

Jasper Journal

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February 2019

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Dear Jasper Families,

Happy February! There are a lot of great things happening here at Jasper that I would like to share with you! Our Student Council has been working hard with the student body in order to collect, “Pennies for Patients”. This program will help our students to make a difference by helping save the lives of blood cancer patients, one penny at a time. They also sponsored, “Big Hearts, Big Impact”, where students write special caring notes to the elderly. These will be taken to local retirement homes. We appreciate the caring and positivity of our students.

We have also been focusing on STEM this month which stands for: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. We want our students to have an opportunity to explore various STEM concepts. We started by participating in a STEM Fair at our school. Projects were voted on and a few were selected to move on to the District STEM Fair. We are proud of all the participants as they had some amazing ideas!

We are also excited to share that we are beginning an after school Robotics program. Students were able to attend an assembly to show them about robots they would be building and computer coding. We also had a science assembly that told us all about local reptiles, their habitats, and behaviors. We will finish with an Imagiscience assembly where students learn about safe chemical reactions.

On the recent in-service day our teachers were able to learn Kagan strategies that will help them to engage our students in daily lessons and learning. Students who are interacting with the materials and are attending to the lesson are more likely to recall what has been presented.

Thank you to our staff and parents for your continued support and involvement. We are working together to make our Champions the best that they can be.

Every Child a Champion!

Sincerely,

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February

- 2/1-2/22 Pennies for Patients
- 2/1 8:00 Champion Assembly
11:00 Kindergarten Champion Assembly
2:30 Chozen Karate Begins
- 2/4 5th Grade Band Discovery
2:30-3:30 Robotics Begins
- 2/6 *Modified day, 1:00 dismissal for grades 1-6*
12:30 Fire Drill
1:15 SITE Council Meeting
6:00 pm ALSD Board Meeting
- 2/7 6:30 G.A.T.E. STEM Fair at ALJH
- 2/9 8:00 Champion Assembly
11:00 Kindergarten Champion Assembly
12:30 Bookmobile
2:30 Chozen Karate
- 2/11 5th Grade Band Discovery
2:30-3:30 Robotics
- 2/12 2:45 PTA Meeting
- 2/13 *Modified day, 1:00 dismissal for grades 1-6*
Student Store during lunch
1:00-3:00 G.A.T.E. Day
- 2/14 Valentine's Day
- 2/15 **NO SCHOOL** – President Lincoln's Birthday
- 2/18 **NO SCHOOL** – President's Day Holiday
- 2/19 10:18 Reverse Evacuation Drill (lock-down)
- 2/20 *Modified day, 1:00 dismissal for grades*
FGL during lunch
1:00-2:30 Yearbook
6:00 pm ALSD Board Meeting
- 2/21 6:00-8:00 PTA Father/Daughter Dance
- 2/22 End of 2nd Trimester
8:00 Champion/ HERO/WOW Assembly
11:00 Kindergarten Champion Assembly
2nd Grade STATS
- 2/25 5th Grade Band Discovery
2:30-3:30 Robotics
- 2/27 1:00-3:00 G.A.T.E. Day
- 2/28 2:45 PTA Spirit Wear Sale-Last one

February Holidays No School

February 12 – Lincoln's Birthday

February 19 – President's Day

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration begins February 1

Spread the word! Tell your neighbors! It's time to roundup and register the incoming Kindergarten students for the 2019-2020 school year.

If you have a child who will be five years old on or before **September 1**, it's time to register for Kindergarten. You may pick up registration forms beginning February 1, 2019 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. We will need the registration packet returned, along with:

- Proof of residence (2 currently dated utility bills, i.e. gas and electric)
- Immunization record
- Original Birth Certificate

Kindergarten Open House will be held on Thursday April 25, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

Preppy K

If you have a child who will be turning five between September 2nd and December 2nd, your child is eligible to enroll in Preppy K, the first year of a two year Kindergarten experience. It provides the opportunity for children to be better prepared to succeed in Kindergarten and beyond. You may pick up a registration packet for Preppy K in the front office beginning February 1, 2019.

If you have questions, please call the Jasper office at 484-5050.

Pupil Services

Please visit the Pupil Services page on our district website for valuable information regarding attendance, enrollment, family resources and more.

<https://www.alsd.k12.ca.us/page/236>

Looking for ALSD Information?

Check out the Alta Loma School District website at

<https://www.alsd.k12.ca.us>

For Jasper specific information follow the tabs on the District Website to Jasper Elementary School or our website at

<https://www.alsd.k12.ca.us/jasper>

Forgotten Items

In order to respect classroom instruction and limit interruptions, please remind your student to come to the office to check for forgotten lunches before buying a lunch and check for homework. Office staff will not interrupt the class to let students know they have something to pick up.

Students who do not have their instrument at band time are to check in the school office to see if their instrument has been delivered.

We know that with a little encouragement and consistency, our students can become responsible and learn to check for items during their breaks and lunches.

Yearbook Order Deadline is Approaching!

Yearbooks can be purchased for as little as \$15

Yearbooks can be purchased online
YBPAY.LIFETOUCH.COM
 Yearbook ID code **9455519**

OR you may choose to pick up an order form in the front office (**cash payment only**)

SEE YOUR CHILD'S NAME IN LIGHTS!



(Child's name)

CELEBRATE YOUR CHILD'S BIRTHDAY ON THE JASPER SCHOOL MARQUEE FOR ONLY \$10.00

Give your child a very special gift on their birthday! Just think how thrilled your child will be when they see "Happy Birthday (child's name)" in lights up on the Jasper School Marquee when they arrive at school on the day of their birthday!

The message will only be displayed for the one day. If your child's birthday falls after school is out for the year, we will have a special "unbirthday" day for them in May.

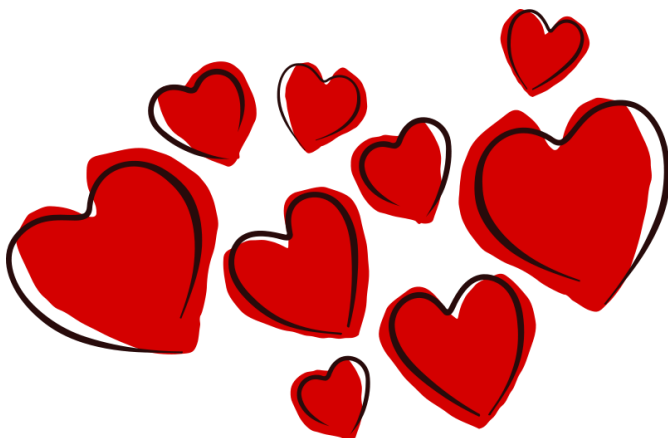
If you are interested, pick up a form in the front office and return it with the \$10.00 at least **7 days prior to your child's birthday.**

Thank you for supporting Jasper Elementary PTA!

(All funds go directly back to gifts for the school)

Help Your Child Get Ready For Kindergarten

- K**indle excitement about kindergarten. Visit your school and meet your child's teacher.
- I**nvoke new school friends home to play and help your child build strong friendships.
- N**ever forget safety. Teach your child safety rules – whether walking or taking the bus.
- D**iscuss what your child will be learning in school – colors, numbers, shapes and letters.
- E**xplore your neighborhood together. Talk about the world you live in.
- R**eview the good behavior expected of your child, such as following rules and taking turns.
- G**et involved at your child's school. Join the PTA. Volunteer in the classroom.
- A**nswer your child's questions about school. Reassure your child that school is fun!
- R**ead to your child daily. Visit the library together.
- T**urn every day into a learning experience. Let your child help with everyday chores.
- E**ncourage your child to eat well, get enough sleep, bathe daily, and brush teeth twice a day.
- N**otice the new things your child is learning to do. Reinforce your child's progress with praise.



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GIVE BACK TO SCHOOLS

Office Depot or Office Max

Education Is The Foundation To A Brighter Future

Give 5% Back To Your School!

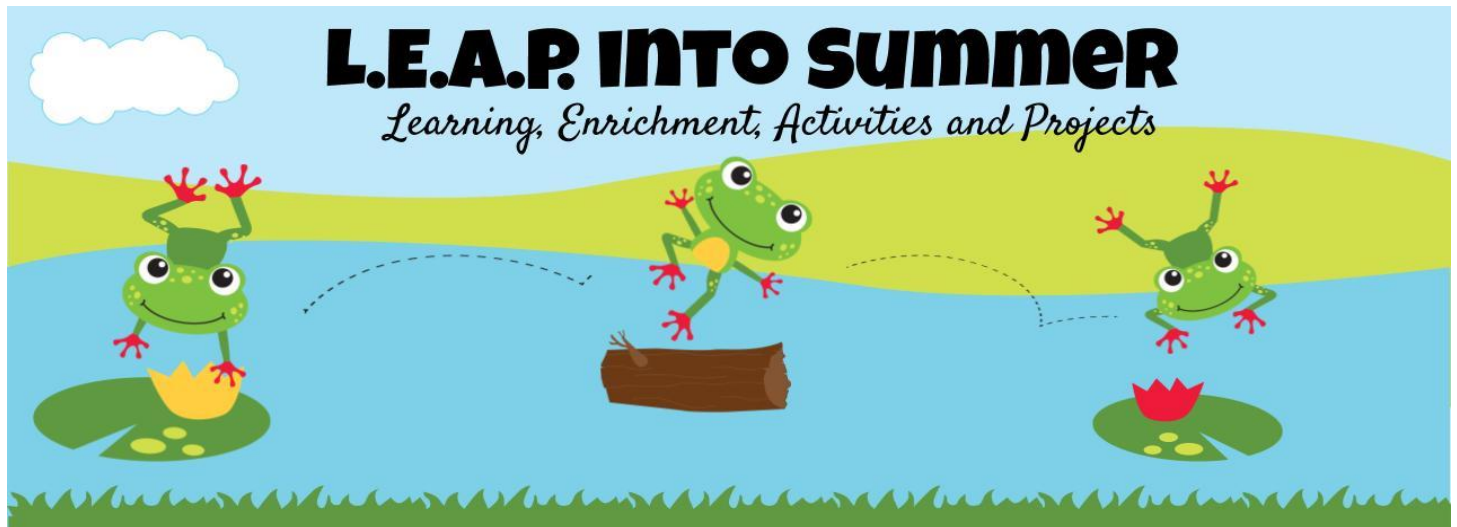
Simply make a purchase of [qualifying school supplies](#), provide your school ID at checkout and your designated school will receive 5% back in credits for **FREE** supplies!

It's a small act that can make a huge difference

Jasper School ID Number
70005455

Class Placement

When assigning students to specific classrooms, the aim is to provide the best possible learning environment for each student. When placing students, teachers ensure an even balance of academic skills from high to low, as well as a balance of student behavior issues. The number of students involved in GATE (upper grade only), Special Education, and English Language Learners is also balanced as is an equalization of gender. It is critical that some students be separated from other students. Within the framework, student personality and a good "match" is also considered. The teachers put great care and time into this process. The site administrator gives a final check to ensure that classes are equally balanced. If a parent or guardian has a specific concern regarding placement, we ask that the front office be notified of this **in writing** by April 26, 2019.



L.E.A.P. into Summer Enrichment Program!

Believe it or not, summer is right around the corner! It's time to begin making summer plans for your students to keep them engaged and motivated! We encourage you to keep them actively learning during our Learning Enrichment Activities and Projects (L.E.A.P.) Summer Enrichment Program. The Alta Loma School District's Child Development Center is offering enrichment courses for elementary and junior high school students that are not regularly provided as part of the established curriculum during the school year. These fee-based enrichment courses will be taught by credentialed teachers and are intended to offer hands-on projects and activities that stimulate creativity, innovation, collaboration, communication, critical thinking, and fun! L.E.A.P. courses will be offered during two, 2-week sessions beginning in June, 2019.

The program will be held at Banyan Elementary School and the dates for this summer are:

LEAP Summer Enrichment Dates and Times:

- **Session 1 - June 3-14, 2019**
 - 1A: 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
 - 1B: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- **Session 2 - June 17-28, 2019**
 - 2A: 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
 - 2B: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Look for more information to follow, including our L.E.A.P. into Summer website that will include course descriptions, course schedules, registration, and payment information. Go ahead and take the L.E.A.P! We can't wait to see you there!

First Grade Physicals

All kindergarten students must have a physical prior to entering first grade. You might want to consider scheduling an appointment now. We have found if parents wait until summer, doctors become very busy with immunizations and sports physicals; therefore, appointments can be difficult to get.

If you think your kindergartner has had the physical, you might want to call the Jasper Health Office and check with Mrs. Castellanos, our Health Clerk, at 909-484-5050.

District Transfers

The application window for Intra and Inter District Transfers will be open beginning **February 1st, 2019**. Applications for Intra-District transfers will not be accepted **after March 22, 2019**. Applications for Inter-District transfer requests will remain open.



Whooping Cough/Pertussis Reminder to 6th Grade Parents

Whooping cough, also known as pertussis, has become widespread in California. To protect your student, the State of California is taking aggressive action to control this disease and has implemented new school immunization requirements.

Effective July 1, 2011, **ALL** California students in grades 7-12 are required to receive the Tdap booster vaccine. This means, **for the 2019-2020 school year, all students entering 7th through 12th grades must provide proof that they have received the whooping cough (Tdap) booster vaccine before starting the 2019-2020 school year.**

If your 7th or 8th grade student is not in compliance, he/she will not be permitted to begin classes in August 2019.

Children who received a dose of Tdap on or after their 7th birthday will be considered to have met the new school requirement. However, California Department of Public Health recommends that children receive Tdap on or after their 10th birthday to provide better protection throughout their adolescent years.

To obtain the form needed by the school, contact the health clerk and/or district website. The form must be returned to your student's school by **May 1, 2019**. If you need additional information, please contact your health clerk at your school site.

New Immunization Requirements

Under a new law known as SB 277, beginning January 1, 2016, exemptions based on personal beliefs will no longer be an option for the vaccines that are currently required for entry into child care or school in California. Most families will not be affected by the new law because their children have received all required vaccinations. Personal beliefs exemptions on file for a child already attending child care or school will remain valid until the child reaches the next immunization checkpoint at kindergarten (including transitional kindergarten) or 7th grade.

For more information about SB 277, please see the Frequently Asked Questions available at: <http://www.shotsforschool.org/laws/sb277faq/>.

For more information about school immunization requirements and resources, please visit the California Department of Public Health's website at www.shotsforschool.org, or contact your local health department or county office of education.