Jameson Elementary School

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Dear Jameson Families,

Happy Friday. It has been another busy and successful week, filled with lovely celebrations for Teacher Appreciation Week. A huge *THANK YOU* to our fabulous PTO and all of the families who supported their efforts to make this *just right* for our Jameson Staff! There is lots to do still and the days are ticking away…



This morning's Assembly was themed Bike Safety. Mrs. Robbins and Mrs. DeCosta were our learning leaders, replete with Mrs. DeCosta wearing her helmet and on her bike. They shared some very helpful safety tips and they did a wonderful job! Our Pledge helpers were Willow and Caden from Mrs. White's class and they also did a wonderful job! The winners of today's highly-coveted, hard-to-come-by STAR gift bag winners were Annabelle from Mrs. Jordan's class, Ally from Mrs. Rocheleau's class, Ben from Ms. Jenkins' class, and Rigdon from Mrs. Shaw's class. Congratulations to these winners and to all of our students who earned STAR tickets this week!



We had a fire drill on Wednesday and everyone did an excellent job. The firefighters were very impressed with how quickly and quietly our students followed the procedure. Well done everyone! This afternoon we will be doing Bus Safety drills, with three busses and three drivers coming to our Jameson playground to get this important work done efficiently. Thank you to our Director of Operations, Mr. Beaudoin, for helping us arrange this. Safety is paramount and we work hard to ensure this.

While we still have 6 weeks of learning ahead of us, we are beginning to think about student placements for next year. I am attaching our Parent Input on Student Placement for you to complete should you have information to offer in this regard. You can either follow the above link, or access the form in its entirety at the bottom of the letter. Please do let me know if you have any questions. I need to have these completed forms in hand on Monday. Thank you.

The next PTO meeting is scheduled for this coming Tuesday, May 7th, at 6pm in the Loranger School Library. This group does so very much to support our students and staff in PreK through eighth grade and they could use your help moving forward. Please do plan to attend if you are able.

Our Jameson Backpack program is ready to go again today and this is great news! If you have any ideas or support to lend, or if you'd like your children to take part, please do contact Mrs. Tracy or me here at Jameson, 934-2891. It takes a village and together we can do more.

Important upcoming dates…

- ➔ Our next PTO meeting is planned for Tuesday, May 6th, at 6pm, at the Loranger School Library.

- ➔ Monday, May 27th is Memorial day and we will have no school that day in observance.
- ➔ Our Field Day is planned for either Wednesday, May 29th, or Thursday, May 30th. We will make the final decision at the beginning of that week based on the weather forecast. We will need lots of volunteers to make this day successful. Stay tuned for more details.
- ➔ Our last day of school for this year will be Thursday, June 13th, and this will be an early release day for students as they will be dismissed at 11:30, already having eaten lunch.

Our wonderful PTO is still selling some awesome OOB GULLS hoodies! They are of great quality with a very attractive color scheme and cost just $24 each, or $26 for 3XL.



Speaking of our wonderful PTO, please take a moment to check out this infographic depicting the tremendous support the PTO has provided for our PreK-8 students and staff. It is VERY impressive and much appreciated!

LORANGER–JAMESON PTO

Parents & teachers working together make our schools stronger!

HOW WE HELP

OVER $10,000
Raised by the PTO each year to support teachers, students, and our school community

OVER $3,800
Provided directly to teachers for classroom supplies each year

OVER $3,300
Given toward field trips each year for all grade levels and music classes

AND MORE!

- Funded the "Imaginarium" STEM learning room
- Purchased playground equipment
- Provided prizes for assemblies, contests, and MEA testing
- Organized school spirit weeks
- Hosted dances for all grade levels
- Purchased school equipment, like speakers, bulletin boards, and a projector
- Thanked our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week with special treats
- Donated toward the 8th grade semiformal dance
- Hosted Jameson movie nights
- Helped support a memorial scholarship
- Supported the Wreaths Across America event
- Thanked administrative support staff
- Funded special guest speakers and programs
- Provided sports equipment
- Purchased supplies to welcome families to open house events

WHAT YOU CAN DO

The PTO would appreciate your support in any way that you can provide. There are no membership fees or requirements. Do as little or as much as you can!

All PTO money goes right back to the schools, but we need your help to earn what is needed!

For more information, follow us on Facebook or email pto@rsu23.org.

- Come to a monthly meeting.
- Send in baked goods and other items for concessions sales.
- Volunteer at events like dances and our annual craft fair.
- Help the PTO by supporting our events and initiatives: dances, boxtops, raffles, Clynk bags, and much more!
- Make a donation (cash or check).



Boy Scout sign-ups are coming up soon…



Join Cub Scouts Girls & Boys Grades K-5

Signup Sunday May 5th 2019

Martels Ice Cream Rt 1 Saco 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Free Mini Golf for new Signups

This is a Rain or Shine Event

Or

Join us and build a Ivory Soap boat and race in our

Raingutter Regatta at our Wednesday May 29th Pack Meeting

6:00 - 7:30 pm. Loranger Middle School 148 Saco Ave OOB

Or Join us for both events

What we offer: Fun with a Purpose.

For the Scout: *A Safe environment to have Fun with Friends & make new Friends. A Experience of a Lifetime. Camping, Crafts, Safety Skills. A culture where all are welcome and accepted. Check the other side for all the fun activities we do throughout the year.*

For the Parent/ Guardian: *A Safe environment. Safety is our number one priority. Two Deep Leadership: no one is ever alone. Leaders that have gone through background checks and training to protect your child. Scout Packs are operated by parents/ guardians like you, and opportunities to join the Leadership. We are currently looking for Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos & Arrow of Light, Leaders & Assistant Leaders. As well as committee members. We provide training. It's Fun!*

If you cannot make our Signup events you can still join anytime. If you have any questions or to sign up email pack350@pack350.net



The Things We Do & Fun We Have

Battleship Cove (Sleep on a real battleship)
Pinewood Derby (Race a car you make)
Museum of Science (Sleep in the Museum)
Sturbridge Village Sleepover
Fun Pack Weekend (Camp at Scout Camp for a night and do Archery, BB, Swimming and much more.!!)
Halloween and Holiday Party
Special Events Like Monster Trucks, Maine Mariners, Globetrotters etc.
Raingutter Regatta (Race a boat you make)
Selling Popcorn & Earning Prizes.
Playing Games
Learning Skills
Visiting cool places like you couldn't normally visit like TV Stations.

Here is the Parent Input for Student Placement form for those interested…

Jameson Elementary School

Parent Input Form

Student Placement for 2019-2020

Student's Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Current Teacher: _____ **Present Grade:** _____

Parents are invited to provide input regarding the educational environment which they feel would be of special benefit to the student. This input is considered along with the criteria below to create balanced and positive classroom learning groups. Please do not request a specific teacher.

Input will be reviewed by Mr. Flaherty and shared with staff involved in the placement process.

Placement Criteria:

- Maintain an appropriate mix of males and females in all classrooms
- Maintain an appropriate mix of academic abilities in all classrooms
- Maintain an appropriate mix of social, emotional and behavioral levels in all classrooms
- Maintain equitable overall class sizes at all grade levels

Please check the boxes which reflect your view of your child's current school performance.

Behavior	Rarely	Sometimes	Most of the time
Demonstrates self control			
Takes responsibility for self and actions			
Pays attention			
Follows directions			
Works well with others			
Works independently			
Completes work in a timely manner			
Strives to do quality work			
Makes friends easily			
Comfortable in new social situations			

Student characteristics: How do you view your child? Please check all that apply.

____ shy	____ aggressive	____ follower
____ sensitive	____ creative	____ leader
____ quiet	____ outgoing	____ risk taker
____ easy going	____ active	____ adaptable

Briefly complete the following:

1. My child's area of strengths and interests are:

2. Special areas of needs (academic, behavioral, social/emotional, or physical) requiring further growth or development are:

3. Additional information you feel would be helpful for us to know about your child and/or family:

4. Other factors for consideration:

SPECIFIC TEACHER REQUESTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND FORMS WILL BE RETURNED.

Parent Signature _____ *Phone* _____

Forms must be returned to Mr. Flaherty by Monday, May 6th

Have a great break!

Take care,

Mr. Flaherty