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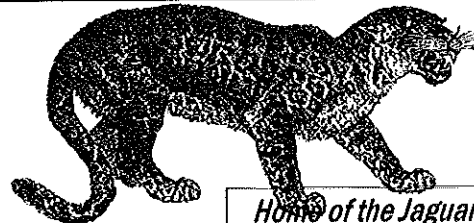
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Home of the Jaguars

The Principal's Desk *A word from* John Ferraro

Well here we are at the end of the first semester. The students have worked very hard this term as have the teachers and I feel that overall we have had some pretty good results. This next term is going to be focused on getting all of our students through the Statewide Assessment as well as promoting all of our 8th graders to high school. Two very large tasks.

This spring you are going to be hearing a lot about the Bernstein Program here at Jackson. Many of our teachers are putting together units to do with their classes which will really bring the curriculum alive for the students. We will also be having several get togethers to learn more about the program as well as raise money to support the model in future years. Please watch the Upcoming Events section of the calendar so that you can attend one of the events.

Finally, we have our 5th grade Open House on Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00 in our auditorium. This is designed for anybody and everybody who will have a student attending 6th grade at Jackson next school year. We are also inviting those families who are looking to try to transfer to our building from another school. So if you have a 5th grader make sure that you are here! Also, if you know of a family that has a student in a private school who is considering Jackson, please let them know about the event so they can come and see what a great little gem we have tucked away here in southwest Portland. Thank you for your help!

Have a great weekend!

John Ferraro

DATE	DAY	TIME	February Events
2/3	Fri	All Day	No School—Teacher Planning Day
2/6	Mon	All Day	7th & 8th Grade OMSI Field Trip
2/7	Tues	7:00	5th Grade Open House
2/8	Wed	All Day	Culture Day
2/8	Wed	6:00	China Meeting
2/10	Fri	9:30	Coffee Talk
2/10	Fri	11:30-3:45	Hayter Field Trip Tears of Joy Theatre
2/10	Fri	12:12-1:47	Smith Field Trip Baja Fresh
2/15	Wed	11:10 am	Late Opening (school starts 2 hours late)
2/17	Fri	11:30-3:30	Smith Field Trip to Wunderland
2/20	Mon	All Day	No School—President's Day
2/22	Wed	All Day	Advisory Schedule
2/24	Fri	10:10-3:30	Smith Field Trip to SWCC Pool

Bernstein News:

I had the pleasure of attending a colleague's award ceremony for her lifetime achievement as the artistic director of San Francisco schools. Alexander and Jamie Bernstein (the children of Leonard) were there as well. You can imagine how special it was to tell them about our work through the Bernstein Model and how it continues to grow at Jackson.

Patrick Bolek, the project manager for Artful Learning through the Bernstein Foundation is planning a trip to Jackson (date t.b.d.). His focus will be to archive the living and breathing work we do at our school that is influenced by the Bernstein Model. Patrick will be collecting data, taking photos, visiting classrooms and hearing teacher and student stories about how Artful Learning impacts student achievement and engagement.

Bernstein event- keep your eyes open for the upcoming event near St. Patrick's Day.

Gallery- student work featured this month:

Rachel Porter's 8th grade science class, circuit boards

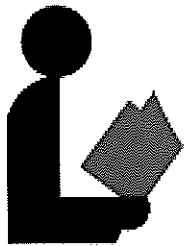
Jennifer Kelley's 6th grade Tibetan sand paintings (later in the month)

Not exactly Bernstein related but the murals in our hallways are part of the Jackson fabric. I would like to thank the 1st group of mural students as they come to the end of their spilled paint, reworking images until getting it right on their hard work: Whitney Calvin, Jordan Corder-Swanson, Maddie Hensleigh, A.J. Kilhefner, Zoie O'Loughlin, Sasha Panksy, Zack Purtzer, and Maggie Yates.

Ann Ott-Cooper

Bernstein coordinator/Art teacher





Notes from the JMS Library

What Do They Know About Us? Why Does Data Privacy Matter?

With the proliferation of online use and devices with online access, many of us are regular users of many internet locations and online products, each with its own set of rules and licensing. Just by using a site or application, we often agree to allow the "owner" of that site or application to gather and use all sorts of information about us. And how many of us read those user licensing agreements and such before we click away? Do you know how to limit what those internet sites can gather and use? How much do your children know about protecting themselves and their privacy?

Because protecting online user privacy is such an important issue, many groups and agencies, including libraries, are publicizing **Data Privacy Day** in an effort to raise user awareness and educate users about ways individuals can protect themselves and their personal information while online.

On the [National Cyber Security Alliance](http://www.staysafeonline.org) website you will find links to videos, informative websites and other documents that will help you learn more about ways you and your student can stay safe and maintain your privacy when online. Included is information about tracking kids while they are online, managing social networking and maintaining privacy on mobile devices.

<http://www.staysafeonline.org/dpd/educational-resources/parents-kids>

Educate yourself to protect yourself and make it a goal to have that important conversation with your child about what they need to do to be protected online.

Still Seeking an End Table for the Library Reading Area

I am looking for another end table for our reading area in the Fiction corner. It needs to be a sturdy table that is about 26-28" square and about 18-20" tall. It does not need to be an exact match for the one we already have but it does need to be very sturdy. If you or someone you know has such a table looking for a new home, please contact me. Thanks.

Questions? Please contact me. I'm in the library on Tuesdays, Thursdays and 1st and 3rd Wednesdays.

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Volunteer Opportunity!

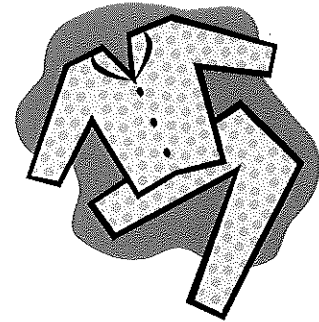
Volunteers are urgently needed to help out at the PTA Clothing Center at Marshall H.S. on: Monday, February 6th from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm.

Contact Gitte Zuberbuehler at gitte247@gmail.com if you are able to help out.

Several of our regular volunteers are planning on going on the 7th & 8th grade OMSI field trip on the same day, so if you are a 6th grade parent or are not planning on chaperoning, please consider helping out for this valuable service.

The Portland Council PTA Clothing Center is a committee of the Portland Council PTA. It shares the same non-profit status and is staffed by volunteers from all schools within the district. Each school is responsible for a portion of the volunteer time needed to keep the Center running successfully.

All Portland Public School children that do not have access to age-appropriate clothing are eligible to be referred to the PTA Clothing Center. Since 1964, the sole purpose of the PTA Clothing Center has been to furnish age-appropriate clothing that fits children who need these services. THANK YOU!!!



Immunizations

Parents: Immunization exclusion day is Feb. 15th. Please turn in any updated immunization information as soon as possible. Exclusion orders were mailed on Feb. 1st. Call me if you have any questions. Students will not be allowed to remain at school on the 15th if we haven't received their updated immunizations.



Thank you,
Nurse Catherine
Mon/Wed: 503-916-5676 Gray
Tue/Thur/Fri pm: 503-916-5680 Jackson
Fri am 8-12: 503-916-5768 Rieke

Culture Day

We are still looking for donations of yarn and/or crochet needles for culture day for one of our projects.

If you happen to have any, please drop them by the school office.

Thank you!!!



SUN Program

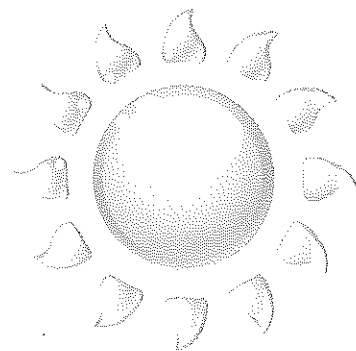
Cassie has returned from medical leave! If you need to reach her– the phone number is: 503-781-7890 or her email address is:

csorenson@nhweb.org

DONATIONS NEEDED!!

SUN School Homework Club needs Graphing Calculators! They don't have to be new or the most recent – any will do! We are also looking for donations of Kleenex and "Emergency Kits" (from the school supply list).

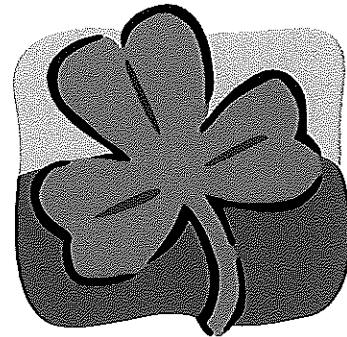
Tax receipts are available for any and all donations!
Thanks!



Erin Go Bernie!

Let's celebrate St. Patrick's Day while supporting Jackson's amazing Bernstein Artful Learning Program! A St. Patty's Day Party for Jackson parents and staff will be held Saturday, March 17 at Mountain Park Recreation Center (2 Mount Jefferson Terrace, Lake Oswego, OR 97035).

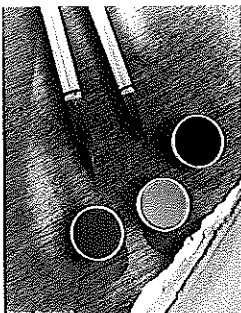
Come enjoy libations, music, food, raffle; as well as a night out to meet Jackson parents and staff who share the dedication to the Jackson Community. Stay tuned for more information on purchasing tickets to this great party!



The Jackson PTA/Bernstein Artful Learning Capitol Campaign is in full swing. More than \$10,000 has been raised since October. Fifty donors have contributed to the Campaign and we are grateful to each and every one of them! Jackson has 500 families and we need help from all of them to keep the Bernstein Artful Learning program, author visits, and field trips available to ALL Jackson students.

Please support this fundraiser by sending your tax-deductible donation to '**JMS PTA 10625 SW 35th Ave. Portland 97219**'. Or make it even easier and click on:
<http://jacksonmiddleschool.schoolauction.net/capitalcampaign>

The school needs to raise at least \$25,000 to keep our Bernstein Artful Learning Program and other PTA financial commitments. The Capital Campaign is replacing the auction this year so consider donating what you would have spent at that event.



Thank you to the parents, friends, and families of Jackson for your support!

Please contact Maggie Behrens (Capital Campaign) at magitch1@comcast.net and Tony Hansen (Bernie O'Stein's Bash) at tony@projectconniption.com with any questions.

Wilson Youth Lacrosse FREE Beginner's Clinic



for
Boys & Girls
1st – 8th Grades



Interested in trying out lacrosse?
Now's your chance - come join us for a **free** Beginner's Clinic!
(Bring your stick if you have one or we'll have one you can borrow.)

Join us for a FREE Beginner's Clinic

Saturday, February 11, 2012

Fulton Park Rec Center - Gym

(68 SW Miles Ave, Portland, OR 97219)

GIRLS: 1:30-3 pm

BOYS: 3-4 pm

Parents and players welcome!

Sign up now ➡ www.wylax.net

- Boys and Girls in 1st – 8th grades are welcome!
- **NO GEAR** required! (Bring your stick if you have one, otherwise we'll have some)
- 2nd **Boys Only** Beginner's clinic on 2/19 @ Rieke – all details on website

Player Eligibility: Public and private school students residing within
Wilson High School attendance boundaries

Questions? Wendi Makuch, (503)703-9977 or ismakuch@comcast.net

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