

JMI's Monthly Newsletter

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Dear JMI Families,

October has been a busy month at JMI with learning opportunities everywhere we looked!

We started the month with different activities for the Week of Respect. Our school counselor, Mr. Ford, planned different dress days as a reminder that bullying has no place at JMI! He also read a respectful quote every morning over the loudspeaker to help get each day started in a positive way. In addition, Mr. Ford taught a lesson in each classroom emphasizing the importance of being kind and how to handle a conflict in a respectful manner.

On October 12, all JMI students had an opportunity to practice their civic duty of voting in our Student



Council Officer Elections. The student candidates used their power of persuasion to convince their peers that they were the best person for the

job! I am so proud of each candidate as they demonstrated a genuine love for JMI and showed kindness to each other.

Camp Bernie returned as an overnight trip this year and it was a tremendous success. It was the largest trip to date with 200 "campers" exploring, learning and pushing themselves to new heights! Thank you to Mr. Mockoviak who planned out every detail. Thank you to the JMI parents/guardians and teachers who served as chaperones.



The fun continued with the JMI/JMP/FDR Annual Trunk or Treat Night on October 19. It was great to see so many decorated cars and families in costumes coming together as a community. Thank you to the PTOs from JMI and JMP for organizing and thank you

to everyone who participated for making it such a great night! Special thanks to the Edison Police Department and the Edison Fire Department for providing us with additional lights to keep us safe throughout the evening!

Our Math Night was held on October 23 and the response from the parents and students was overwhelmingly positive! The evening began with a presentation by Mrs.



O'Brien, our Math Specialist, showing different ways to incorporate math at home. Then, all families rotated to different rooms

where they played math games, painted symmetry and were challenged to solve problems in order to "escape" the room! Kudos to Mrs. O'Brien for organizing our biggest math night yet with over 70 families participating and thank you to our teachers who volunteered their time to lead the activities!

November is looking to be another busy month for the entire JMI community. Here are some important dates for the month:

- ❖ November 1 –16 – Food Drive Hands for Hope
- ❖ November 2 – School Spirit Day; Sign Up for Parent Teacher Conferences via Parent Portal
- ❖ November 6 – NO SCHOOL
- ❖ November 8 & 9 – NO SCHOOL
- ❖ November 12 – Firefighter Phil Assembly (4th and 5th Grade)
- ❖ November 13-15 – Scholastic Book Fair
- ❖ November 13 – **1:30 Dismissal – Parent Teacher Conferences**
- ❖ November 15 – End of Marking Period 1
- ❖ November 20 – PTO Thanksgiving Feast
- ❖ November 21 – Turkey Trot; **1:30 Dismissal**
- ❖ November 22 and 23 – NO SCHOOL
- ❖ November 27 - **1:30 Dismissal – Parent Teacher Conferences**
- ❖ November 29 – PTO Meeting – 7:00 pm
- ❖ November 30 – JAMS Band Performance

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