



Jay Shideler Elementary School

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Principal Note

Sock Hop

I want to give a huge thank you to everyone for their involvement with our annual Sock Hop. Special thanks go to our PTO and volunteers; you all did a terrific job! This is a really fun event for our kids and families.

Picture Retakes

We will have picture retakes on 12/6/17.

Flu Shots/Illness

As always, Auburn-Washburn and Jay Shideler strongly encourage students and adults to get their annual flu shots this year. With insurance, these shots are now mandated to be free of charge. Young students are particularly vulnerable to the flu bug and are one of the most at-risk categories.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Thank you to all of our teachers and parents for making time to meet during our conferences. We always have a fantastic turnout for these conferences and this year was no exception. Also, thanks for our PTO for providing meals for our teachers during the conference days; these are long days and I know our teachers really appreciate the meals.

Annual Thanksgiving Lunch Celebration

We will once again host our annual Thanksgiving Lunch Celebration, this year is Friday 11/17/2017. Please come eat our your child(ren) on that day. We welcome all parents, grandparents, family members, etc. It should be another fun event at JSE. The deadline to register for this fun event is Friday 11/10/17. We must have reservations by then so we can order and prepare the correct amount of food. Our Thanksgiving break this year will be from 11/22-11/26. Please take this time to give thanks and spend time with your families.



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Proud to be a BlueJay,
 Mr. Freeman; Jay Shideler Principal

Thanksgiving Lunch

Friday, November 17, 2017

Annual Thanksgiving Lunch Celebration and we need your help for this family event! Please consider volunteering some of your time to help set up, serve, and/or clean up after the meal. Volunteers will be able to eat with their children.

Schedule by grade:

10:45am Kdg	12:25pm 4th
11:10am 1 st	12:45pm 5th
11:35am 2 nd	1:00pm 6 th
12:00pm 3 rd	

Tickets MUST be purchased by Friday November 10.

Volunteers needed that day!
1035am-145pm.

Please contact

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PTO Volunteer Coordinator

School Calendar

11/01	Early Release
11/15	Early Release
11/16	Thanksgiving Lunch
11/16	PTO meeting 630 pm
11/21	Happy Bear Assembly
11/22 – 11/24	No School (Thanksgiving Break)

Holiday Music Programs

11/30	7pm 5th & 6th Grade Orchestra and Shideler Singers Concert
12/1	Shideler Singers (schedule TBA)
12/2	Shideler Singers at Barnes & Noble, time TBA
12/4	7pm 2nd & 3rd Holiday Program
12/11	7pm 5th & 6th Grade Band and

Box Tops

Each quarter Jay Shideler families are asked to collect and turn in Box Tops. These Box Tops are collected, trimmed, sorted and repackaged by several parent volunteers and are submitted twice a year. Our most recent submission on November 1st was from the 4th quarter of last year and the 1st quarter of this year.

I am so excited to announce that JSE families collected 10,240 Box Tops earning our school \$1,024 for our submission!!! Please continue watching for Box Tops on your grocery items and check your Dillon's receipts. Once in a while they will print 20 Bonus Box Tops on them and they can be turned in with your regular clipped Box Tops.

Below are the classes in each grade who collected the most Box Tops. These classes will receive a special treat in their classroom on November 7th!

K – Makowski – 462
 1st – Hamilton – 382
 2nd – Adams – 237
 3rd – Nelson – 270
 4th – Martens – 352
5th – Eichkorn – 524 *Top class!!!*****
 6th – Breckenridge – 263

Thank you everyone for all of your help collecting Box Tops. Please make sure you ask grandparents, co-workers and friends to collect them too. Those seemingly meaningless little squares have raised \$28,051.45 since 2013 so keep clipping!

The next Box Top collection will be on December 12th!

Sarah Jepson and Lori Blosser
 JSE Box Top Coordinators

Counselors Corner

October has been a busy month with conversations about the difference between bullying, being mean and being rude. We also talked about self-esteem, and how good self-esteem helps when we are feeling down because someone has said something mean or unkind.

In November we will focus on gratitude as well as cyber etiquette. A great source for talking with children about being cyber sensitive is Netsmartz. I will use some of these lessons, but if you are wanting to talk with your children about home use and some safety tips for using the internet, I encourage you to check out this resource online.

Also in November, kindergartners and first graders will have an assembly with Happy Bear. This program is brought to us by Family Service and Guidance. This program talks about good touches, bad touches, and mixed-up touches. Happy Bear is scheduled to come November 21st in the morning. A note will be sent home next week to explain the program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you again for all your support! Jay Shideler parents are the best!

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Spirit Wear

Please contact Liesel Kirk-Fink if you are interested in purchasing additional Spirit Wear at:
lieselkirkfink@kirkandcobb.com

If you are interested in the attached shirt at \$13/shirt or in ordering first offering (prices will be \$20 or less for t-shirts but depends on the amount ordered).

Order forms will be handed out and due by November 10!

Thank you to student, Anna Lacy for the first design & Teacher, Mrs. Nelson, for the second! They are wonderful designs.



President's Pen

Hello Everyone!

Let's start off with the awesome news that we had a tremendously fun and successful Sock Hop! We walked away with a record profit year as far back as I know of with \$17,608.23 in profit raised. Along with the profit of Boosterthon of \$25,103, we are able to spend \$17,000 on technology this year. That is above and beyond the annual money we spend each year in the classrooms. That is extremely exciting and I believe a new one year spend record on technology at Jay Shideler.

We are working closely with teachers, staff and administration to most effectively spend the money to benefit the school. Our first technology priority is to provide the classrooms that still don't have document cameras with them so every teacher has the use of document cameras. Then we will buy more chrome books and get as many classrooms to 20 per classroom as possible. That is the threshold the district has from providing charging stations in the classroom. We are already at that number in 6th grade, and getting close in 5th, 4th and 3rd. As we go through this process we will keep you informed and report on the exact purchases we make to improve the technology in the classroom.

We are always looking for ways to make these events better and have already started working the changes we want to make for next year. A couple of these are to once again use a DJ. The DJ we used for the last 15 or more years retired and had never changed his prices. So, we decided to try it on our own. And although it went ok, we all think bringing the DJ back is a good idea. We've already found a company that will do it next year for a very reasonable rate and are excited about working with them. We are also going to once again try and live auction some of the larger dollar items. They sometimes get lost in the large array of auction items and think this is a better way to showcase their value. There will also be announcements over the school intercom that can be heard throughout the school, not just in the gym for closing times of the raffle, auction, food, and anything else that everyone needs to know throughout the night. Some of the games will be moved around to alleviate some of the congestion in the 3rd grade hallway and just promote better flow of traffic with so many people in the building. We are thinking of having the auction and sponsorship committee start working in the spring so there is more time to get word out and to work throughout the summer. This will make the fall less rushed.

These are our big takeaways this year. We are always looking for ways to make these events better. They are a lot of fun for the whole family, but also a lot of work. We welcome any additional feedback you may have for us. My email is below, I would love to hear any of your ideas.

On that note I would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time to make the Sock Hop happen. It takes a lot of man-hours and we all have other things going on in our lives, so all the time and effort is truly appreciated and with successful events like this we've been able to go above and beyond to bring additional technology to Jay Shideler.

Below are the Raffle and Silent Auction Items winners from Sock Hop.

Raffle Winners

Blue HD Tablet – Ella Hirshi	Lawn Dart Game – Ben Finney
Red HD Tablet – Susie Sachs	Scooter – Makenna Lee
Yellow HD Tablet – Brynna Dean	Skateboard #2 – Braden Aislieger
Hover Ball – Isaac Finney	Skateboard #3 – Walker Doyal
Skateboard #1 – Bailey Harlan	

Silent Auction Winners

The PTO would like to thank everyone that made the Silent Auction a success. We could not have done this without the support of many people/businesses! We received donations from the Staff at Jay Shideler; businesses in the community; anonymous donations; items from individuals that indicated they did not want to be recognized; donations from families at Jay Shideler and last minute donations the night of the auction and no information was provided. We appreciate the large amount of support received!

Donators

Mr. Freeman	Mrs. Eichkorn	Holaday, Coach Brenda
Mrs. Kickhaefer	Mrs. Raines	Holthaus, Carol & Jason
Mrs. Hall	Mrs. Beck	Homewood Suites – Chaudhry Family
Mrs. Good	Mrs. Breckenridge	JB Photography
Mr. Sorensen	Mrs. Shorb	Kansas City T-Bones
Mrs. Makowski	Mrs. Rothfuss	Kansas City Royals
Miss Thompson	A Little Slice of Heaven – Kelly Ballard	Kansas Rebuilders, LLC
Mrs. Hamilton	Ballard, Coach Brett	Lava Yoga
Mrs. Garrett	Big O Tires	Manning, Coach Danny
Mrs. Cromwell	Blue Moose	Manning Music
Mrs. Patterson	Bubble Marketing	Master Overbey's Martial Arts
Mrs. Adams	Buffalo Wild Wings	McHenry, Coach Ron
Ms. Newton	Cage Gymnastics	Middle of the Magic Travel – Cristen Tilden
Mrs. Roe	Carnival Guy	Moore, Stephanie
Mrs. LaCount	Cypress Ridge Golf Course	Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo
Mrs. Leahy	Dancing Elk Designs – Jeff & Myan Sorensen	Rolling Hills Zoo
Mrs. Love	Douglas, Coach Harley	Schurig, Coach Craig
Mrs. Nelson	Eagle Auto Wash	Shriver, Heidi
Mrs. Appuhn	Edible Arrangements	Swafford, Sarah
Mrs. Sorensen	Ella's Heat Designs By Belinda	The Topeka Zoo
Mr. Buche	Dittmer	Ultimate Bounce
Mrs. Riner	Gary's Berries	Washburn University
Ms. Martens	Hair Room Salon	Williams, Todd & Family
Mrs. Carson	Herran, Coach Chris	

The Thanksgiving lunch and Book Fair are coming up so please sign up to help when you can. This is one of my favorite days at JSE. I love to see everyone enjoying your families. All the volunteers make it possible for everyone to enjoy the lunch with their children, so look for the form coming home and sign up. There will also be JSE annual Gift of Giving Event information coming home soon so please be on the lookout for that in your children's back pack.

We have been asked to do another offering of Spiritwear, so the order form will come home in November. We will offer the original design as well as new designs, so take a look!

Our next meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 16th at 6:30 in the Little Theatre. We do not have a meeting in December so this will be the last meeting of the semester. I hope to see you there.

Thanks everyone! It's a great day to be a Blue Jay!

Jamie Didde

JSE PTO President

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