

# Jasper Journal

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*December 2017*

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Dear Jasper Families,

The season of celebration and giving is upon us and we have much to celebrate! We have a caring and dedicated staff, supportive parents, an amazing PTA, and the very best students. As the first trimester came to a close, it was exciting to see the high achievement and progress of our Champions. Our numerous upper grade Honor Roll recipients are a fine example of this hard work and commitment to excellence.

Our Thanksgiving Food Drive was a testimony to the kind hearts of our students and families, as well as our outreach to our upcoming Spark of Love. You made and continue to make many families in need feel overwhelmed with gratitude. We were pleased with the opportunity to meet with most of you during parent/teacher conferences to strengthen that highly important home to school relation. Success is a team effort!

We also celebrate many exciting events scheduled for the month of December. We have lots of fun activities planned for our students and parents, all the while instilling the gift of giving to others. Our Holiday Gift Shop runs December 4– 8, allowing students their own shopping time. Jasper Student Council has activities planned this month for giving and celebrating the season. Our choral performances are occurring on December 8 throughout the day at various times. December 20 which is a modified day, hosts our morning Holiday Sing-a-long at 8:00 to which you are all invited. All Kindergarten students will attend the Early Bird session that day.

As always, let's continue to celebrate our efforts and successes together. The Jasper staff hopes that your holiday break is a time of renewal filled with family, friends, and memories in the making!

*"Celebrate the happiness that friends are always giving;  
make every day a holiday and celebrate just living."*

*~A. Bradley/Journalist*

*Every Child a Champion!*



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## December

- 12/1 8:00 Champion Assembly  
11:00 Kindergarten Assembly  
**12/4-12/8 Holiday Gift Shop**  
12/4 2:35 Robotics  
12/6 *Modified day, 1:00 dismissal for grades 1-6*  
1:00-2:30 Purple Easel  
12/7 2:00 Fire Drill  
12/8 **Choral Performances:**  
8:45 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
10:50 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
1:00 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
12/11 DJ Glow Party (Fundraiser reward)  
12:20 K-3  
1:20 4-6  
2:35 Robotics (Last One)  
12/12 2:45 PTA Meeting  
12/13 *Modified day, 1:00 dismissal for grades 1-6*  
FJL during lunch  
1:00-2:30 Yearbook Meeting  
6:00 pm ALSD Board Meeting  
12/15 8:00 Champion Assembly / Reflections Awards  
11:00 Kindergarten Assembly  
12/20 *Modified day, 1:00 dismissal for grades 1-6*  
All Kindergarten students attend 8:00-12:05  
8:00 Holiday Sing-A-Long

## December 21 – January 7 Winter Break No School

### Holiday Schedule Reminder:

December 20<sup>th</sup> is a modified day for  
**all students**

Grades 1-6 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
All Kindergarten – 8:00 a.m. -12:05 p.m.  
Please inform your child care providers of  
the schedule change.

## From the Office

### Winter is Coming

Slowly but surely, the weather is cooling down and students will need sweaters or jackets during the school day. Please be sure to write your child's name on the tag for easier identification of lost.

### Absences

Be sure to call the office at (909) 484-5050 every time your child is or will be absent. If calling before or after school hours, please leave a message on the school's answering machine and include the student's full name, teacher name, and the reason for the absence.

### Holiday Activities

Parents wanting to volunteer or participate in the classroom for holiday activities/celebrations must arrange to do so with the teacher beforehand.

Remember, younger siblings are **not** allowed inside the classrooms, even for holiday activities/celebrations.

## Choral Performances

Under the guidance of Mrs. DiSchiavi, our choral teacher, Jasper is proud to present the following choral performances:

### Friday December 8<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students  
8:45 a.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students  
10:50 a.m.

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students  
1:00 p.m.



## Holiday Grams

Tis the season to be jolly!

Share your joy with a friend or your child by sending them a holiday gram! Student council will be selling holiday grams for \$1.00 each

### December 11<sup>th</sup> – December 18<sup>th</sup>

Holiday grams will be for sale at 1<sup>st</sup> recess for upper grade students and before school on December 18<sup>th</sup> for Primary students. Primary students may also purchase grams from Mrs. Daniels in room 15 during their recess. Holiday grams will be delivered on December 19<sup>th</sup>.



## Independent Study

We want to make families aware of the Independent Study Program available at Jasper when a five day or more absence from school is unavoidable. Of course, students benefit most from directly participating in classroom instruction and absences should be avoided, however in rare instances, an extended absence period from school maybe require3d. If parents have planned absence of 5 or more consecutive days, they may request an Independent Study Contract from the school Attendance Clerk at least 3 full school days to the absence to allow teachers and office staff time to prepare the student contract. Students return all completed assignments on the due date designated on the Independent Contract. For further information about the Independent Study, please contact Mrs. Stover our Attendance Clerk at 909-484-5050.

## December Spirit Week

DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> – 20<sup>TH</sup>

**MONDAY**

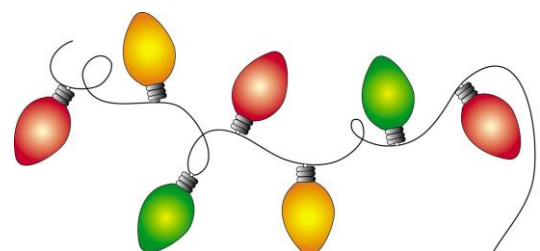
**HOLIDAY COLORS**

**TUESDAY**

**UGLY SWEATER DAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**HOLIDAY HAT DAY**





# PTA Corner



## Tis the Season of Giving **JASPER TOY DRIVE**

Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>

Please help the students of Jasper Elementary bring a smile to the face of a child in need this holiday season by making a donation of a **new unwrapped toy** to **Sparks of Love**. (Gifts for ages 10+ are greatly needed.) Each classroom will have a box available to collect donations from November 27<sup>th</sup> Through December 8<sup>th</sup>.

This is a great opportunity to speak to all of our children about the importance of giving. With big hearts, and meaningful gifts of any size or value, our Champions can bring joy to a deserving child with just one single Spark of Love.

## Holiday Gift Shop

Jasper PTA is hosting our annual "Holiday Gift Shop" from December 4-8. This exciting program makes it possible for children to experience the joy of choosing their own special holiday gifts for family and friends. Items will be moderately priced from \$.25 to \$15.00 and include items like jewelry, tools, plaques and coffee mugs. Each class will be assigned a day and time to visit the Gift Shop. An envelope will be sent home on Friday December 1<sup>st</sup> with the assigned shopping day. You may enclose cash or check (payable to Jasper PTA) and indicate on the envelope the names and allotted amounts for which the student will be shopping.

Volunteers are also needed to work the event. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Andi Cardenas at (909) 262-8782

## Gift ideas for boys or girls

Coloring books/ crayons  
Dolls/ action figures  
Hot Wheels  
Sports Stuff  
Stuffed toys  
Beanies/ scarves/ gloves

Wallets  
Hair accessories  
Nail polish  
Make-up bags/ brushes  
Books (all grade levels)  
Board games/puzzles

Earbuds



D. J. Glow Party (for West Coast Fundraiser)  
Monday, December 11

FJL -Gift Wrap available – Wednesday, December 13  
Game truck (for West Coast Fundraiser) - Thursday, December  
Reflections Assembly & Reception- Friday, December 15

