

JMI's Monthly Newsletter

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Dear JMI Families,

January has been jammed packed with a lot of great learning opportunities for our students!

JMI hosted its first ever National Geography Bee Competition. Students in Grades 4 and 5 who were interested in participating answered a series of questions during the written preliminary. The 34 students with the highest scores continued to the second round of the oral preliminary. The ten finalists put their geography skills to the test during the final round during an assembly with their peers. In the end, one student was named JMI's Geography Bee Champion! Congratulations to all the students who participated! Special thanks goes to our Gifted and Talented teacher, Mrs. Golias, who coordinated the entire event! We look forward to making the Geo Bee a new tradition at JMI!

On January 15th and 16th, students demonstrated their musical talent during our Winter Concerts! The audience was delighted to hear beautiful music from the JMI Chorus, Orchestra and Band. We are so very proud of how well the students performed and we look forward to the Spring Concert coming up in April. Kudos to Ms. Critelli, Mr. Borselli and Mrs. Biscocho for fostering a love of music with our students and putting together a wonderful Winter Concert!

In addition to having students with oodles of musical talent, JMI students are also scientists! On January 23 and January 30, students in Grades 3 and 4 displayed their scientific knowledge during our Annual Science Fair. Students researched topics like engineering, physics, and chemistry and created extraordinary demonstrations that brought their learning to life! Thank you to our Science Fair coordinators Ms. Rao, Ms. Gulati and Ms. Goel for all their work behind the scenes to make the event a giant success.

We also started our JMI Academy. Please remember that in the event of an early dismissal or delayed opening due to inclement weather that Academy classes are cancelled. Thank you for dropping off and picking up your children on time!

As always, thank you for your support of the JMI PTO. The only function of the PTO is to provide the students of JMI with additional experiences. In order to do this, the PTO does fundraisers. The proceeds from the fundraisers go directly to the students. For example, PTO gives money to each grade level to pay for the busses for their class trips. None of this would be possible without your support and it is greatly appreciated. We currently have the Cards for a Cause fundraiser going on. For \$30 you can purchase different boxes of cards and the PTO makes 43% profit from each box sold. This fundraiser will go on through February 8 if you are still interested in making a purchase. Again, thank you for your support!

Here are the upcoming events for February:

- February 1 – End of Marking Period 2
- February 4 – No School – Lunar New Year
- February 5 – 11 – Student Council Candy Gram Sale
- February 6 – **Grade 5 Science Fair 6:00 pm**
- February 8 – **Wingman Day/School Spirit Day**
- February 12 – **Family Math Night 6:00 pm**
- February 15 – Report Card Day; **5th Grade Fun Night**
- February 18 – No School – Presidents Day
- February 20 – Wacky Wednesday – Sports Day; Staff Volleyball Game @ JPS 6:00 pm
- February 22 – School Spirit Day
- February 28 – PTO Meeting 7:00 pm

Safety Reminders- Parking Lot

1. Please remember that parents/guardians must meet their child on the blacktop and walk with the child through the parking lot. Children cannot just walk through the parking lot without an adult.
 2. All cars must be in a designated parking spot. Cars cannot block other cars by double parking or waiting. Please do not drive around other cars.
- This is all in an effort to keep our very busy parking lot as safe as possible for the entire FDR/JMP/JMI community.

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