



From the desk of
Principal Ippolito

Glad to see everyone back
from February Break!
Remember to vote THIS
Tuesday, March 3rd!

News & Upcoming Events

Family Impacted by Fire

In the early morning hours of February 24th, one of our students' homes caught fire. Though the family is safe, they have lost all of their possessions. Our wonderful community has been asking how they can support this family. We are doing a gift card donation here at Joshua Eaton to give directly to the family involved. Gifts cards are preferred to Walmart, Target, Market Basket or a Visa gift card. **Please send gift cards in an envelope labeled "JE Family c/o Ms. Maas" and these donations will be directed to the front office.** Special thank you to Mrs. Ingemi, Mrs. Ippolito and Dr. Doherty for the organization and support during this difficult time for this family.

Morning Drop-Off Reminder

We are so happy to see that Morning Drop Off has gotten smoother! Just a reminder to please **pull all the way forward to 1 of the 4 spots on Oak Street** - this will help keep the traffic flowing. Thank you!

Read Across America Day is March 2nd!

Dress as your favorite Book Character on Monday! We will be celebrating Read Across America Day, in honor of Dr. Seuss and his contribution to children's literature. Be creative and have fun with your Book Character costume ideas, but please no hats :)

Literacy Spirit Week March 2-6

We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss and our love of reading with more fun throughout next week! Read DAILY DRESS-UP details [here](#). Questions? Contact the library media teacher, Karen Ghirardi: karen.ghirardi@reading.k12.ma.us and at 781-942-9161 X137.

Coding is A-MAZE-ING! March 3 & 5 | 7:45am-8:15am | JE Library/Computer Lab

Students are invited to try out different coding websites and codable robots at these FREE coding sessions on March 3 (grades K-2) and March 5 (grades 3-5). No experience necessary! See details [here](#).

Staff Appreciation Week is Coming Up! March 9-13

It is time to celebrate our wonderful, dedicated teachers and staff! We have many ways we plan to show our appreciation throughout the week, but will end the week with a special breakfast for the Joshua Eaton staff. In order for the teachers to partake in this meal, they will all need classroom coverage from parent/caregiver volunteers.

Please take a look and see if you are **available to volunteer on FRIDAY, MARCH 13th from 8:30-9:45am** while the teachers enjoy this special treat. Our goal is to provide two-three volunteers per classroom, especially in the lower grades. Thank you for your time!

PLEASE NOTE: You must be CORI checked prior to volunteering. Please stop by the main office ASAP if you have not been checked yet.

Sign up [here](#) to help with **Classroom Coverage** for the Staff Breakfast on Friday morning 3/13. Sign up [here](#) to help **provide Supplies & Food** for the Staff Breakfast (needed by next Friday 3/6, or during SA week).

Questions? Contact Erin Gaffen (eringaffen@gmail.com) and Deb Murphy (debmurphy76@gmail.com).

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!

MARCH

2 Read Across America Day

2-6 Literacy Spirit Week

3, 5 FREE Drop-in Coding

11 PTO meeting 7pm

9-13 Staff Appreciation Week

20 Teacher In-Service Day **NO SCHOOL**

Mar 30 - May 19: MCAS Testing, Grades 3-5

MCAS Testing March 30 - May 19

At the end of March through May, Grades 3, 4 and 5 will be participating in MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment system) testing for ELA, Math and Grade 5 Science. **Stay tuned for more details!**

3rd grade:

- ELA - Apr 6 & 7
- Math - May 11 & 12

4th grade:

- ELA - Apr 2 & 3
- Math - May 7 & 8

5th grade:

- ELA - Mar 30 & 31
- Math - Apr 30 & May 1
- Science - May 18 & 19

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.](#)

MARCH 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 had a fun, relaxing February vacation! Let's hope for a calm, warm March and an early spring!

We are Excited to See Everyone at our PTO Meeting on March 11

At this meeting we will be discussing, amongst other things, the **open PTO positions for the 2020-2021 school year**. We currently have two positions open, Vice President and Secretary. These are super important positions, and ones that we need to fill in order to have a PTO come Fall.

We understand that taking on a board position can seem overwhelming and scary at first, but I promise you we will hold your hand along the way and our current VP and Secretaries will be available to help you throughout the transition. Here is a list of responsibilities for each role for your review:

VICE PRESIDENT:

- Assist PTO President with various PTO-related tasks (as needed)
- Stands in for president to facilitate scheduled meetings if necessary
- Attend scheduled PTO Board & General meetings (1-2x/month)
- Creates and maintains official Joshua Eaton PTO Calendar (annual planning)
- Reserve/cancel space through centralized booking system (School Dude) for all JE PTO events taking place outside regular school hours (annual planning & then as needed)
- Submit paper event forms for PTO Board & General meetings (2x/year)
- Liaison with Reading Public School Facilities Department & Reading Recreation as needed (as needed)
- Submit custodial invoices for events to Treasurer to be paid (post event)

SECRETARY:

- Creates & distributes meeting agenda for PTO Board Meetings & General Meetings (1-2x/month)
- Take meeting minutes at both Board and General Meetings, circulates for approval post-meeting (1-2x/month)
- Update annual PTO Board/Committee Chair contact list (yearly or as needed)
- Maintain contact list for other community organizations (yearly or as needed)
- Attend scheduled PTO Board & General meetings (1-2x/month)

Being on the PTO Board is tremendously rewarding, and it's a great way to give back to our wonderful community. If you have any interest at all, please reach out to me and we can discuss the roles in more detail prior to the March 11 meeting.

Please send me an email jeptopresident@gmail.com with any questions or interest!

So Thankful for the Ongoing Direct Donations we are Receiving!

Please feel free to continue to donate as you are able! Any amount is appreciated! Pay at Paypal, putting your child's name and grade and "direct donation" in the notes section, or send in a check made out to Joshua Eaton PTO with the same information in the notes section on the check. Our paypal link is www.paypal.me/jepto.

Volunteering for Spring Activities

Thank you all for continuing to show interest in helping out with all of our spring activities! We have many events in the spring, including the Kids' Raffle/Ice Cream Social, the Variety Show, Field Day, Jaguar Jog and Authorfest! We need all the help we can get, so please consider volunteering for an event if you can - you can sign up [here](#)!

— Natalie Cusato, JE PTO President

CLASS NOTES

Unit about Physical Disabilities coming up for First Graders



In March, Understanding Disabilities will be teaching our First Graders about Physical Disabilities. In this lesson, students learn how to be a good friend to someone who is experiencing a physical challenge. They learn what a physical disability is, some tools and supports that people with physical disabilities might use, and most importantly, they are reminded about ways that we are all the same inside. For this unit, each classroom needs three grown-up volunteers to help with activities. **Please sign up to help [here](#).**

If you are interested in volunteering with UD, please contact Allison Sillers at asillers@understandingdisabilities.org. For additional resources and some at-home activities, please visit our website at www.UDathome.org.

**ATTENTION 5TH GRADE PARENTS!

Our Yearbook Committee is starting to work on a Memory Book for our graduating 5th Grade! To make the book special we need your help! We want any pictures that reflect our 5th Graders' school experiences from K-5! Did you take pictures in class during events? Attend a field trip? Help out at a school-related activity? Send in photos by joining our Shutterfly share site [here](#).

BABY PICTURES NEEDED:

We'll also have a "Who's Who" Baby Picture section! Please email a baby picture (6 mo-18 mo old preferred) of your child to Lianne Stoddard: je2020yearbook@gmail.com



IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

JOSHUA EATON CORE VALUES

To encourage our students in JE's Core Values, we have lesson plans around "PAWS" that we review at the beginning of each year, after school vacations, and throughout the year as needed:

- Practice Compassion: Follow the Golden Rule
- Act Responsibly: Use a calm and safe body
- Work Towards Success: Do your best
- Show Respect: Show the school listening look

We have student-centered **PAWS posters** and lessons for each area of the school including: **Bathrooms, Hallways, the Cafeteria, Recess, Arrival, and Dismissal**

Other ways we implement Core Values include:

The School Pledge: we say this at all school wide assemblies to remind ourselves of what it means to be a part of the respectful Joshua Eaton community.

The Universal Quiet Signal: we use this in all spaces throughout the school to gain our student attention, including classrooms, the cafeteria, and hallways

For more details on how we encourage PAWS behavior, see Joshua Eaton's Core Values Matrix [here](#).

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

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

