

Letter from our Principal!

Welcome Back!

September is always a busy month for families. The start of a new school year brings with it so many exciting things. I hope that you all have had a fun and relaxing summer leaving you refreshed and ready to start a new school year here at Jansen Avenue!

I am proud and happy to be the new principal here at Jansen Avenue and have been working hard to familiarize myself with the school and district. Jansen Avenue is fortunate to have excellent, dedicated teachers and staff. Our PTA is an integral part of our successful school program. Things are going well and we are ready to hit the ground running with the new school year!

Jansen Avenue is committed to creating an environment that provides a high level of academic achievement within a climate that is safe, caring and emotionally secure for our students. At Jansen Avenue, we stress the virtues of respect and responsibility, kindness, compassion and teamwork as we assist youngsters in their growth and development.

Please talk to your children about school. Ask them share what they've learned and tell you about their day. The parent-child connection is so important to a successful educational experience. Feel free to contact me if you have questions regarding the program at Jansen Avenue. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Colleen Lester
Principal

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OPEN HOUSE - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th

Open House will be held on Thursday, September 18th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. All parents/guardians are asked to first stop at the gym for an informal meeting with the principal. Take an opportunity to see your child's classroom, meet his/her teacher and talk with other parents. The PTA will have important information, and an opportunity to sign up with this wonderful group of volunteers! The Parents as Reading Partners (PARP) will be sponsoring a Scholastic Book Fair located in our library.

- **6:00 - 6:30 - Meeting with the Principal in the gym**
- **6:30 - 8:00 - Enjoy your time with your child's classroom teacher & visit the book fair!**

"Picture Day" is **Wednesday, September 24th**. Order forms and envelopes will be sent home prior to pictures being taken. Money is due ON "Picture Day." Your cooperation is appreciated.



Dates to Remember:

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| September 5 | Fall Fundraiser Begins |
| September 9 | Band Instrument Demo. Night 7:00 p.m. @ JHS |
| September 9 | PTA Mtg. In the Library @ 6:30 p.m. |
| September 18 | Fall Fundraiser Collection |
| September 18 | Open House & Book Fair |
| September 24 | Picture Day |

PTA NEWS - OUR PTA IS GRRREAT!!!

The PTA's first fall meeting will take place on Tuesday, **September 9th at 6:30 PM!** Join us as we discuss some new and exciting projects and programs.

President - Elena Willett
Vice President - Karen Miller
2nd Vice President - Carrie Pechtel
Hospitality - Jennifer Sponnoble
Recording Secretary - Monica Poitras
Treasurer - Angie Clizbe
Central Council Rep. - Lisa Askew & Corky Fisher
Teachers - Ms. Vazal & Ms. Hickok



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION /TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS

We continue to save General Mills' "Box Tops for Education." Please ask your family members and friends to also save these items for us. We will be participating in Price Chopper's "Tools for Schools" program as well. If you registered with Price Chopper last year, we understand that this will continue. New people will need to register for the program, and more information regarding this sign up will follow. Again, please ask your family members and friends to register with Jansen Avenue for this program. Both of these programs help our PTA purchase items and fund activities for our school. Your support is greatly appreciated!!

- Snacks are sold only on Mondays and Fridays. If parents/guardians are going to permit their son/daughter to use the money from his/her account to purchase snacks, a cafeteria snack form must be signed by the parent. Please specify the day(s) your child can purchase snacks from his/her account. We want to support the parents/guardians regarding spending your money wisely.
- Free and reduced applications for 2008 - 2009 must be in by Friday, Sept. 12th. In the packet of information sent home on the first day, each parent received a free and reduced lunch form.
- Checks for the correct amount should be made out to the Greater Johnstown School District. Payments in advance are always accepted and can be placed on your child's account.

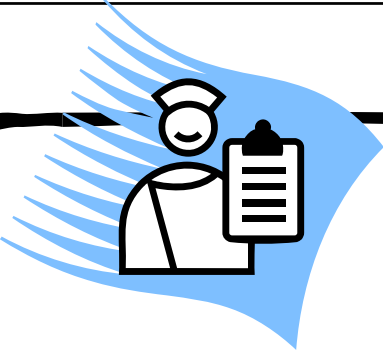


SAFETY PATROL



Our sixth grade students serve as our safety patrol during the school year. All students need to display cooperation when the safety patrol helps a student. We encourage parents to remind their children that the safety patrol monitors students and school rules. Please keep these safety rules in mind at all times:

- 1. Walk at all times.**
- 2. No bicycle riding or skateboarding is allowed on school grounds. All cyclists must wear helmets and walk their bicycles while on school grounds.**
- 3. Remain on the sidewalk area; do not walk on the grass.**
- 4. Parents - please do not park in the driveway on the side of the building.**



MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL WITH ANY TYPE OF MEDICATION.

Medication includes prescribed drugs, over the counter drugs, aspirin, cough drops, bug spray, and breath mints. Medication cannot be given to any child in school by anyone except the parent or guardian of a child without obtaining special permission, which includes specific forms completed by your doctor. If your child needs long-term medication administered during the day, please contact Ms. Coons, our nurse. Forms to be completed by your physician are available at school.

BUILDING SAFETY PROCEDURES

Access to the elementary buildings will be through the main entrance ONLY. This entrance will be open for students and visitors from 8:30 - 4:30.

ALL VISITORS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN IN AT THE MAIN OFFICE IMMEDIATELY UPON ENTERING THE BUILDING AND RECEIVE A VISITOR'S PASS.

Any person not having a visitor's pass will be asked to leave the school or go to the office to pick up a pass. Also, as parents arrive in the morning with children, we will not be able to have parents escort their children to the rooms. It is necessary that you remain in the lobby area, and children must learn to proceed to the room on their own.

These safety procedures need your support. If you have any questions regarding these procedures, please call the office.

Playground & Parking Information

The Jansen School playground is available to all community members AFTER 4:00 PM each school day. NO dogs or non school personnel should be on the property BEFORE 4:00 PM. We want to maintain the safety and protection of our students at ALL times. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

Parking... please note, if you do NOT have a handicap parking permit, you are NOT allowed to park in the designated parking place even if it is for a short period of time; it is illegal.

We appreciate your continued support with the parking before and after school. NO one is allowed to double park, and cars are NOT to be parked on the side of the building where the buses pick up students.

As we work together, we provide the best safety and protection of each and every student.