

JJMS PARENT EXPRESS

JJMS PTO Monthly Newsletter October 2018

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UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

10/4 6th Grade conversations 9:30am, Theatre (If you missed it...check out our website for a summary of the presentation)

10/5 Early Dismissal Drill (Students dismissed 15 minutes early)

10/8 No School (Columbus Day)

10/9 JJMS Picture Day

Picture Day at John Jay Middle School is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 9, 2018**, (makeup/retakes on November 27th). Parents should have received an envelope from Lifetouch Studios containing ordering materials. Extra forms are available in the Main Office and also accessible on our website www.jjmspto.com. Online ordering is recommended this year. With online ordering, students don't need to remember to bring in money or forms PLUS there is a free 8x8 hardcover photo book included with every online purchase. Additionally, parents who sign up for the Lifetouch Rewards program will receive a free digital download. See our website for information. If you have any questions, regarding your order, please call Lifetouch Studios at 800-736-4753."

10/11 A KLSD Learning Café 7:00-9:00 pm JJMS Dining Room (See below for more details.)

10/31 JJMS Spirit Day (Halloween costumes welcome, no masks or weapons will be permitted)

11/6 No School (Election Day)

11/9 PTO Meeting 9:30 am: School Counselor, Jeff Tepper will discuss practical approaches to organization and study skills for our students...and ourselves!

11/9 Civic Participation Day

11/12 No School (Veterans Day)

11/22-23 No School (Thanksgiving)

11/27 Picture Retakes

PARENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Volunteering is a great way to still feel connected to your child's school even as they become more independent learners. Our PTO sponsored programs can only happen with your involvement! No matter how much or how little time you have to give, all your efforts are GREATLY appreciated. Please contact Sarah Brummel or Kristin Condon, JJMS PTO Co-Presidents at jjmspto@yahoo.com with any questions you may have.

Library Volunteers needed:

Please volunteer an hour or two each week or every other week to help shelve books and help our new librarian, Jennifer Useted with special projects. Please email kathybarbermartin@gmail.com if you are interested.

Please renew your volunteer application!

The KLS D requires that all families renew their volunteer application ANNUALLY in order to volunteer in any of the schools within our district. Please click the link below to renew yours...it only takes a minute!

<http://www.klschools.org/volunteer>

From the Administration

We will continue to communicate on a regular basis with reminders of upcoming events or important information. If you would like to see what is going on more regularly, please follow Ms. Brooks @JJMSAPBrooks and Mr. Swiatowicz at @MrSwiatowicz on Instagram and Twitter.

Library Media Center: Got LEGOs? The John Jay Middle School Library is looking for donations of LEGO blocks and base plates. We are interested in creating an interactive LEGO wall for students to collaborate on when they visit the library.

Donations can be placed in Ziploc baggies or in boxes and dropped off in the library any morning. Thank you for your support in this endeavor!

Support the JJMS PTO

Non-Event Fundraiser: In lieu of hosting holiday fairs, bake sales, catalog fundraisers or charging dues, the JJMS PTO graciously accepts donations from our families. All donations and funds raised are put toward the many programs sponsored by the PTO throughout the school year. No donation is too big or too small, we are grateful for your generous support. Donations can be made online anytime or at our PTO sponsored events. All donations are tax deductible.

John Jay Spirit Wear- Support JJMS by purchasing Spirit Wear, new items coming soon! We have limited items left after open house. Please contact Michele Gioffre (mauisurf@optonline.net) for availability until our new items are announced.

Directories and Bus notes: The JJMS PTO Student Directory and Dismissal Pads (bus notes) are available to purchase anytime. Purchases can be made at PTO events or on our website.

Amazon / JJMS PTO Partnership - If you shop on Amazon the JJMS PTO can earn a percentage of your order total! This is a great, easy way to support student activities. In order for JJMS PTO to receive credit for your amazon purchases you must click the Amazon logo on JJMSPTO.com or use Amazon Smile!

DeCicco's/JJMS- Our school earns \$\$ when you shop at DeCicco's. When checking out at the Katonah store, please tell the cashier to "Give my points to JJMS!" We earn a percentage of your purchase. Thank you for your support!

ShopRite/JJMS- Parents: Please click below, create a logon and input your ShopRite card number to earn \$\$\$ for JJMS!

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We also accept cash and checks.

GRATITUDE


Thank you to the following volunteers for making the **Open House Nights** run smoothly!

Suzanne Sullivan, Jan Epstein, Amy Chan, Antoinette Muti, Elena Becker, Susan Williams, Kaite & Meg Winter, Jenn Summer, Kristin Condon, & Sarah Brummel

AROUND KLSD



KLSD Learning Cafe



FEEDBACK
IN SCHOOL & AT HOME

Thursday, October 11, 7 - 9 PM
John Jay Middle School Dining Rm
RSVP by October 8 at EventBrite

Join us for a discussion on feedback. Can it be easier? Can it be more effective? How do we think about feedback in school and at home? **KLSD teachers, administrators, and members of our community** come together for a lively, interactive conversation on a topic relevant to us all.

Our thinking will be informed by the work of Sheila Heen and Douglas Stone, authors of *Thanks for the Feedback* and lecturers at Harvard Law School.

RSVP by October 8th
www.eventbrite.com
Search: KLSD Learning Café

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KLSD ArtsALIVE is excited about the 2018-2019 school year. This year promises lots of singing, dancing, performing and making art! We can't do it without your support! Help us continue to bring the arts to the Katonah-Lewisboro School District and our local communities by supporting our talented students. **JOIN OR RENEW YOUR KLSD ArtsALIVE MEMBERSHIP NOW!** Don't miss this opportunity to be listed in our program of members, sponsors, and donors. VISIT KLSDArtsALIVE.ORG



Rising Stars Take The Stage

Children Grades 3-8 Are Invited to Join Our Inaugural Children's Choir

Does your child listen to music constantly? Belt out their favorite tunes while doing chores? Answer your questions in song? Drown out the radio in the car? Recognize a captive audience each time they sit down to dinner? In other words, does your child love to sing? If so, it's time to give your budding singer/performer a stage.

KLSD ArtsALIVE is offering students in grades three through eight a chance to perform with John Jay High School students and alumni at our annual *Encore Cabaret*. With the launch of Rising Stars, our new children's choir, a limited number of younger

children will have the opportunity to learn how to sing in harmony and perform on stage.

The choir will be conducted by a professional music director, and all students will be required to attend the five rehearsals and participate in all three performances. Members of the Rising Stars will perform alongside the cast for three numbers of the show.

Spots are limited! KLSA ArtsALIVE members will receive advanced registration for Rising Stars as well as discount pricing. Visit our website to learn more and become a member.

Find out more: <https://klsdartsalive.org>

COMMUNITY

Teen Adventure Hike Tuesday, November 6, 10:00 am (No School!)

What a great way to spend a day off from school! A hike and pizza party in Ward Pound Ridge Reservation. Hike to the cave where the Leatherman lived.

Meet at Michigan Road parking lot trailhead, Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Rte. 121, Cross River. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water.

Registration required at events@lewisborolandtrust.org
Steady rain cancels.

Brought to you by the Lewisboro Land Trust and the Lewisboro Library.