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# The Jackson Jaguar

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR ISABELLE JACKSON SCHOOL PARENTS AND STUDENTS - SEPTEMBER 2008

## Principal's Message...

Dear Isabelle Jackson Families,

The state, as you may have read in local papers, just recently released this year's test scores for area schools, including the Academic Performance Index (API) levels. This API score measures, in part, movement between the advanced, proficient, basic, below basic, and far below basic performance bands.

Our school dropped 10 points in this measure, setting our new API level at 756. We did however meet our Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) thresholds that the State increased 10 percent this year. The AYP measures overall progress towards the State's and district's goal of student proficiency. We are very excited that we reached those thresholds in all of our subgroups. We are constantly looking at ways to improve though. So as we move forward, we analyze our scores to provide us with a sort of road map as to where we go next, what our students need to learn, and how we need to focus our resources. On the evening of September 25<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Surrey and I will be conducting a "tutorial" on how to interpret your student's test scores. If you are like many and wonder each year what the reports mean that are sent to you in the mail, please join us so we can answer your questions. The better you understand this data, the more you may be able to help your child.

One thing remains the same every year...if your child is not in school, they can't learn at school. We need your help in scheduling appointments, vacations, etc...after school or during off track months. If your child has a runny nose, send them to school...we have Kleenex J

Our next event is our AR Family Night on September 18<sup>th</sup> sponsored by PTC. Please come out and read with your child. Then we have "Walk To School Day" on Wednesday, October 8<sup>rd</sup>. This annual event is a great opportunity to get involved at school, spend some time with your child, and get some exercise, all at the same time. Look for flyers to come home next week, and call Mr. Surrey if you would like to volunteer to help lead a walking group.

Finally, preschool has started again at Isabelle Jackson. We host two "Twilight" pre-school programs, Tuesday through Thursday, from 3:15 to 6:15. We are excited that so many of our families will get an opportunity to start their children at our great school at a young age! Welcome to you all!

As always, please keep up the great work with helping your child at home with their school work, supporting what we do daily, and helping to reinforce good behavior and study habits.

Mr. Fine

**Please note: breakfast will not be served after 7:50 a.m.**

Track C Students  
Please Post me on your  
Refrigerator!

### ROOM ASSIGNMENTS Monday, Oct 6

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| Mrs. Pun     | Rm. K2 |
| Mrs. Beer    | Rm. 14 |
| Mrs. Hammon  | Rm. 17 |
| Ms. Cippa    | Rm. 23 |
| Ms. Stall    | Rm. 3  |
| Mrs. Defanti | Rm. 26 |
| Ms. Hanks    | Rm. 7  |

Enjoy Your Time Off!

**Support our Flag Football  
Team! 1st Game is Sept.**

**18th**  
**At David Reese**



## LOST AND FOUND

Please be sure to check the "lost and found" for any missing articles of clothing and lunch pails, etc. We have many lost items and unless claimed, they will be given away. **All lost articles will be donated after every track change.**



## Your child and Internet Safety

The Internet opens up a world of learning possibilities to our children. With those possibilities, however, come some concerns and cautions. EGUSD's top priority is protecting students online and empowering them with skills to lead the way as responsible digital citizens of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. To assist with this goal, EGUSD has launched the *2WebWatchers* blog. Parents are invited to participate in an ongoing interactive conversation about Internet safety issues.

The *2WebWatchers* blog features informational links on cyber ethics, cyberbullying and Internet safety, with topical weekly posts. Parents who would like some background information on blogging and other web terminology can visit the *New to Blogging?* section or the *Cyber Glossary* resource link. We welcome feedback and comments and look forward to answering questions that parents might have.

### Yog Yog

Hurry! Every Wednesday in September Yog Yog is donating all of their proceeds to Isabelle Jackson Elementary to support our Accelerated Reader Program. There are only 2 more opportunities to support our school with a bowl of Yog Yog. Don't wait!



## Before School

When dropping off your child in front of the school, please continue to move your vehicle forward to allow for others to drop



## 1st Annual AR Night!!

(Sept. 18, 6-7:30)

Join us for hotdogs & drinks while experiencing adventure, emotion and life through your imagination. Parents, feel free to bring along something to read as well. Modeling reading in the home has a direct impact on your child's attitude towards reading



## Upcoming Events

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|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Fri. 9/12       | Track Change Day                                  |
|                 | Track C on vacation                               |
| Mon. 9/15       | Welcome Back B Track Fundraiser \$ Due from track |
| C & D           |                                                   |
| Thurs. 9/18 6PM | PTC/AR Night @                                    |
| Tues. 9/23      | Picture Day for A & D Track                       |
| Thurs. 9/25     | ELL Parent Night                                  |
| Mon. 9/29       | Fundraiser delivered to C & D Track               |
| Fri. 10/3       | Track Change Day                                  |
|                 | Track D on Vacation                               |
|                 | PTC Movie Night                                   |
| Wed. 10/8       | Walk to School Event                              |

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