



MONDAY MEMO

September 25, 2023

Become a Member NOW

WE NEED YOU! NOTE PTA GOLD members can register for clubs NOW. ALL OTHERS can register tomorrow at 5pm;)

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Fall Club Registration

PTA Gold Members can register starting now!

All others can register starting tomorrow at 5:00pm. To register [click here](#).

Tuesdays (6 weeks)

- **Art on the Gogh Club** – Grade 3-5 – \$130
- **Yoga** – Grade K-2 – \$100

Wednesdays (8 weeks)

- **Eco Adventures** – Grade K-5 – \$130

- **Chess** – Grade K-5 – \$125
- **Cheer** – Grade K-5 – \$75

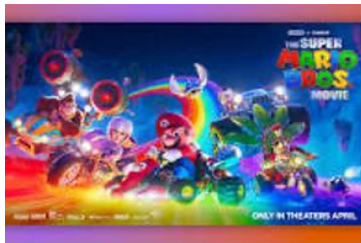
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- **Yoga** – Grade 3-5 – \$130

PTA GOLD Members will receive early registration access and can register today at 5:00pm. All other PTA members and non-members can register on Tuesday at 5:00pm. These clubs are on a first come, first serve basis and while slots last. To join the PTA please visit www.jonespta.com and click apply! We need you!

Need based scholarships are provided to any family who may need assistance. Please email CALDERMAN@AACPS.org to apply.

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Harvest for Hungry Kicking off soon!

Harvest for the Hungry

OCTOBER 1-31, 2023

DONATE ONLINE
at aacps.org/harvest.

BRING IN FOOD
to your local school.



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
FOOD BANK

All proceeds benefit
the Anne Arundel
County Food Bank.



SCAN ME



DID YOU KNOW?



Food insecurity impacts a child's ability to learn.



Every dollar collected is equivalent to 1 pound of food.



1 in 8 families in Anne Arundel County struggle with food insecurity.



Monetary donations purchase exactly what is needed for our community.

FOOD LIST

Please bring the following
nonperishable items.

CANNED FOOD

Fruits & Juices	Tuna, Salmon & Sardines
Meat, Ham & Chicken	Vegetables
Stews & Soups	

DRIED FOOD

No glass please.

Beans	Peanut Butter
Evaporated Milk	Powdered Milk
Infant Formula	Puddings & Custards
Macaroni & Cheese	Rice Cakes
Multigrain Crackers	Sauces & Salad Dressing
Nuts & Seeds	Whole Grain Cereals
Oatmeal	Whole Grain Pastas

HIGH-PRIORITY ITEMS

- ✓ Baby Food & Formula
- ✓ Beans & Legumes (Dried)
(1-pound Bags)
(Pinto, Black, Lentils)
- ✓ Healthy Snacks
(Breakfast Bars, Dried Fruit, Etc.)
- ✓ Nutritional Shakes (Ensure, Boost)
- ✓ Peanut Butter and Jelly (Plastic Jars)
- ✓ Rice (1-pound Bags or Boxes)



AACPS - Office of School and Family Partnerships - CPS/P&L - 1/6/23 - (Rev/9/23)

**Congratulations to our Fox Superstar
Awards (PBIS)**



Students of the Week

Aubrey Copper & Dakota Edmonds (K), Dakota Penelope Martinez & Norah Ali (1), Ryder Dickstein, Brynn Book & Bennett Copper (2), Holly Pierce & (3), Zachary DeOrio & Chase Kitner (4), Aaron Wren (5)



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Cayla Fickinger

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We need help!

- MOVIE NIGHT
- Fall Clubs will need a chaperone for each club each hour

Sign ups and the required background checks can be found [HERE](#). You will need to be registered on <http://jonespta.com> in order to access the page. If you have any questions please feel free to email our volunteer chair **Ashley Byrne-Rice**, volunteer@jonespta.com.

September 26 and October 6

Click Here



Latin and Hispanic Heritage Night

Evento Regional de Broadneck

NOCHE LATINA y HERENCIA HISPANA



NOCHE INFORMATIVA EDUCACIONAL
MUESTRA DE BOCADILLOS GRATUITOS,
MÚSICA EN VIVO, BAILARINES
FOLKLÓRICOS, MESAS DE RECURSOS Y
ACTIVIDADES PARA NIÑOS Y MUCHO MÁS.



**MIÉRCOLES,
11 DE
OCTUBRE
6-8PM**

Lugar del evento:
BROADNECK HIGH SCHOOL
1265 GREEN HOLLY DR.
ANNAPOLIS, MD 21409

¡EVENTO FAMILIAR GRATUITO!
Una celebración de nuestras comunidades.



Únase a nosotros mientras celebramos el "Mes Nacional de la Herencia Hispana"! Reconoceremos las contribuciones de los hispanos y latinoamericanos a la herencia y la cultura mundial.

¡TE ESPERAMOS! NO TE LO PIERDAS!

¿Preguntas?: Carolina Jacobo at 410-562-1308 o sjacob@aacps.org

i-Ready Letter to Parents

Hello! Congratulations to your student on completing the *i-Ready Diagnostic*!

What is the *i-Ready Diagnostic*?

The Diagnostic is an adaptive assessment that identifies students' strengths and opportunities for growth. That information helps determine how to best support their learning. Watch this [video](#) to learn more.

How can I access my student's results?

1. Log in to your student's *i-Ready Dashboard* using their district or school's portal credentials and then click on the *i-Ready* icon. If your district does not use a portal, visit i-ReadyConnect.com and log in using the credentials provided by their teacher(s).
2. Click on the **For Families** dropdown and select the **For Families report**.
3. Enter your District's Report Code **PCBBZ4**



How should I interpret my student's results?

How is my student doing overall?

The goal is for your student to achieve performance levels that meet or exceed the expectations set for their grade level.

On the For Families report, the **A** blue bar(s) on the graph and the corresponding **B** placement level(s) indicate how your student performed on each test in relation to their grade level, which is indicated by the **C** green shading. The **D** National Norm percentile below the graph indicates how your student performed in relation to students in the same grade level nationwide.

How is my student doing in specific learning areas?

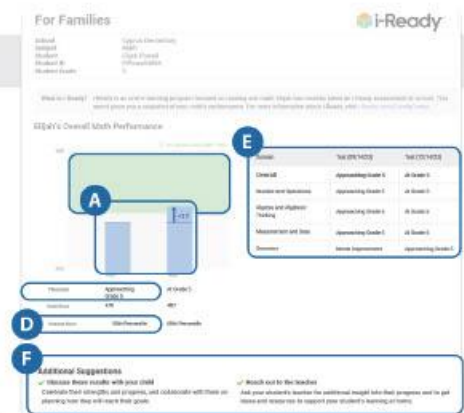
It is important to understand how your student did in more specific learning areas, which are called domains. The **E** domain table shows how your student did in specific domains and helps teachers know where to build on strengths and focus their instructional support.

How is my student progressing over time?

The goal is for your student to be making progress in their learning. After your student has taken more than one Diagnostic in the school year, you will see results for each Diagnostic, which includes your student's progress overall and within each domain.

How can I support my student at home? **F** Additional Suggestions

Celebrate your student's strengths and progress so they can feel motivated and ready to work on their goals. Contact your student's teacher for additional insight into their progress and to get resources that can support your student's learning at home.



For more information and support, visit the [i-Ready Family Center: Understanding Diagnostic Results](#).

Thank you again for your continued partnership and support of your student's learning. Please contact your child's teacher with any questions.

Best,

Mr. Jim Whisman

Jones Elementary Principal



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Thank you for attending back to school night. In case you missed it, please see the slides below.

[Principal Whisman Back to School Night Slides](#)

[PTA Slides](#)

TONIGHT RITA'S NIGHT FROM 5-7PM!



Mr. Whisman will be serving Water Ice from 5-6pm!
Teachers and Staff will be working at Rita's from 5-7pm!

MENTION JONES WHEN ORDERING!

RAFFLE TICKETS will also be sold onsite to benefit Jones Elementary Students and Staff Incentives!

Proceeds support students' and staff incentives (PBIS, assemblies, etc.)

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[AGENDA FOUND HERE](#)

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Magnet School Program Information Nights

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FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM THE BELOW FOOD TRUCKS

POSITIVE VIBES - JAMAICAN CATERING

KONA ICE

BREAKING THE BORDERS - MEXICAN CATERING

CRABTOWN CURBS - SEAFOOD CATERING

IZZY'S CONCESSION & GRILL

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

EASTERN DISTRICT POLICE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER UNIT

FOOD FESTIVAL

NO ENTRY FEE

SEPTEMBER 29 2023 4PM-8PM

EASTERN DISTRICT POLICE STATION
204 PASADENA RD PASADENA MD.

FOOD TRUCKS-DRINKS-MUSIC-GAMES

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Back to School Night

We are excited to host this year's Back to School Night.

- **Thursday September 14 from 5:45pm-7:00pm**
- There are limited parking spaces so please be mindful about parking and carpool when possible. We encourage carpooling! Do not park anywhere there are orange cones and especially on the grass.
- The target audience is parents/guardians. We encourage keeping children home if possible.
- The objective for the night is to learn about your child's classes, teachers and school.

Room Parents

Room parent **sign-up will occur at back-to-school night**. Each teacher will have a sign-up sheet in their room. The lead room parent and co-room parent **will be chosen by the teacher** afterwards.

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Music Program Registration

Students in Third Grade have the option to participate in the Strings Ensemble at Jones Elementary. Students in Fourth and Fifth Grade have the option to participate in Band and Chorus. These classes occur during the school day. To learn more about these programs and register please click the links below.

- Third Grade String Ensemble with Mr. Bailey (Violin, Viola, Cello, Bass) - [LINK](#)
- Fourth and Fifth Grade Band, or Strings Ensemble with Mr. Bailey - [LINK](#)
- Fourth and Fifth Grade Chorus with Mrs. Alldred - [LINK](#)

The **deadline to sign up is September 15th**. Concert dates are December 13th & May 15th.

Please contact Mrs. Alldred malldred@aacps.org and Mr. Bailey jpbailey@aacps.org if you have any questions.

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School Meal Prices

- Breakfast, (Full Price, All Schools) \$1.50
- Breakfast, (Reduced Price, All Schools) \$.00
- Lunch, (Full Price, Elementary Schools) \$2.75
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Meal Benefit Applications are available for SY 2023-24. If you have questions regarding the school meals program, please email jrisse@aacps.org or call 410-222-5900.

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Front Office Important Information

ATTENDANCE

Regular school attendance is critical to your child's success. When students are absent, they miss valuable instructional time and important social activities. Students who miss 18 or more days of school, regardless of the reason, are considered chronically absent (based on MSDE) and this negatively impacts Jones Elementary's star rating. Therefore, we ask parents to make every effort to ensure that students are in school on time and ready for instruction.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Sometimes illness and other unavoidable circumstances prevent a student from attending school. Whenever your child is absent, please submit an attendance form through your Parent Portal account ([instructions here](#)), which replaces the online Google form used previously, or provide an emailed or written note to the teacher and school office staff (Carol Alderman, calderman@aacps.org and Mindy Hand, mhand@aacps.org). Please

include your child's full name, grade, teacher, date(s) of absence, and reason for absence. If your child is absent, please note:

- You must notify the office of the reason for each absence within three days. If no reason is given, or if the reason doesn't result in an excused absence (ex. vacation), the absence is considered unexcused, and this triggers automatic notification by AACPS on the day of the absence.
- Absences of more than 5 consecutive days due to illness require a doctor's note upon return.
- Students must be in attendance at least 3 hours and 20 minutes to be counted present for the entire day. Students who attend school for less than 40 minutes will be considered absent for the entire day.
- Vacations are not considered excused absences. We do not give out assignments in advance for anticipated vacation absences.
- Students who are absent for the entire school day are not permitted to participate in school-sponsored after-school clubs or activities on that day.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL REMINDERS

Arrival

Jones Elementary opens to students at 7:45 AM. Doors close and **instruction starts promptly at 8:00 AM**. Students who arrive at school after this time are considered late and must be signed in at the office by an adult. Please plan to arrive closer to when the doors open at 7:45 AM (expect heavier traffic in the mornings) to allow your child to get unpacked and be ready to start school on time.

When students are signed in as late arrivals, often they have already been marked absent by their classroom teacher. We will eventually get their attendance updated to reflect that they were tardy, however this may not happen before absence notification calls go out by AACPS. Don't be surprised if you get a call notifying you that your child was absent on a day they came in late.

Please review our [car loop etiquette](#) and share with any of your approved drivers.

Dismissal

The end of the school day can be a hectic time. **Please try to make any changes to how your child will be dismissed prior to 1:30 PM**. If your child will be dismissed early from school, a written or emailed note should be submitted to the teacher and the school office staff (Carol Alderman, calderman@aacps.org and Mindy Hand, mhand@aacps.org). Please include the time your child will be picked up, the teacher's name, child's full name, as well as the name of anyone other than a parent/guardian who will be picking up. For safety reasons, anyone picking up a student early must show a driver's license in the office.

FAMILY HANDBOOK

For important school information such as detailed arrival and dismissal procedures, lunch and recess schedules, rules and regulations, and staff contact information, please refer to the [Jones Elementary School Family Handbook](#).

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MONDAY MEMO

September 4, 2023



Front Office Important Information

ATTENDANCE

Regular school attendance is critical to your child's success. When students are absent, they miss valuable instructional time and important social activities. Students who miss 18 or more days of school, regardless of the reason, are considered chronically absent (based on MSDE) and this negatively impacts Jones Elementary's star rating. Therefore, we ask parents to make every effort to ensure that students are in school on time and ready for instruction.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Sometimes illness and other unavoidable circumstances prevent a student from attending school. Whenever your child is absent, please submit an attendance form through your Parent Portal account ([instructions here](#)), which replaces the online Google form used

previously, or provide an emailed or written note to the teacher and school office staff (Carol Alderman, calderman@aacps.org and Mindy Hand, mhand@aacps.org). Please include your child's full name, grade, teacher, date(s) of absence, and reason for absence. If your child is absent, please note:

- You must notify the office of the reason for each absence within three days. If no reason is given, or if the reason doesn't result in an excused absence (ex. vacation), the absence is considered unexcused, and this triggers automatic notification by AACPS on the day of the absence.
- Absences of more than 5 consecutive days due to illness require a doctor's note upon return.
- Students must be in attendance at least 3 hours and 20 minutes to be counted present for the entire day. Students who attend school for less than 40 minutes will be considered absent for the entire day.
- Vacations are not considered excused absences. We do not give out assignments in advance for anticipated vacation absences.
- Students who are absent for the entire school day are not permitted to participate in school-sponsored after-school clubs or activities on that day.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL REMINDERS

Arrival

Jones Elementary opens to students at 7:45 AM. Doors close and **instruction starts promptly at 8:00 AM**. Students who arrive at school after this time are considered late and must be signed in at the office by an adult. Please plan to arrive closer to when the doors open at 7:45 AM (expect heavier traffic in the mornings) to allow your child to get unpacked and be ready to start school on time.

When students are signed in as late arrivals, often they have already been marked absent by their classroom teacher. We will eventually get their attendance updated to reflect that they were tardy, however this may not happen before absence notification calls go out by AACPS. Don't be surprised if you get a call notifying you that your child was absent on a day they came in late.

Please review our [car loop etiquette](#) and share with any of your approved drivers.

Dismissal

The end of the school day can be a hectic time. **Please try to make any changes to how your child will be dismissed prior to 1:30 PM**. If your child will be dismissed early from school, a written or emailed note should be submitted to the teacher and the school office staff (Carol Alderman, calderman@aacps.org and Mindy Hand, mhand@aacps.org). Please include the time your child will be picked up, the teacher's name, child's full name, as well as the name of anyone other than a parent/guardian who will be picking up. For safety reasons, anyone picking up a student early must show a driver's license in the office.

FAMILY HANDBOOK

For important school information such as detailed arrival and dismissal procedures, lunch and recess schedules, rules and regulations, and staff contact information, please refer to the [Jones Elementary School Family Handbook](#).

After School Clubs

Our Club Committee has been working hard for you! Club announcement and signups will be coming soon!

- The start dates are approximately the week of October 16
- **Club announcements will take place in the Monday Memo, so keep reading them!**
- Club registrations will occur through Membership Toolkit **ONLY**
- Remember the **GOLD \$250 PTA Member Level** gets early registration for **clubs**. Button below!

JOIN THE PTA

JOIN to WIN

We are a direct donation school which means that a large portion of our funding comes from our Membership dues. This put simply means we will never ask you to sell wrapping paper, pizza kits or candy. Instead just join and choose from a level that works for you! There are multiple levels of membership.

- Our school goal is 100% family participation at any level
- Sign-up on Membership Toolkit: www.jonespta.com or simply click the **JOIN THE PTA** button above
- Volunteer options available if interested but not required

Yearly Membership Drive is HUGE:

- Starts at Back to School Night, September 14-October 9th
- Winning classroom will be announced at the October PTA meeting
- Classroom with the highest percentage of membership will celebrate with a party of their choice

To learn more about the individual levels of membership click the button above.

Music Program Registration

Students in Third Grade have the option to participate in the Strings Ensemble at Jones Elementary. Students in Fourth and Fifth Grade have the option to participate in Band and Chorus. These classes occur during the school day. To learn more about these programs and register please click the links below.

- Third Grade String Ensemble with Mr. Bailey (Violin, Viola, Cello, Bass) - [LINK](#)
- Fourth and Fifth Grade Band, or Strings Ensemble with Mr. Bailey - [LINK](#)
- Fourth and Fifth Grade Chorus with Mrs. Alldred - [LINK](#)

The **deadline to sign up is September 15th**. Concert dates are on December 13th and May 15th.

Please contact Mrs. Alldred malldred@aacps.org and Mr. Bailey jpbailley@aacps.org if you have any questions.

Room Parents

Room parent **sign-up will occur at back-to-school night**. Each teacher will have a sign-up sheet in their room. The lead room parent and co-room parent **will be chosen by the teacher** afterwards.

School Meal Prices

- Breakfast, (Full Price, All Schools) \$1.50
- Breakfast, (Reduced Price, All Schools) \$.00
- Lunch, (Full Price, Elementary Schools) \$2.75
- Lunch, (Reduced-Price, All Schools) \$.00

Meal Benefit Applications are available for SY 2023-2024. If you have any questions regarding the school meals program, please email irissee@aacps.org or call 410-222-5900.

Spread the Word



Jones ES is looking for a dedicated, and passionate person that enjoys working with children to join our staff as a Temporary Support Assistant (TSA). This position is funded by the Special Education Office to help support and nurture our students with specific needs (social, emotional, and academic). This position is an hourly rate \$16. We are advertising this position to hopefully hire an individual that can commit to Monday-Friday from 7:45-2:30pm (with some flexible scheduling).

Important Dates

- September 4 - School Closed for Labor Day
- September 5 - First full day of school grades K-5
- September 7 - ONLY Mrs. Leblanc Back to School 4:00pm
- **September 14 - Back to School Night 5:45pm-7:00pm**
- **September 20 - Parent Teacher Association Meeting 6:30pm (all are encouraged to attend)**

Volunteer Opportunities



We have numerous immediate volunteer needs. Want to help drama this school year? Want to be a room parent? Every class needs one! Want to just generally lend a hand in our enrichment, hospitality, or fundraising committees? Sign up for opportunities and the required background checks can be found [HERE](#). You will need to be registered on <http://jonespta.com> in order to access the page. If you have any questions please feel free to email our volunteer chair **Ashley Byrne-Rice**, volunteer@jonespta.com.

PTA Meeting Special Guest Announcement



Come out September 20th 6:30pm. Hear about the EEE teacher and program new to Jones.

My name is Harmony Kleskovic and I will be your Triple E Global Studies teacher next year! It will be my 10th year of teaching. I graduated from Towson University in 2004 with my elementary education degree.

Years later, I attended Loyola for my graduate degree in educational technology. My position at Jones is a 0.8, which means that I will be there every day except Wednesdays. Students will have an opportunity to learn more about project-based learning using Global Studies as the theme during my classes which will be during cultural arts block.

I'm a Maryland girl; I have lived here my whole life! I live in Pasadena with my husband and two children (and the cat and dog). Annabel is 5 and will be starting K at Bodkin this year. My son Arlan is 3 and will be returning to Galilee Lutheran for nursery school.

You can chime remotely using our Google Meet Link: <http://meet.google.com/bbo-zxut-tpn> during our upcoming September PTA meeting.

Why should I attend a PTA Meeting?!?!

The Parent Teacher Association Meetings

- Start at 6:30pm in the school media center
- Dates: Sept 20, Oct 10, Nov 8, Jan 10, Feb 7, March 13, April 17, May 8
- Childcare at every meeting
- Principal Whisman at every meeting, available for questions
- Google Meet option for each meeting, virtual meeting link provided

We summer surveyed and you requested these updates based on results:

- Focusing on better streaming quality, presenter will speak by the microphone
- Brief agenda points to be mentioned in prior Monday Memo
- Acquisition is in progress for speakers on social media safety, mental health, summer camps and grade specific updates

Health Room News

- Send in spare cloths for your childs locker in a labeled bag. Spills and accidents happen in all grades all year long!
- Please extend a warm welcome to our new school nurse Faunia Rodriguez, RN. She will join us on Tuesday and Thursdays.
- If your child requires medication to be administered please complete one form PER medication and hand deliver to Jones health staff. [Print Form](#)

Thank you from our health room team!

Vickie Koppold, Health2152@aacps.org and

Faunia Rodriguez, RN Nurse2152@aacps.org

(Please note if parents/families email the nurse, please cc Vickie on the email as she is there daily and the school nurse is not at Jones daily)

Support Jones While You Shop

While a majority of our funds come from your PTA membership, we do offer some additional fundraising to make up the difference not achieved during our PTA Membership drive. This can be done while you shop. As a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, the Jones PTA receives support from various retail programs. These programs make it easy for families to shop as usual and support our school at the same time. If you are so inclined, please consider the following:

Shop at Harris Teeter - Whether you shop online, curbside pick-up, or delivery, you can earn money for Jones by linking your VIC card in one of 3 ways. Click the icon for more information **Our School Code is 4283.**

Box Tops for Education - Now even easier! No more clipping! Just download the Box Tops for Education App on your smartphone and scan any receipts with applicable items.

AACPS Family Link

September Issue

What's Cooking for Lunch?

[September Menu](#)

Mark Your Calendar!



Monday, September 4

Staggered Entrance for Kindergarten

School Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 5

All Kindergarteners Return

Wednesday, September 20

6:30p PTA General Meeting

Monday, September 25

School Closed for Yom Kippur

Wednesday, October 11

6:30p PTA General Meeting

Tuesday, October 17

2 Hr. Early Dismissal- Unity Day & Professional Development

Monday, October 30

2 Hr. Early Dismissal- End of 1st Marking Period

Tuesday, October 31

2 Hr. Early Dismissal- End of 1st Marking Period

Wednesday, November 1

School Closed for Elementary & Middle School Only

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.

Quick Links



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