

JACKSON JOURNAL

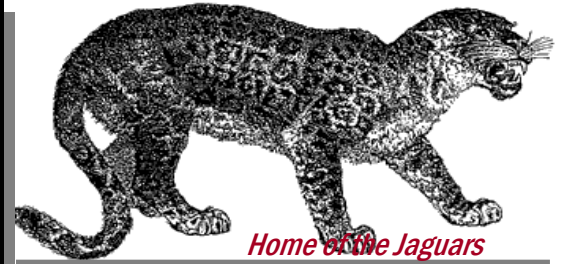
JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

10625 South West 35th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97219

PHONE: 503.916.5680

FAX: 503.916.2640

SEPTEMBER 2010



The Principal's Desk

A word from

Jackson Families,

Welcome back to another year of school. As this is being written the teachers are busily working in their classrooms getting ready for Tuesday when the students will walk in the door.

We had a fantastic staff development day on Tuesday to prepare for the upcoming year. We spent time getting to know one another since we have so many new staff members and then we did a Bernstein activity based on the television show The Iron Chef. The staff was divided up by their grade level teams, provided some random food items and were given 45 minutes to create an entree dish. It was a great team experience focused on Bernstein. If you would like to know more about it, I will be sharing the actual details at the first PTA meeting.

One of our brand new staff members is Bethany Nelson who will be teaching 7th grade Language Arts and Social Studies. For those of you who have "Staff" written on the top of your child's schedule, Bethany will be their teacher.

On Friday, September 10th we will have our first Coffee Talk for 6th grade parents. We will begin the year by introducing office and support staff members so that parents can put names to faces. We are going to expand our Coffee Talks this year so that our 7th and 8th grade parents have an opportunity to hear information and share thoughts and concerns. Those dates will be posted soon.

Finally, if you are out shopping over the weekend and you are wandering by the school supply aisle, please feel free to pick up a few extra items for our supply closet. We always have students who cannot afford supplies and it really helps to have things on hand for them to use. Thanks for thinking about this!

Have a great weekend and I will see you on Tuesday!

John Ferraro

September Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
6	Mon		Labor Day School and Office Closed
7	Tue		First Day of School
10	Fri	9:30-10:30am	Coffee Talk in the Library
21	Tue	5:30-7pm 7-8:30pm	Spaghetti Dinner Open House
22	Wed	11am	Late Opening—2 Hours
27	Mon		Sun School Term Begins
30	Thu		Picture Day

Attendance

If students are going to be absent or late we require parents to call the school directly, or send a note with the student upon his/her return to school. Every day the tardies, absences and appointments are entered into the student attendance program. If students leave in the afternoon or parents call after 12: 00 those students will still receive a call from the school district automated system called auto dialer. Rest assured that all of the information called in is being recorded. All students that have not had a parent call in the morning of the students absence day will receive a call from the auto dialer. When you receive a call from the auto dialer you have an option to leave a message. Attendance is taken first and sixth period. When leaving a message on the voice mail or auto dialer please include the following: Name of student (clearly with spelling), date of absence, reason student is absent. We use district guidelines to determine excused or not excused when students are absent.

If you have any questions call Fara McCarty (503) 916-5680

Cell Phones:Your Help is Desperately Needed!!!!

As the world of technology explodes it is up to us at school to try to keep up with the capabilities. Cell phones have posed a particular dilemma for educators across the country and the world. The ability for parents to be able to connect with their children is valuable, especially this age group. That ability also comes with many, many challenges. The cell phone is the ultimate communication device. What else would teenagers rather be doing than "interacting" with their peers. The capabilities that phones have to take pictures, video, surf the internet, text and play games are just a few reasons why we must have students leave their phones off and in their lockers. There is too much temptation to take out the phone and distract oneself from focus on a potentially challenging educational lesson.

Cell phones are not educational tools and need everyone's help in maintaining the focus on learning, not socializing. We ask parents to support our cell phone policy in the following ways:

Review the rules and expectations about the phone with your child and establish boundaries and consequences if these expectations aren't met. Use the school phone to communicate with your children when they are at school. Students also need to use the school phone to contact parents. Many times students are disciplined for answering the phone because their parents were calling and they had to choose between two authority figures. This isn't fair to students. It is essential that students contact parents through the main office so that we can track illnesses and other areas. When students contact home without going through the main office we are unable to assess the seriousness of the sickness and monitor, if necessary. Other miscommunications occur when students pass on information from school without passing through the main office when behavioral issues arise.

Check your monthly cell bills for the dates and times of calls and texts. This will give you an indication if your child is following the rules. Many parents would be shocked if they looked at the number of texts and calls are being made during class time, not just lunch or passing times. This is lost learning that is difficult to recover.

Your support on this matter will help to significantly improve the educational environment for not just your student, but all students. The time and energy spent by school personnel addressing cell phone abuses, lost cell phones and misinformation spread through cell phones is staggering. That is time and energy that needs to be spent working to meet the educational needs of each and every Jackson student.

Thanks for your help.

Jill Sage

Assistant Principal





PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

501 North Dixon Street / Portland, Oregon 97227
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3107 / Portland, Oregon 97208-3107
Phone: (503) 916-2000 • Fax: (503) 916-3233

RISK MANAGEMENT

Does your child need health and accident insurance?

Dear Parent or Guardian:

I am writing to share important information. **Portland Public Schools does not carry accident insurance for students** and is not responsible for medical bills of students injured at school.

The safety of our students is our top priority. Even so, accidents happen, and resulting medical treatments can be very expensive.

If you have insurance needs, the Risk Management Department encourages you to contact the Multnomah Education Service District for assistance in applying for no-cost, low-cost or affordable insurance through the state Healthy Kids program and Kaiser Child Health Program. If you qualify, you can sign up for these programs at any time during the year.

Even if you have other medical coverage, this insurance may be valuable because it often covers gaps in coverage.

The attached brochure explains more about the programs. For information, please contact:

Multnomah Education Services District
Child Health Insurance Access Program
11611 NE Ainsworth Circle
Portland, OR 97220

<http://w3.mesd.k12.or.us/shs/childhealth/indexnew.shtml>

- English 503-257-1732
- Spanish 503-257-1746
- Vietnamese 503-257-1565
- Russian 503-257-1722

For assistance in Chinese and Somali, call the Portland Public Schools information line at 503-916-2801.

I wish you and your child a successful - and safe - school year.

Benson Meyers
Risk Manager

Jackson Library

August 31, 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome from the Jackson Library! Students will visit the library with classes on a regular basis for information literacy instruction, book talks, and check out. Students will have more intensive library instruction during research projects with classes. The Jackson Library website (which includes important Jackson Library news, the PPS Web Catalog, great electronic resources and learning links) is available 24 hours a day at [www.jacksonlibrary.org](#) or from the Jackson website. Students can also use the library before or after school, during lunch recess, or during class *with a pass*. Your child can renew books from the PPS Web Catalog up to 3 times. Books can be checked out for two week periods. And stay tuned to find out more about our new audio book program.

In our library program we teach the students how to find, evaluate, use, and create information; how to choose enjoyable stories to read; and how to take responsibility for their learning and for their learning materials. ***If you received an email or are given a letter about past charges, we need you to pay charges or return the materials.*** We also need your help taking care of and returning books promptly for the remainder of the school year. (See reverse for District and Jackson policy on overdues and charges)

In addition to library books and novel sets for class assignments, your child will check out some *very expensive* textbooks. Though textbooks are not due until the end of the year, they can be misplaced or lost early on. ***Please help your child keep track of these textbooks all year long. Textbooks checked out to your child are your financial responsibility*** (see general costs on reverse).

You will receive courtesy and overdue emails on library materials so please make sure that is accurate on your registration form and inform the office if it changes. I will also email or send a Statement of Checked Out Items periodically. Teachers will also receive lists of overdues at least once a month to share with the students and families. As the school year comes to an end these notices will become more frequent. If you wish to know what your child currently has checked out refer to the Jackson Planner for instructions on how to login at [www.jacksonlibrary.org](#) or give me a call.

P.S. If you would like to volunteer in the library—we need you immediately. Please contact me right away!

SANDRA J. CHILDS , LMS

Jackson Middle School

503 916 5680

PPS & Jackson Overdues and Lost Materials Policy

If your child has overdues or charges (even from last year) for library or textbook materials, he or she cannot check out more *library* materials until all materials are returned or charges are paid for.

If material already paid for is returned later, collected payments will be refunded.

At middle school there are no overdue fines on materials, but it is best to get in the habit of returning or renewing on time in order to be able to check out additional materials and to prepare students for high school and public library overdue fines.

A replacement textbook *will be* checked out to students if one is lost, but it is expected that families first pay for the lost textbook.

Payment Plans are available. Please talk to Mr. Ferraro if this is necessary.

If material is lost or damaged beyond reasonable wear and tear, your family will be assessed a damage charge or be required to pay the full cost of the material.

Students' participation end of the year celebration activities *will be* limited if charges are not paid.

Textbook and library charges follow your student to high school and can interfere with getting high school textbooks *and* graduation. See estimated charges below:

GENERAL ESTIMATED COST OF MATERIALS

Fiction or Novel Hardback	\$15-25
Fiction or Novel Paperback	\$5-15
Non Fiction Hardback	\$25-50
Lit Set Novels	\$10-25
History Alive!	\$52-54
Algebra Connections Textbook	\$44-54
Literature and the Language Arts Textbook	\$72
Language Essentials Grammar & Writing	\$60
Physical Science	\$50
Connected Math 2 Workbook	\$9

Bernstein Art School Calendar On Sale Now!!!

The calendars are in!!! Jackson Middle School is happy to announce our second annual Bernstein Art School Calendars featuring student artwork. All profits go to the Bernstein fund to support our continued dedication to the Artful Learning process for all students.

As you may remember from last years calendar, they run from July 2010 to June 2011 and include important dates specific to our school, such as Late Start, End of Grading Periods, Conference Days, etc. Calendars will be available to pick up by the end of the school year.

If you are interested in obtaining a *free sample* from this year, we have a few remaining copies of last years calendar to give away. Since they feature a rich and broad selection of student artwork, you may want one just to frame your own student's artwork!

* For more information or questions/comments, please contact Mindy Dornblaser at JMS, mdornbla@pps.k12.or.us or 503-916-5680. Thank you for your support of the Bernstein fund!



BERNSTEIN ART CALENDAR ORDER FORM

(name)

(phone number)

(email address - not required)

I wish to purchase _____ copies of the calendar for \$15.00 each. My total is \$ _____ . I have included cash or check made out to Jackson Middle School.

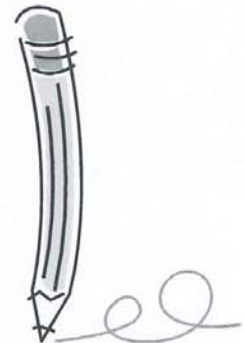
*Please return order forms to JMS office. Thank you for your support.

ATTENTION PARENTS

SAVE YOUR MAGAZINE ORDERS FOR OUR FALL FUNDRAISER!

Dear Parents & Friends of Jackson Middle School,

Each fall we kick-off our *magazine subscription fundraiser* to benefit our students. The success of the program depends on your participation.



Please save your magazine subscription renewals for our sale. It is only when you renew directly through our program that our school receives 40% profit from your order.

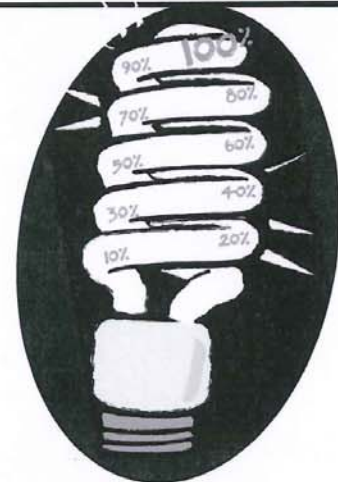
You can support us today when you can shop on-line!

It's easy . . . visit www.qsp.com . . . click on 'Just Shopping' . . . enter school code # **425002525** and make your selections. It's that simple!



PLAN AHEAD AND HELP EVEN MORE...

- ◆ Consider giving magazine subscriptions as gifts this year!
- ◆ Purchase subscriptions for the school!
- ◆ Let friends and family know about our fundraiser and ask them to save their orders for our program!



Thank you in advance for your support. We count on your participation!



The Nutrition Services Department at Portland Public Schools is pleased to announce a new meal payment service over the Internet. Your child's school now accepts prepayments for school meals through myLunchMoney.com online payment service

myLunchMoney.com is:

1. **Easy-** Enrolling and funding is simple and completed online with a credit/debit card
2. **Convenient-** Once your account is established, you can check balances and fund the account from your computer, phone or fax.
3. **Secure-** Your personal and payment card information is protected by the most advanced Internet security.

MyLunchMoney.com also has the option for "Smart Pay." Smart Pay is a service designed for busy parents that want to make sure their child always has money in their account but may not always have time to constantly check their account balance. Smart Pay enables parents to replenish their child's account when the balance is getting low, and sends a monthly transaction report to the parents to help them keep track of their myLunchMoney.com transactions.

Even if you decide not to pay using myLunchMoney.com, you can still track your account activity and history.

You never have to worry about your child running out of money again!

To get started, or to simply explore, go to www.myLunchMoney.com. You will need your student's id number, which can be found on their registration form or report card. There is a \$1.95 transaction fee.

General questions: Nikole Williams, 503-916-3275,
Technical questions: Patti Shafer, 503-916-3398.



MENU

MIDDLE SCHOOL: \$2.55
REDUCED: \$0.40
ADULTS: \$3.85

Every lunch includes milk and unlimited fruits and vegetables.

Pizza, deli sandwiches, salads, yogurt parfaits available daily.

Menu subject to change.
Daily choices may vary at your school.

ON A BUN

MON: SPICY CHICKEN
TUES: HAMBURGER
WEDS: CHICKEN
THURS: BBQ BEEF
FRI: SPICY CHICKEN

WITH RICE

MON: TERIYAKI CHICKEN
TUES: ORANGE CHICKEN
WEDS: KUNG PAO
THURS: TERIYAKI BEEF
FRI: SWEET+SOUR CHICKEN

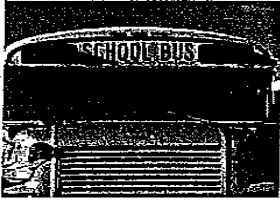
ADD SALSA

TUES: BEAN BURRITO
THURS: CHICKEN BURRITO
FRI: CHICKEN QUESADILLA
WITH CILANTRO RICE

+DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS

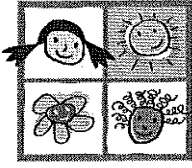
Nutrition Services | 503.916.3399

PPS is an equal opportunity provider.



Portland Public School District
**Transportation
 Student Expectations**

BE SAFE	BE RESPECTFUL	BE RESPONSIBLE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fighting, wrestling or rough behavior is not allowed. • Firearms, weapons, or hazardous materials are not allowed. • Only recognized guide or assist animals are allowed on the bus. • Stay seated while the bus is in motion. • Cross in front or at driver designated location when exiting. • Keep hands, arms, and head inside the bus at all times. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow the driver's directions the first time asked. • Sit where the driver asks you to sit. • Use quiet voices only. • Use polite language. • Ask driver's permission before opening or closing the windows. • Keep the bus clean and undamaged. • Eating or drinking is not allowed. • Be courteous to the driver, peers and passersby. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the emergency door only in an emergency. • Be at your stop at least five (5) minutes prior to the bus arrival. • Bus rules also apply to bus stops. • Students need written permission for an alternate stop.



Investing in our future
portland
children's
levy

Welcome back for a great fall term at SUN School!

Jackson SUN Community School Guide

FALL 2010 ACTIVITY GUIDE

Important Program Information! Please read!

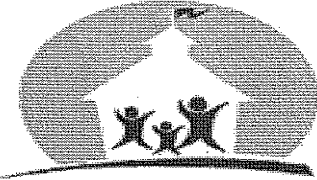
A complete registration form is required for all participants to attend SUN classes! Please return the registration forms and release of information to the Jackson Middle School SUN School box located at the mailboxes in the main office! Participants are enrolled first come/first served, as they are returned to the SUN box/SUN Coordinator.

Students must designate how they will be getting home after their SUN School classes. Students will be required to check out with their instructor after each class. Students whose parents will pick them up will be waiting at the entrance to the school, accompanied by their instructor. An Activity Bus is available for students living along the designated route.

Class Fees and Scholarships: Classes have fees that range from \$25 to \$45 (some exceptions) plus a \$5 snack fee per child. The fee covers the cost of any necessary supplies provided by SUN School. *No one will be refused participation due to an inability to pay!* If the cost presents a hardship please contact Cassie Sorensen, Jackson SUN School Coordinator, to arrange a fee-waiver. We welcome any donations to help with expenses of SUN School.

Jackson SUN School is funded by a generous grant from the Portland Children's Levy. SUN Community Schools are a collaboration of Multnomah County Department of County Human Services, the City of Portland Parks and Recreation, and Centennial, David Douglas, Gresham-Barlow, Portland Public, Parkrose, and Reynolds school districts.

Parent volunteers are always welcome!



SCHOOLS UNITING
NEIGHBORHOODS

NEW SUN SCHEDULE

Snack
3:45–3:55

Classes
4:00–5:00

Dismissal
5:00–5:15

MONDAY/WEDNESDAY
Tutor Club
5:05–6:00 PM

AND NOW
Friday Fun!
See last page for details!

SUN Fall Term:
September 27, 2010–
December 2, 2010

Classes Include:

Anime Illustration

Creative Cooks

Super Sports

and so much more!

QUESTIONS?

Contact Info:
Cassie Sorensen
Neighborhood House
Jackson SUN School Coordinator
503-781-7890
503-916-6540
csorensen@nhweb.org



PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION
Healthy Parks, Healthy Portland



Neighborhood House
Helping Neighbors Help Themselves