



ST. JOHN'S LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 22	5 th Grade Class Pictures & Individual Pictures
April 24	SCHOOLS CLOSED – Professional Development Day
April 25	3 rd Grade Field Trip – Maryland Science Center
April 29	MESA Field Trip (extended day)
April 30	5 th Grade Field Trip – Philadelphia, PA (extended day)
April 30	Pre-K – 4 th Grade Class Pictures & Individual Pictures
May 7	Orchestra, 4th/5th grade combined chorus, Advanced Band 7:00 pm
May 9	2 nd Grade Field Trip – Brookside Gardens
May 9	Advanced Band & Orchestra Field Trip – Inner Harbor
May 10	MAY DAY!
May 14	"Night of the Arts" - Beginning Strings, Beginning Band 6:30 pm
May 16	NO SCHOOL – Professional Work Day

NEWS FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS

MRS. JAGODA & MRS. SARRO

Recognition Assembly for Third Quarter

We want to congratulate all of our students for a job well done. The assembly was a time for all students and staff to reflect on the third quarter and to feel proud of their accomplishments. Be sure to ask your child what he/she was most proud of in the third quarter and celebrate together.

Giant Bonus Bucks

We want to thank everyone for signing up at Giant and designating SJLES as their school. The school will receive \$2,343.45 as a result of this program. These funds will be put to good use as we look at the needs of the school. We already know that we will use some of the money toward new books for our book closet. The books in the book closet are used to supplement the materials in our reading series. Since these books are soft cover books, they are in need of replacement. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Ross for her efforts in organizing this initiative.

Staff/Parent Basketball Game

What an exciting evening! We all know the importance of the parent/teacher team and Thursday's basketball game was certainly a great example of what happens when there is a dynamic partnership. Thank you to all the parents and staff who took part, all of the students who cheered everyone on, and to Mrs. Bodziak and the Health/Wellness Committee for organizing the event. Our Jaguar was so happy to learn his name at the game. From now on we can say hello to Harry Spotter – the St. John's Lane Jaguar.

SCHOOL NEWS

From the Music Department:

Wednesday, May 7, 2008 - Orchestra, 4th/5th grade combined chorus, Advanced Band 7:00 pm
Wednesday, May 14, 2008 - "Night of the Arts" Beginning Strings, Beginning Band 6:30 pm

From the Art Department: Students K-5 have started creating their Original Works artwork in art class. Many former Hollifield students are familiar with this process. We are putting together a display for the front display case for the purpose of showing students what "kid artwork" looks like on Original Works merchandise. We are asking any art students who would like to showcase their products that they've made in the past to bring in their examples Monday, April 21st (ONLY!) – to Ms. Rumbaugh so she can prepare the showcase. For questions, please email at Tolly_Rumbaugh@hcpss.org.

From the Guidance Office: On Monday, May 5th from 7-8:30 PM, the school counselors from Hollifield Station and St. Johns Lane Elementary Schools, will be hosting a workshop for 5th grade parents entitled, "CELEBRATING ADOLESCENCE-TRANSITIONING TO MIDDLE SCHOOL". Please note, this workshop will be held in the media center at Hollifield Station. Refreshments and door prizes will be offered that evening (this workshop is offered to adults only please). RSVP to your guidance department, and come join us for a fun, informative evening!

Testing Dates Reminder: GRADE 2 STANDARDIZED TESTING: SAT10 is on April 21st, 22nd & 23rd. MSA SCIENCE TESTING for GRADE 5 is from April 28th – May 8th. Tests are in the AM only. Please do not schedule your child for out of school appointments on these dates. It is important that all students are present and **ON TIME** on testing days. Lunch and recess schedules have been changed during testing days. If you plan to come during lunchtime, please ask your child for his/her lunch time or call the front office at 410-313-2818.

PBIS-APRIL CLUBS: In keeping with Earth Day in April and also "Bring Your Child to Work" day, CAREERS is the theme for April. The Club Day is April 25, 2008. Students can dress with these ideas in mind. A future doctor may dress with a lab coat, or a sporting outfit for those who may aspire to an athletic career. For the Earth Day theme, be creative. Maybe a T-shirt about the environment is a possibility, or a shirt with beautiful flowers. Happy April!

TYPE TO LEARN! Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Shorter have additional copies of the TYPE TO LEARN software that students use in Howard County to learn keyboarding skills. If you would like to purchase a CD for home use, please send in a check for \$13.50 made payable to SJLES. Please include your student's name and homeroom. The software is compatible with both Mac and PC systems.

PTA NEWS

Donations needed: During Staff Appreciation week, the PTA holds several raffles with prizes being awarded to SJLES staff members. The children participate and have fun cheering for the staff as the winners are announced. We are asking families to consider donating items to be used as raffle gifts during this special week. Donation ideas in the past have included theme related baskets, home based business products, local sports apparel and tickets, food items, plants and gift cards/certificates to local stores, gas stations, restaurants, theaters, meal preparation stores (i.e. Let's Eat), ice cream/sno ball stands, spas, book stores, Blockbuster etc. Gift cards can be sent to school with your child in an envelope clearly marked: Attention PTA Staff Appreciation (c/o Kathy Newberry). Please contact Lisa Scarbath at lscarbath@verizon.net to make arrangements for baskets or larger items. Thank you in advance for helping to make Staff Appreciation Week special.

Turn Off The TV Week - April 21 to April 27: Next week is Turn Off the TV Week across America. This is a nationwide effort which asks that people reassess the role TV plays in their daily lives as entertainer, pacifier, babysitter, time filler and background noise. TURNOFF WEEK is a time for people to look at their relationship with the screen, how it impacts them and their family and all the things they could be doing which could lead to more functional, healthy lifestyles. From April 21st to April 27th we challenge you and your children to turn off the TV for seven days and engage in substitute activities with greater interaction with one another, more physical activities, game playing and reading. More information will be sent home next week but children completing a full week of turning off the TV are eligible to receive a certificate and a special prize from the PTA.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: Help us earn more money for S.J.L.E.S. Until May 5th we will be taking up a special collection for Box Tops. Any students who wish to participate simply must bring in 10 or more "Box Tops for Education" and they will receive a coupon for a free sno-cone to be redeemed at the May Day event on May 10th. Students may attach the Box Tops to the flyer sent home, or put them in a plastic bag labeled with their name, grade, and teacher. Coupons for the sno-cone will be sent home in the student folders the week before May Day. There will be a limit of one free sno-cone per student. For each Box Top your child brings to school, S.J.L.E.S. receives 10 cents which will go toward the purchase of needed educational and recreational supplies. You can clip box tops from hundreds of products you use everyday. For a complete list of participating products, go to <http://www.boxtops4education.com/downloads.global.products.pdf> If you have any questions regarding the Box Tops program please contact Joanna Rogers at (410) 480-1012, or jrogers217@comcast.net. Thank you for your continued support of our school!

May Day: This year May Day will be Saturday, May 10th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Auction: Preparations for May Day are underway and donations are needed to help make our Silent Auction a success. If you have any items to donate, or know someone who does, please let us know! Questions? Please contact Tricia Reider at trreider@msn.com or 410-461-0504.

Book Sale: Please send in your new or gently used books to be donated to the book sale at May Day. There will be a box set-up near the front hall for any donations. Any type of book will be accepted (fiction, adult, childrens, cooking, etc.). Please contact Christine Siedlecki at Christina.Siedlecki@mercercor.com or Tricia Reider at trreider@msn.com

May Day Class Baskets: Class Basket donations are underway! We have gotten off to a great start, but we still need your support to fill the themed baskets for the Silent Auction. Donation boxes are in all grade areas, so send in your donations with your child! Thank you to all who have already sent items in! If you have any questions contact Lisa Higdon at higdonp@hotmail.com or 410-461-3092.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Cedar Lane School PTA is sponsoring its 11th annual "Walk for our Stars" fund-raiser at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 26, 2008. The event will take place at Maple Lawn Community Center, 7600 Maple Lawn Blvd. in Fulton. Registration is \$40 per family (up to 4, includes 2 t-shirts); \$20 per person (includes 1 t-shirt); \$5 per additional child. For more information, contact Melissa Preston at 410-888-8800.

MENU

BREAKFAST: Every day there is a variety of cereals, breakfast breads, fruits and milk.

LUNCH MENU

Cheese pizza will be offered daily

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
Chesapeake Chicken Sandwich Stacked Ham on Whole Wheat Croissant	Beef Tacos w/Flour or Corn Tortillas Chicken Salad Plate Chicken Salad Sandwich	<u>Administrative Professional Day</u> Hamburger, Cheeseburger or Vegetarian Burger Baked Chicken Patty	<u>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY</u> <u>SCHOOLS CLOSED</u>	Baked Chicken Nuggets Tuna Salad Plate Tuna Salad Sandwich

Milk and an assortment of salads and fruits are served with each meal.

Offered Daily * Yogurt, Bagel & Fresh Fruit *** Whole Wheat Bread & Dinner Rolls *** Cheese Pizza *** Offered Daily**