



News & Upcoming Events

Morning Drop Off Safety

Please talk to your student about this morning drop-off safety concern: **after a child exits the car in the drop-and-go lane, and if the car door doesn't close completely behind them, the child should not attempt to go back and close the door.** We have had students trying to be helpful by going back to the car to close the door properly, but they are nearing the car without the driver realizing that they are there. Please talk to your child about their safety and, if the car door doesn't close properly behind them, to allow a staff member or the driver to close it instead. Thank you!

All School Assembly

At our All School Assemblies, our December focus has been on caring and kindness. **We learned about the community members who care for us like Dr. Doherty, Mrs. Kelley, Fire Chief Burns, Deputy Chief Clark and Town Manager LeLacheur.** The students all signed a poster that will be delivered to thank these community members for their dedication to JE and all of Reading!

Tin Bucket Night Out! December 12 | 7pm | 12 Woburn Street

Join us for a parents' night out **TONIGHT!** Bring friends, meet friends and celebrate the season! Space to this creative event is limited: tickets are \$40 and 50% of this goes to our school. We hope to see you there! For additional details and to purchase tickets, [here](#).

JE's Adult Social January 25th | 7-11 pm | The Wakefield Elks

Line up your sitters for our first annual PTO Adult Social: Musical Bingo! We are looking forward to a fun evening with you all! Join us for 50/50 raffle, cash bar, light snacks provided. \$25 per person, payment info coming soon.

Fun at the Festival of Trees

With donations from staff and families, and with **Miss Lewis, Ms. McQuillin, and Mrs. Nazzaro** at the decorating helm, JE's Student Council was able to contribute an awesome, animal-themed "Jaguars' Joy" tree to the Festival of Trees REF fundraiser! Thank you for your supporting!



From the desk of
Principal Ippolito

"Nothing great was ever
achieved without enthusiasm"
--Emerson

Dates to Remember

Please review the [JE website](#) for updates for all upcoming school events - and be sure to check back often, as these dates are subject to change!

DECEMBER

12 Tin Bucket Parents' Night Out

23- Jan 1 Winter Break **NO SCHOOL**

JANUARY

15 Family Fitness Night 6-8pm
(Snow Date: Jan 22)

17 Early Release 11am Dismissal

20 Martin Luther King Day **NO SCHOOL**

25 Adults Only Social!

2019-2020 YEAR DISTRICT CALENDAR

BLOGS TO FOLLOW Check out these blogs that give educational insights as well as details on RPS happenings:

- [Superintendent John Doherty's blog](#)
- [Chris Kelley, Assistant Superintendent of the RPS](#)
- Allison Straker, Humanities Curriculum Coordinator: [Straker's Strategies: Thoughts on living a literate life as a reader, writer, and educator.](#)
- Heather Leonard, RPS STEM Curriculum Coordinator: [Thoughts, ideas, and resources for teachers and families.](#)

DECEMBER LUNCH MENU

Add money to your child's lunch account at [MySchoolBucks.com](#), or make checks payable to "Reading Public Schools Food Services."



PTO Corner

Hope everyone is getting excited for the holidays!! Thank you all so much for your continued involvement and help, especially during this crazy time of the year. I know parents are helping out all around the school right now, with holidays activities and fundraising and enrichment programming in full swing. We are so grateful to have such a wonderful community!

I'd also like to formally acknowledge all of the hard work the PTO board members put in every week. This is a dedicated group of parents who work so hard on our board, in addition to having jobs and kids and other life responsibilities. So, a big shout out to

Vice President: **Julia Bonariggo**

Secretaries: **Audra Cashin and Leah Monteiro**

Treasurer: **Casey Prescott**

Enrichment chairs: **Ashley Graham and Laura Patterson**

Social chairs: **Ilyse Mahoney and Amber Hunt**

School Resources and Staff Appreciation chair: **Erin Gaffen**

Community Service chairs: **Meredith Yoder and Roseanne Guerriero**

Fundraising chairs: **Caroline Courtney and Kathleen Rogers**

Volunteer Coordinators: **Susan Audley and Lesley Yamaki**

— **Natalie Cusato, JE PTO President**



Nurse's Corner

The Importance of Good Sleep

It's easy to get caught up in the bustle of the holiday season! Just a quick reminder - Children who get enough sleep have a healthier immune system and tend to perform better at school. **It is recommended that school age children (6-13 years) get 9 -11 hours of sleep every night.**

Helpful hints from the American Academy of Pediatrics:

- Create a sleep-supportive and safe bedroom environment. The bedroom should be a quiet place that promotes relaxation.
- Try to encourage kids to exercise daily.
- Keep to a regular routine.
- Make sleep a family priority. Making sleep a priority for yourself shows your children that it's part of living a healthy lifestyle – like eating right and exercising regularly.
- Monitor screen time – to prevent sleep disruption, turn off screens at least 60 minutes before bedtime.
- Avoid overscheduling. Take time to wind down and give your children the downtime that they need.

WANT AN ITEM IN TRACKS? EMAIL: thejaguartracks@gmail.com

DEADLINE FOR ALL SUBMISSIONS IS THE TUESDAY PRIOR, BY NOON.

REMINDERS

Report Cards

This is a friendly reminder that, as guardians, you can access your child's released report cards at any time! Login to your PlusPortal account and choose the eLocker tab on the top of the page. This will bring you to all official report cards that can be downloaded as a PDF.

Mr. Magazzu, our gym teacher, is passionate about physical health and will be posting a weekly challenge to families!



ROARIN' JAGUARS

Challenge this week:

**10 minutes plank (total time)
100 Jump Squats**

Good luck!!

Joshua Eaton

STUDENT COUNCIL News

This holiday season, the JE Student Council members are working extra hard to help our school and community!

KEEP THE HOMEMADE HOLIDAY CARDS COMING!

Throughout December, Joshua Eaton students and families are making holiday cards for the Tufts Floating Hospital for Children. We are hoping to spread holiday cheer to kids and families who are at the hospital! Please sign them simply: "Joshua Eaton Elementary School, Reading, Ma", and put them in Miss Lewis or Ms. McQuillin's mailbox. Thanks for your support!



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