



Jones

Middle School

March 2019

Be Responsible

Be Respectful

Be Safe

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Dear Jones Families,

March sounds like spring, but when I step outside it sure seems more like winter! No matter what Mother Nature says, spring events are well underway here at Jones. Spring sports are gearing up, spring break is on the horizon, and the last grading period of the year is approaching.

With the start of the final grading period, it is a good reminder of the value of a fresh start, and the importance of staying organized. Spring brings a flurry of activities and it can sometimes feel overwhelming. Remember - the school and teachers' Schoology pages can help everyone stay up to date. As always, please reach out to us if you have any questions or there is anything we can do to help!

Sincerely,

Jason Fine

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**BE RESPONSIBLE
BE RESPECTFUL
BE SAFE**

**Upper Arlington
Pillars of Ethical
Behavior**

Fairness and Justice
Respect for Self and Others
Responsibility
Trustworthiness
Caring and Compassion
Citizenship



Important Dates:

March 8 - End of 3rd Grading Period

March 11 - 15 - No School - Spring Break

March 18 - No School - Teacher Work Day

March 19 - Begin 4th Quarter

March 26 - PTO Meeting, 8:45am

April 2 - Language Arts AIR Assessment, 6th - 8th Grades

April 3 - Language Arts AIR Assessment, 6th - 8th Grades

April 9 - Math AIR Assessment , 6th - 8th Grades

April 10 - Math AIR Assessment, 6th - 8th Grades

April 12 - Talent Show, 7pm

April 16 - Science AIR Assessment, 8th Grade

April 17 - 8th Grade Respect Yourself Parent Preview, Hastings M.S., 8th Grade

April 18 - Respect Yourself Presentation, 8th Grade Students ONLY

April 19 - No School

April 25 - 8th Grade Shadow Day

April 26 - Hoops for a Cure at UAHS at 7:30pm

May 6 - Washington DC Student/Parent Meeting, 7pm

May 7 - No School for Students, Primary Election Day

May 1 - 6th Grade Honors Awards, 5:30pm

May 1 - 7th Grade Honors Awards, 7:30pm

May 8 - 7th & 8th Grade Spring Pops Concert, 7pm

May 9 - Band Concert, 7pm (Grades 5 - 8)

May 10 - 7th & 8th Orchestra Grade Ice Cream Social, 7pm

May 13 - 8th Grade Lunch on the Mallway

May 14 - 17, 8th Grade Washington DC Trip

May 15 - 6th Grade Choir Showcase, 7pm

May 20 - 5th & 6th Grade Orchestra Concert, 7pm

May 20 - 21 - 7th Grade Camp, House East

May 22 - 23 - 7th Grade Camp, House West

May 24 - 8th Grade Recognition, 4pm

May 24 - 6th Grade Pool Party

May 24 - Last Day of School

News from the Nurse

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Attention all 8th grade parents of students going to DC

I will be the school nurse accompanying the 8th grade students on May 14-17th to Washington, DC. Through adequate planning and common sense our DC trips have gone exceedingly well in the past. My goal is to make this year's DC trip even better.

Please look for the link starting on March 1st on Schoology that will connect you to important health forms that need to be completed in order for your child to go on the trip. These forms will include an important tip sheet with information to help everyone have a healthy and comfortable trip experience.

The deadline to turn in the 8th Grade DC Trip Health Information form will be Friday, March 29th.

The school nurse must administer your child's **controlled prescribed medication** as is commonly prescribed for ADHD, such as Adderall, Focalin, and Vyvanse. Please follow the directions that are included on the DC Health Information Form. It often takes several days to a week to get the required doctor's signature for prescription medication. Please plan ahead. **Bring the medication for the trip into the health office no later than Wednesday May 8th-earlier is better!**

Please contact me if you have any questions about the forms or the trip. I will be in attendance for the DC Parent meeting in May to answer questions.

6th Grade Parents

You may be receiving an email before spring break from the Jones health office indicating that your child is missing one or two required vaccines for entry into 7th grade. If you receive this email, this indicates your child may need to have a Tdap and/or a meningococcal immunization before the start of the 2019-20 school year.

For those of you who have regularly taken your child to the pediatrician or family physician, it is likely your child has already received the meningococcal and Tdap vaccines. If that is the case, I simply need the documentation to verify the record. The immunization record can be sent to my email at jmead@uaschools.org or to the main office Fax number at 614-487-5307.

Spring break is an excellent time to make sure your child has all the immunizations they need for school next year and for camp this summer! Be sure to keep a copy of your child's immunization for your own records.

Have a healthy and happy spring break!

Meet 6E

Get to know our Jones staff. Each month we will feature one group



From left: Scott Hall, Mindy Harmon, Molly Miely, Margie Belair, Sabrina Walters, Mandy Mangini, Bobby Huffman

Molly Miely teaches 6th grade Language Arts and Reading. She is the JMS Service-learning building leader and is involved with many other clubs and activities at Jones. Mrs. Miely went to Denison University and The Ohio State University. She is married to Mark who is dentist. They have 3 children. Sara and her husband Brett live in UA and have a 1 year old daughter, Morgan. They are expecting their 2nd child in May 2019. Jayne is Chief Resident of Internal Medicine at Rush Hospital in Chicago. She is engaged to be married August 3, 2019. Their son Matthew works for JP Morgan and is in a band, *Thomas and the Work-men*. Mrs. Miely also has two 8 year old Golden Retrievers, Cooper & Scarlet. Her favorite part of teaching is all about the amazing connections she gets to have with kids, families and colleagues.

Mr. Scott Hall teaches social studies on the greatest team in the history of JMS. Years ago he coached football and wrestling in U.A. Mr. Hall went to college at Otterbein University: B.S. and Marygrove College: M.E. and is currently take continuing education classes. Mr. Hall lives in U.A. with his wife Kim, my son, and two English Bulldogs. He

has two daughters in their early twenties. The girls both live on their own, work full time, and go to school at OSU.

Mrs. Margie Belair teaches 6th grade Science. She attended Malone University and Montana State University. She and her husband Craig have two sons, Hudson (3rd) and Crosby (1st). They JUST got a new Irish doodle puppy, Teddy two days ago!!!! She loves playing games, traveling, and spending time together with my crew. **Her favorite part of teaching is that she** loves her students. No two days are ever the same, and they keep her job fun and exciting. We are lucky to have such thoughtful, creative, and engaged kids, and she says she is amazed every day by what they do.

Mr. Bobby Huffman is an intervention specialist. He attended Wittenberg, Ohio University, and The Ohio State University. He has been married for 10 years. He and his wife Jenica have 3 kids Serena, Rocco, and Ava. They have one cat named Arlo who is half Persian and half munchkin. Mr. Huffman enjoys basketball, playing guitar and writing songs, running, and weight training. His favorite part of teaching is seeing the positive results that occur when our students work hard.

Ms. Mindy Harmon teaches language arts and reading. She attended Ohio University and The Ohio State University. She has a 16 year old son named Colin who loves tennis, photography, choir, and environmental science. Ms. Harmon loves to read, enjoys working out every day, and loves to bake cookies and brownies. Her favorite part of teaching is planning a unit and implementing it to the kids to see how they interact with it and learn from it. For her, the students are everything, and she teaches because of them. Forming relationships makes it all worth it.



For Your Information

Yearbook News

Please remember to purchase your 2018-2019 yearbook. It is easy to do and you can order online (<http://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1049802/Jones-Middle-School/>). If you are unsure if you have purchased one yet please contact Nicole Morgan at nmorgan@uaschools.org.

Also, 8th grade parents, you should have received an order form via email (from Mrs. Jackie Magill) for 8th grade tributes. The order form was attached in the email and the deadline to order is **March 29, 2019**. Tributes are \$20 each and spots are limited so it is a first come, first serve basis. If you have any questions please email Nicki Guy at nickilbg@yahoo.com.
Thank you,

Mrs. Nicole Morgan and Mrs. Janie Greiner
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Jones Talent Show

Talent show is Friday, April 12th at 7pm
We will have dress rehearsals on the 11th of April from 3:30-6:30

Tryouts will be April 2nd from 4-6 and April 4th from 3:30-5:30 (join schoology group for sign up info)

Schoology group Jones Middle School talent show; [R5B8D-R7GZ5](#)

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Diversity: *The concept of diversity embraces the wide range of human characteristics used to mark or identify individual and group identities. These characteristics include, but are not limited to, ethnicity, race, national origin, age, personality, sexual orientation, gender, class, religion, ability, and linguistic preferences. Diversity is a term used as shorthand for visible and quantifiable statuses, but diversity of thought and ways of knowing, being, and doing are also understood as natural, valued, and desired states, the presence of which benefit organizations, workplaces, and society.*

Equity: *Equity exists as a condition that balances two dimensions: fairness and inclusion. As a function of fairness, equity implies ensuring that people have what they need to participate in school life and reach their full potential. Equitable treatment involves eliminating barriers that prevent the full participation of all individuals. As a function of inclusion, equity ensures that essential educational programs, services, activities, and technologies are accessible to all. Equity is not equality; it is the expression of justice, ethics, multi-partiality, and the absence of discrimination.*

Inclusion: *Inclusiveness means encompassing all; taking every individual's experiences and identity into account and creating conditions where all feel accepted, safe, empowered, supported, and affirmed. An inclusive school or organization expands its sense of community to include all; cultivating belonging and giving all an equal voice. Inclusivity also promotes and enacts the sharing of power and recognition of interdependence.*

Jones (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion PTO Co-Chairs: Seyla Kramer, seylakramer@gmail.com; Catherine Kennedy, cskennedy1981@yahoo.com)

District wide activities:

Author Visit: Kwame Alexander @ UA Library (Monday, April 8 @ 6:30pm – 8:30pm)

- <https://www.facebook.com/events/364181100807858/>

Global Citizen Summer Camp for Middle School Students; June 3 – 7

- <https://www.uaschools.org/Downloads/GLOBAL%20CITIZEN%20SUMMER%20CAMP%20flyer.pdf>