

**Special Point of  
Interest:**

- School Office Hours
- 8:00 - 4:00 PM



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# JANSEN AVENUE NEWS!

## SOMETHING NEW AT JANSEN... "GOING GREEN" CLUB

The Jansen Avenue Going Green Club recently held its first meeting and has 40 student members so far! The students are very excited about the many projects that were discussed. Students and staff will begin by recycling paper and plastic in all the classrooms. Energy will be saved by turning off lights and water when not in use. For more recycling and energy saving ideas, check out [planetpals.com](http://planetpals.com).

## BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL!



Ms. Lester, Mr. Westman, and Mrs. Sotero, former Jansen Ave. Principal, recently traveled to Washington D.C. to accept the nationally recognized Blue Ribbon Award for Jansen Avenue School. This is an incredible honor as the State Educa-

tion Department and the U.S. Department of Education have designated only **19** New York State public elementary and middle schools as 2008 Blue Ribbon Schools. Congratulations to our teachers, administrators and, especially, our students!



As colder weather approaches, please be sure to send your child to school with appropriate clothing for recess . . . hats, gloves/mittens, and boots.

## Letter from our Principal!



Dear Parents & Caregivers,

The holiday season is just around the corner, and the month of November brings the holiday that celebrates families, thankfulness and hope. Thanksgiving is a great time for reflection and to remember those around us who have made a positive impact on our lives.

The Jansen Avenue community has many of those people who make a difference for our children. Our PTA just hosted a terrific Fall Festival celebration where families could come and celebrate the season with activities and games in a safe and festive environment. The first weekend of the month is our Pancake Breakfast at the Moose Lodge, which is both a family celebration and an important fundraiser for our school.

Our faculty and staff here at Jansen show caring and love to our students on a daily basis. The cafeteria staff always greets students with a smile. They are patient and kind and gently teach our boys and girls about "please" and "thank you." The teachers, assistants and aides hold our students to the highest standards. They work daily to promote a strong work ethic and will not accept anything less than "best work" from their students. The office staff makes sure that the day runs smoothly, and they handle a variety of issues, including absences and sick kids. Students who come to the office are treated with respect and kindness.

The boys and girls of Jansen Avenue are some of the sweetest kids you will ever meet. They freely share hugs and smiles with adults and take great pride in a job well done. They are, absolutely, worth the effort!

November is a month for reflection and thanks. As we look ahead to the big holiday season, let's catch our breath and enjoy the small miracles that happen each day. We do have much reason to give thanks.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful Thanksgiving holiday!

Very sincerely,

Ms. Colleen Lester

## NEW STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES



The Student Council is a group of students who represent the student body at Jansen. Students in grades 4 - 6 were able to elect 2 representatives from each class. Mr. Westman is the Advisor and Mrs. Sitts and Ms. Vazal are the Co-Advisors. The Council met to discuss the objectives and all the positive areas they will be involved with throughout the school. The Student Council representatives ran their campaign, and the student body elected a new president, VP, secretary, and treasurer.

The creation of this Council supports many NYS academic requirements such as, voting, democracy, persuasive speech writing, note taking, technology, and character education traits. Each month, the Student Council will highlight what their focus will be for the student body. The Student Council functions under the premise of 3 ideals: to develop leadership qualities and positive role models, to create an opportunity to empower the voice of students, and to work to support student life and activities.

### Congratulations to the following representatives and officers

Mr. Westman's Class - Michael Brown & Cecelia Mowrey  
 Mrs. Kollar's Class - Kaeleigh Lozier & Kyle Polidore  
 Mrs. Riley's Class - Timothy Brunetto, Victoria Belknap & Jacob Richardson  
 Mr. Rhodes' Class - Anthony Mowrey & Elizabeth Willett  
 Ms. Hickok's Class - Tyler Askew & Jack Brabant

PRESIDENT - Jack Brabant  
 V. PRESIDENT - Jacob Richardson  
 TREASURER - Tyler Askew  
 SECRETARY - Kyle Polidore



### TRANSPORTATION DAY



"Transportation Day" was recently held at Jansen. The New York State Department of Transportation presented a fascinating power-point show to teach the students about roadwork safety and how to stay safe in the winter when snow plows are driving by.

Students in grades K-4 then had the opportunity to sit in a state plow truck and learn about their operation.



## EMERGENCY GO HOME DRILL

Tuesday, Nov. 25th is the annual COUNTYWIDE Go Home Drill. Students will be dismissed 15 minutes early (2:55). This drill is to provide students and parents the opportunity to discuss and practice what should happen when school must be dismissed early in the event of an emergency. Please review the following points with your child: Where your child is to go if no one is home, who should the child call if no one is home, and does your child have accurate information for emergency phone numbers?

## EARLY DISMISSAL & PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Tuesday, November 18, is an early dismissal day (12:05) for afternoon parent/teacher conferences. Most teachers will also be offering evening conferences on Tuesday, between 6:00—8:00 p.m. Other times may be possible with special arrangements. It is *imperative* that a parent or parents schedule to attend this most important appointment. First quarter report cards will be distributed at the conferences. If no conference is scheduled, the report card will be sent home with the student on November 19.

## AR NEWS - "READING IS OUT OF THIS WORLD!"

**Our first AR Night will take place on Thursday, November 20. It is 50-point bonus night. Come out, read with your mom or dad, take a quiz, and earn 50 extra bonus points.**

## SPECIAL DISTRICT NEWS...

The Johnstown High School's 2009 Post Prom Committee will hold its first organizational meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 4. The meeting will be held in the small cafeteria at JHS at 6:30. All parents of JHS juniors & seniors are urged to attend, together with anyone else who is interested in helping to plan and organize Post Prom 2009. For more information, please call Tracy Diviyak @ 762-5739 or Leslie Buggeln-Bosworth@ 762-9588.

## SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

Please remember to listen to your TV or radio regarding closings and school delays on inclement weather days. When school is closed for the day, nighttime events will ordinarily be cancelled. Regarding school delays, the following information is important.



**ONE HOUR DELAY**— School starts at 10:00 AM, and breakfast is available at 9:30 AM. Students will not be able to enter the building until after 9:30 AM.



**TWO HOUR DELAY**— School starts at 11:00 AM, and there will be no breakfast program for the day. Students will not be able to enter the building until after 10:30 AM.

**PTA FALL FANTASTIC NEWS**

Thank you to all the parents who made our Fall Festival and the Pancake Breakfast a HUGE SUCCESS! We appreciate all the effort put into the many activities you offer our students and their families.



**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations to the following students named "Student of the Month."

SEPTEMBER

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|------------------|----------------|
| Michael Brown    | Anthony Mowrey |
| Nathan Cater     | Brooke Nellis  |
| Briana Esposito  | Sarah Pratt    |
| Jessica Manno    | Rhea Sharma    |
| Jillian Martelle | Keshia Taylor  |
| Imani Martin     | Erica Wagner   |
| Cameron McSpirit |                |

OCTOBER

- |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Jack Brabant    | Dawson Sanges   |
| Alexia Brunetto | Sebastian Russo |
| Cheyanna Cook   | RHiana Rowley   |
| Chelsea Knapik  | Maymie Winright |
| Nadine Nellis   | Whitney Western |
| Austin Reed     | Briann VanEvery |
|                 | Jonni Stuart    |

**BUILDING SAFETY PROCEDURES**

Access to Jansen Ave. is to be through the front entrance only. This entrance will be open for students and visitors from 8:30 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. **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, parents will not be able to escort their children to the rooms. It is necessary that you remain in the lobby area, and children will have to learn to proceed to the room on their own.

These safety procedures require your support. If you have any questions regarding these procedures, please feel free to call the office.

**HELP OUR SCHOOL GET FREE EQUIPMENT!**

Log on to [www.pricechopper.com](http://www.pricechopper.com) to register your Price Chopper AdvantEdge card for our school code 15797. This will automatically earn credit for the school every time you use your AdvantEdge card. If you signed up for our school last year, you do not need to re-register. Thanks for your support!



**\*\* PICTURE RETAKES WILL BE ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH 9:00—11:00**



# Character Corner Compassion

COMPASSION is . . . having kind feelings toward someone who is hurt or troubled. It is caring deeply and wanting to help!



**Always value the feelings of others!**

**Always make good choices and do what is right!**

- This month's Character Education word is compassion. We will be holding a Food Drive. We are asking students to bring in a can of food that would complement a Thanksgiving dinner. The Staff will be providing the turkeys. Our goal is to provide a wonderful Thanksgiving meal for some families of need at Jansen Avenue.



## SCHOOL BANKING

School banking takes place at Jansen every Friday morning in the library, starting at 8:30 a.m. All students are welcome to open an account or make deposits to an existing account. Some of the many benefits of banking at Jansen are that, it's easy and convenient, students learn about saving money and earn 3 percent interest, students receive prizes for every seven deposits made. At the end of the school year, at least 20 names will be randomly selected to receive \$50 deposited into their savings account. In addition, they will be eligible to receive up to 5 tickets for a fun filled day at the Great Escape or Darien Lake! There is no MINIMUM amount to deposit, and deposits can also be made at any branch of First Niagara Bank.

To open an account, contact Barb Fisher at 762-7377 or stop in the office at Jansen.



### PLEASE UPDATE . . .

If you have a new phone number, change of address, or change of emergency contact information, please be sure to let the office know. You can call to request another "Emergency Contact" form to fill out, or simply call with the updated information. It is imperative that we have current phone numbers in case of an emergency.

Thank you for your cooperation!

