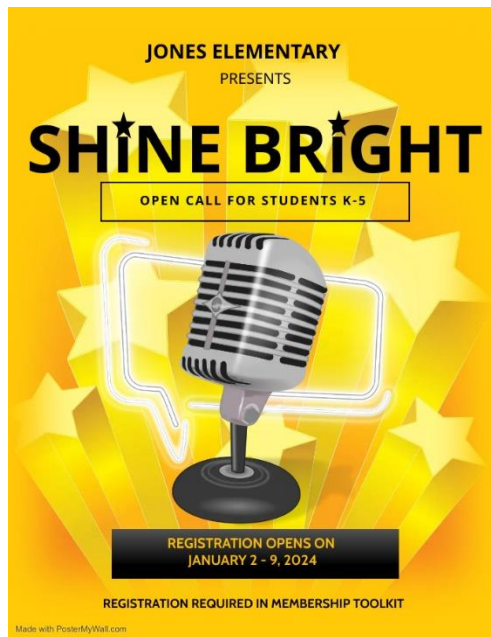
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Young Authors

Way To Go!

Congratulations to all of these students who participated in the Young Authors Contest. The first and second place Jones Elementary School winners are labeled as well as participants. The 1st place winners in each category and grade have gone on to compete in the Anne Arundel County Literacy Chapter contest and winners will be announced in January.

Also, we nominated **Avery McGuinness, in 4th grade, for the Ben Carson Scholarship Award.** Avery's excellent academics and community volunteer work, as well as her peer leadership abilities, contributed to our decision. **Congratulations, Avery!**

Student	Grade	Teacher	
Heavner, Lucy	1	Bannister	1st place-Short Story
Ronan Spadacino	1	Bannister	2nd place-Poem
Nobles, Logan	1	Lutian	1st place-Poem
Rosso, Jack	1	Lutian	participation
Coles, Carter	1	Lutian	2nd place-Short Story
Banks, Olivia	2	Campbell	1st place-Short Story
Copper, Bennett	2	Campbell	2nd place-Short Story
Pasquariello, Amelia	2	Campbell	participation
Strube, JP	2	Campbell	participation
Coles, Malcolm	3	Melan	1st place-Short Story
Hutchison, Seraphina	3	Melan	participation
Lu, Amanda	5	Fickinger	participation
Price, Lily	5	Fickinger	1st place-Poem
Saunders, Delainey	5	Fickinger	participation
Pletneva, Anna	5	Fickinger	participation
Bakota, Renee	5	LeBlanc	1st place-Short Story
Coles, Jacques	5	LeBlanc	participation
Dickstein, Avery	5	LeBlanc	participation
Edmonds, Milan	5	LeBlanc	2nd place-Poem
Smart, Madeline	5	LeBlanc	participation
VanderMerwe, Eleigh	5	LeBlanc	2nd place-Short Story
Grant, Ella	K	Hoff	participation

Jones Fox Alumni Scholarship



The Jones Fox Alumni Scholarship is open! The scholarship application is available on JonesPTA.com. Any graduating high school student who completed 5th grade at Jones ES is eligible to apply. Best of luck to all our Jones alumni!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

See the calendar below and note 2 hour delays, school closing dates, fundraising events and more! Just keep scrolling down!

BoosterThon

Calling all sponsors! We are looking for sponsorships for our annual BoosterThon. If interested, please email fundraising@jonespta.com for details.

Yearbook

Do you want to see your child in the yearbook? We need any and all photos to make the 2023-24 Jones Yearbook the best one yet! We're looking for pics from the 1st day of school, Halloween, field trips, and any others that you may have snapped along the way. Please send to yearbook@jonespta.com. And keep an eye out for info coming soon about the yearbook committee!

Outdoor Recess - Dress Warmly!

Brrr...the weather is getting chillier. Even when it is quite cold outside, we usually still go out for recess. Please always dress children appropriately for school with the expectation that they will be outdoors for recess. Don't forget a hat and mittens or gloves!

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Whats Cooking for Lunch?

January Menu

Mark Your Calendar!



Wednesday, January 10

6:30p PTA General Meeting

Monday, January 15

School Closed for Martin Luther King Day

Wednesday, January 17

2 Hr. Early Dismissal- End of 2nd Marking Period

4:00p Chipotle Fundraiser Night (Severna Park Location) Wednesday 4-8pm
(MUST Mention Jones Elementary PTA)

Thursday, January 18

2 Hr. Early Dismissal- End of 2nd Marking Period

Friday, January 19

School Closed for Semester Break

Tuesday, February 6

2 Hr. Early Dismissal- Unity Day & Professional Development

Wednesday, February 7

6:30p PTA General Meeting

Monday, February 19

School Closed for Presidents' Day

Wednesday, March 13

6:30p PTA General Meeting

Have a Question for the PTA?

If you have questions about the Monday Memo or Membership Toolkit, please send an email to secretary@jonespta.com.

All other general inquiries regarding the PTA and Membership can be sent to president@jonespta.com or vicepresident@jonespta.com.

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