



**Special Point of Interest:**

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

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**Reading is cool at our school!**



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# JANSEN AVENUE NEWS

## January Important Dates

January 8	Board of Education Mtg. @ Glebe St. Library 7 pm
January 9	BINGO Night
January 13	PTA Meeting 6:30
January 13-14	NYS ELA Assessments, Grades 3-5
January 15	NYS ELA Assessments, Grade 4
January 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day-School Closed
January 20-22	NYS ELA Assessments, Grade 6
January 22	Board of Education Mtg. @ JHS 7 pm
January 23	Cookie Dough Fundraiser Collection
January 23	Second Marking Period Ends
January 26-28	Operation Safe Child (see attached form)



### Accelerated Reader

Top point earners for the month of December are as follows:

- Mrs. Miller 's class-Dawson Sanges
- Ms. Jones ' class-Jacob Martelle, Sarah Pratt, Edward Rackley
- Mrs. Sitts ' class-Abe Miller
- Mrs. Frenyea 's class-Andrew Anderson
- Mrs. Ackerbauer 's class-Sam Miller
- Ms. Johnson 's class-Isaac Nguyen
- Mr. Westman 's class-Michael Brown
- Mrs. Riley 's class-Erica Wagner
- Mrs. Kollar 's class-Logan Brandt
- Ms. Hickok 's class-Zack Morey
- Mr Rhodes ' class-David Ormiston



Both Ms. Hickok and Mrs. Frenyea 's classes have 100 percent participation!

Keep on reading!!!



The Jansen Ave. Winter Concert held on December 16, was a wonderfully festive event. Ms. Zullo, directed the 5th and 6th grade chorus, and Ms. Healy directed both the Beginning Band and Concert Band, and we thank them for their hard work and dedication to our students. Classic holiday songs were enjoyed by all as well as some fun songs with a modern twist!



## Letter from our Principal !



Dear Caregivers:

Happy New Year to all!

January is a time for resolutions. I'm not always a big fan of resolutions but those of us who work with, or are raising children should take some time to consider some things we can do to positively impact their lives. I've come up with a few, but my list is incomplete, feel free to add your own...

I resolve to:

Live by example, show children how civil behavior makes the world a kinder place. Let them observe me as a kind and peaceful human being.

Listen to kids, take an interest in their day; allow them the freedom to share their ideas with me.

Help them to understand and appreciate their ability to think and solve problems.

Teach them to take care of their world.

Read to them to help them learn the beauty of a wonderful story.

Laugh with them.

Teach them to take care of and appreciate their bodies.

Let them know that they are important.

Keep them safe.

I hope that you all had a wonderful holiday with your families. May you all have a happy and healthy 2009!

Colleen Lester

## Character Corner

# ACCEPTANCE



This month's Character Education word is ACCEPTANCE. Acceptance does not mean we tolerate others, it means that whatever you look like, sound like, or feel like, **you are valued and accepted.**

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The Fulton County Sheriff Office is pleased to announce the Operation Safe Child Program. A Partnership with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services and the Fulton County Sheriff's Office will allow children in Fulton County to obtain a free Operation Safe Child Card.

Operation Safe Child was created in July 2005 to raise awareness about child safety. Operation Safe Child is a multi-pronged campaign teaching parents and guardians three tools to keeping children safe in today's world. Using equipment that contains the latest digital fingerprinting technology and high resolution photography capabilities, 50 sites around New York State are able to produce a Safe Child Card for parents and guardians.

The card contains a child's name, biographical information (date of birth, gender, height, weight, hair color, eye color, etc.) and a fingerprint image of both index fingers. The card can be made in less than two minutes and can be easily carried in a wallet or pocketbook. Interested parents can choose to store the fingerprints, basic biographical information and photographs of children who are not missing information critical to expediting the return of a missing child. The storage of information is entirely voluntary and requires the written consent of a parent or guardian. The information gathered is digitally recorded and stored in a database at the Division of Criminal Justice Services in Albany. In the event DCJS receives a missing child report, the fingerprints of that child will be included in a special search file and compared against all incoming fingerprints submitted to the agency.

In addition to being able to quickly provide important details to police agencies investigating child disappearances, the New York State Safe Child card will serve as an important tool when used in conjunction with the New York State Amber Alert and Missing Child Alert programs. These cards will allow essential missing child information to be electronically disseminated, statewide if necessary, within minutes and dramatically increase the possibility of bringing a missing child home unharmed.

It is necessary Operation Safe Child Form Authorization be signed, and circle the two choices "authorize" or "do not authorize" and consent signed. If a parent chooses to "do not authorize" a card can still be produced and given to the parent, and no information will be sent to the Division of Criminal Justice Services. If a parent chooses to "authorize" the information will be sent to the Division of Criminal Justice Services, and stored in the Missing Child Data base.

For Further information Contact the Fulton County Sheriff's Office School Liaison Team at 518-736 2100.

**If you are interested, complete the form on the back of this page and send back to school. When completing the bottom section of the form, be sure to circle either "authorize" or "do not authorize" for fingerprints and photos to be stored at the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services.**



# Operation SAFE CHILD

Please Print All Information

<b>CHILD'S NAME:</b> _____			
First	Middle Initial	Last	
<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b> ____/____/____	<b>GENDER:</b> (Circle One)    Male    Female		
MM	DD	YYYY	
<b>RACE:</b> (Circle One)    White    Black    Hispanic    Asian    American Indian    Bi-Racial    Other			
<b>BIRTH CITY/STATE:</b> _____ / _____			
<b>EYE COLOR:</b> _____		<b>HAIR COLOR:</b> _____	
<b>HEIGHT:</b> ____ Ft.    ____ In.		<b>WEIGHT:</b> _____ lbs.	
<b>MOTHER'S FIRST NAME/MAIDEN NAME:</b> _____ / _____			
<b>OTHER INFORMATION:</b> (Piercings, Scars, Marks, Tattoos, Medical Conditions, Medications, Dental Appliances, Corrective Lenses)			

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Operation SAFE CHILD cards should be carried by a parent or guardian. In the unlikely event that your child disappears, the card should be provided to the investigating police agency immediately. This will expedite dissemination of missing child information to police agencies and the public.

## AUTHORIZATION

I request that an Operation SAFE CHILD card be produced for the above-named child.

_____ Name (Printed)	_____ Name (Signature)	_____ Relationship to Child	_____ Date
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## FOR PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS ONLY

Parents and guardians have the option of allowing the photograph, biographical information and fingerprints, to be stored at the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services. If this option is chosen, all information will be deleted when a child reaches 18 years of age. If this option is not chosen, all information will be deleted after producing the child ID card.

As the parent or legal guardian of the child noted above, I        **authorize**        **do not authorize**        (Circle One)

DCJS to store his/her photograph and biographical information and fingerprints. I understand that this information can be used, without additional authorization, to locate my child if he/she is reported missing to a police agency.

_____ Parent/Legal Guardian Name (Printed)	_____ Parent/Legal Guardian (Signature)	_____ Date DCJS - 3286 (2/07)
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