

George A. Jackson

PTA Handbook



2008-2009

Dear Jackson Families,

Welcome to the 2008-2009 school year at the George A. Jackson Elementary School. As you read through this Handbook, you will see that we are a very active and productive PTA. There are so many wonderful events planned for the upcoming year.

This Handbook can be a very valuable reference guide throughout the school year. It contains phone numbers, school policies, and other general PTA & District information. Chances are, if you have a question, you will find the answer in this book. Once again, thanks to the efforts of our Shared Decision Making Team, we're especially pleased to add a list of parent volunteers willing to translate world languages for those families that need interpreters.

We look forward to seeing you at our PTA meetings, fundraising events and fun filled family events. We hope you will join us and reap the rewards of being involved in your children's school.

We hope we can count on you for your help and support to continue the wonderful programs and events that enrich our children's educational experience. Don't hesitate to contact any of the PTA officers with your questions, concerns or ideas. We can be reached by e-mail at bevlashley@msn.com & orbuchs@aol.com.

Welcome to our Jackson Family.
Sincerely,

Beverley Lashley
First Vice President

Jodi Orbuch
Executive Vice President

September 2008

Dear Parents,

As another year begins, I would like to welcome our children and parents to Jackson School. Our PTA Handbook is designed to provide current information about our school and the Jericho community. I am sure you will find its contents both useful and invaluable.

This Handbook is a product of our hard working PTA, its officers, committee chairs and members who volunteer their time for our children. As you review it, you will better understand why we take great pride in our Parent Teacher Association.

I applaud the collaborative efforts of the PTA parents who designed and revised this Handbook for the 2008-2009 school year. We can all look forward to an exceptional and informative school year.

Welcome to Jackson!

Sincerely,

Benny D'Aquila

Benny D'Aquila
Principal

PRINCIPAL:	PRINCIPAL	Benny D'Aquila
	School Secretary	M. D'Alto
SPECIAL SUBJECT AND SUPPORT STAFF:	Clerk/Typist	M. Yagaloff
	Office Aide	B. Stampfl
	Lunch Aide Supervisor	M. Lorintz
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	Aide -Floater Teacher (Floater)	I. Mavroudis J. Day
	AIS	M. Risi S. Morris
	Art	E. Cosenza
	Computer Literacy	E. Zeises
	Special Educ. Facilitator	K. Conger
	E.S.L.	C. Buccaran * J. Spechler
	World Language Teachers	M. Seymour A. Song
	Learning Center	K. Quinones S. Katkowski K. Houser D. Hatzis D. Marrus R. Biblo K. Krug
	Librarian	M. Bertolini
	Library Aide	D. Lippin

Personnel (continued)

Math	L. Wittmann
Music (Instrumental)	W. Schuster (Band) * D. Costello (Orchestra) *
Music (Vocal)	J. Russo
Nurse	B. Adams
Physical Education	C. O'Connell J. Woska
Primary Literacy	J. Leprine
Psychologist, CSE	Dr. S. Schwartz
Reading	C. Ferris T. Mazzilli
Sch. Comm. Counselor	A. Messinger *
Science	L. Oddo
Speech	F. Rivera S. Burke L. Hakes
Hearing Impaired Teacher	E. Axelrod
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Custodial	F. Mandracchia, D.DiClementi, K. Falkowski, C. Saravia P.MacDougall, A. Lopez
Crossing Guard	D. Busam

* Shared Faculty

JERICHO SCHOOL DIST. TELEPHONE NUMBERS 2008-2009

Dial 203-3600 followed by the extension

<u>Extension</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>
3640	Jackson School		Office
6240	Jackson School	Benny D'Aquila	Principal
6356	Jackson School	Marianne D'Alto	Secretary
6480	Jackson School	Elizabeth Adams	Nurse
6235	Jackson School	Dr. Stacey Schwartz	Psychology
6361	Jackson School	Andrea Messinger	Sch. Comm. Counselor
3650	Cantiague School		Office
7250	Cantiague School	Anthony Sinanis	Principal
7364	Cantiague School	Laura Staton	Secretary
3630	Seaman School		Office
5280	Seaman School	Adam Winnick	Principal
5357	Seaman School	Susan Belfiore	Secretary
3620	Middle School		Office
3552	Middle School	Donald Gately	Principal
3270	Middle School	Joseph Weiner	Asst Principal
3273	Middle School	Patricia Bany	Asst Principal
3236	Middle School	Barbara Canton	C.S.E.
3271	Middle School	Joan York	Guidance
3557		Meredith Richman	Guidance
3274	Middle School	Kerri Schmitt	Guidance
3212	Middle School	Dr. Jeff Barnes	Psychologist
3266	Middle School	Joanne Verdino	Social Worker
3206	Middle School	Sandy Thau	School Nurse
3460	Middle School	Lynn McDonnell	LC Consultant Teacher
3430	Middle School	Peggy Rudis	Attendance
3610	High School		Office
3222	High School	Joseph Prisinzano	Principal
3226	High School	Maureen Appiarius	Asst Principal
3224	High School	Joan Rosenberg	Asst Principal
3258	High School	Tracy Gilet	Director of Food Services
3442	High School	Maryann Risi	JTA Office
3237	High School		Attendance
3230	High School	Iris Reshes	School Nurse
3233	Buildings & Grounds	Tim Almeida	
3244	Director of Transportation	Michael Cotsonas	

JERICHO JOINT PTA COUNCIL

The Jericho Joint PTA Council, organized under the authority of the New York State PTA, incorporates all of the members of the PTA units throughout our school district. The officers of the Jericho Joint PTA Council are:

President	Nancy Weiss
Vice President	Ilene Joachim
Recording Secretary	Marla Susser
Corresponding Secretary	Ruth Damon
Treasurer	Bonni Silber
Immediate Past President	Michelle Gruszecki

BOARD OF EDUCATION boe@jerichoschools.org

The five members of the Jericho Board of Education, all of whom serve without pay are as follows:

President	Barbara Krieger
Vice President	Joseph H. Lorintz
Trustee	Shawn Gladstone
Trustee	Mark R. Basile
Trustee	Claire M. Hochheiser

The Board of Education meetings are usually held the last Thursday of each month except holidays, beginning at 7:30 p.m. In addition, the Board conducts many informational meetings during the year, as well as several special sessions when needed. The Board welcomes community participation and attendance at all meetings and school functions.

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

Phone: 203-3600

Superintendent	Henry L. Grishman	Ext. 3201
Asst. Superintendent for Business Affairs	Dr. Joan L. Colvin	Ext. 3214
Asst. Superintendent for Educational Operations and Human Resources	Dr. Ben Ciuffo	Ext. 3203
Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction	Barbara Bauer	Ext. 3256
Director of Educational Technology	Mark Steinberger	Ext. 3413
Director of Pupil Personnel	Edward M. Friedlander	Ext. 3254
Director of Public Info & Community Relations	Mary Marks	Ext. 3202

CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES

Phone: 203-3600

Science/ Technology	Frank DiMartino	Ext. 3238
Health, Phys. Ed. & Athletics	Nancy Sammis	Ext. 3248
Mathematics	Helene Kriegstein	Ext. 3426
English/Language Arts	Daniel Salzman	Ext. 3427
Special Education	John Castronova, Psy. D.	Ext. 3247
Music/Performing Arts	Kenneth Pollitt	Ext. 3246
Social Studies	Eric Sundberg	Ext. 3229
FineArts/Home&Careers/ Business	Ernest Savaglio	Ext. 3445
Guidance	Lois Smith	Ext. 3452
World Languages	Elaine Margarita Ed. D	Ext. 3428

JACKSON'S GUIDELINES FOR SUCCESS

These rules were developed by Jackson students and adopted by the students, teachers and parents of Jackson's site-based compact for learning team as guidelines for success. All students are expected to respect and abide by this code of behavior. Individual classes and teachers may have additional rules that will be explained by the teacher.

Classroom Behavior:

1. Listen to and respect your teacher.
2. Show respect for other students.
3. Raise your hand when you want to speak.
4. Wait your turn to speak.
5. Always try your best.
6. Laughing at another person's mistakes is unacceptable.
7. Teasing people is not allowed.
8. There will be no fighting amongst students.
9. Use of bad language is not allowed.
10. Always come to class prepared.

Hallway Rules:

1. Respect safety patrol. Don't talk back to safety patrol or anyone else in authority.
2. Walk quietly. Running, jogging, or sprinting is not allowed.
3. If your teacher is not in the classroom in the morning, sit down outside your room.
4. Stay on the silver line at all times during arrival and dismissal.
5. Pushing, shoving or fighting is unacceptable behavior.

Bathroom Rules:

1. Always take a pass when you go to the bathroom.
2. No running is allowed entering or exiting the bathroom.
3. Proper behavior is expected at all times while in the bathroom.
4. Wash your hands before leaving the bathroom.

Cafeteria Rules:

1. Please walk as you enter and exit the cafeteria.
2. Be respectful to everyone.
3. Get permission from an adult to leave your seat.
4. Use a quiet, inside voice.
5. Keep our feet out of the aisles.
6. Avoid shaking or moving the benches or tables.
7. Clean up after you eat.

Auditorium Rules:

1. Enter the auditorium quietly.
2. Talking is not permitted during a movie or an assembly.
3. Have positive thoughts about the movie or assembly program.

4. Remember to show your appreciation with applause at the end of a performance.
5. Food is not permitted in the auditorium.
6. At the end of the movie or assembly, remain in your seats until your class is called.

Bus Rules:

1. Listen to and respect your bus driver. He or She is in charge.
2. Remain seated while the bus is moving.
3. Bad language is not permitted on the bus.
4. Screaming is not permitted on the bus.
5. Seat belts are available if your parents have advised you to use them.
6. Stay five feet away from the bus while crossing the street so that the driver can see you, thus avoiding any accident.

STRUCTURE OF THE PTA

The George A. Jackson PTA is part of the national PTA and, on a local level, part of the Jericho Joint Council of PTAs and PTSAs . Within the Jackson PTA, there are seven elected officers and an executive board comprised of the officers and approximately eight board liaisons. Beyond this, there are approximately 120 committee chairs, as well as all of our general membership (parents, teachers, etc.).

George A. Jackson PTA's elected officers are as follow: two Co-Presidents, First Vice President, Executive Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. Each of these officers is elected by the general membership to serve a two-year term. The election process is detailed in our bylaws and outlined below.

Election of PTA Officers:

1. At our February PTA meeting (or 60 days prior to our April meeting), a nominating committee consisting of seven members is elected. Of the seven, four must be elected by the executive board from among its members and three must be non-board members elected at a regular PTA meeting.
2. At our April PTA meeting, the nominating committee announces its nominations of one person for each office to be filled for the following school year. During the April meeting, additional nominations are also accepted from the floor. (Any member may nominate herself or another member who is willing to serve in a particular office).
3. After all nominations have been made, elections are held during the April meeting. If there is only one nominee for an office, the election is by voice vote. If there are multiple nominees for an office, the vote is by written ballot. All Jackson PTA members are entitled to vote during this meeting.

4. The induction of officers takes place at the close of our June PTA meeting.
5. No officer is permitted to serve a second consecutive term in the same office or to hold more than one office.

Selection of Committee Chairs and Executive Board Members:

1. In the spring of each year, the PTA sends out a flyer soliciting volunteers to serve on the executive board and to chair PTA committees for the following year. The flyer is sent home with all Jackson students.
2. After the deadline for the committee chair flyer responses has passed, the newly-elected officers meet to choose committee chairs from among the list of volunteers. An effort is made to combine experienced committee chairs with new volunteers. In many cases, two to four members are selected to co-chair a committee. An effort is made to place every volunteer in a committee chair position (although this is not always possible, due to the large number of volunteers). When a large number of members volunteer for the same position, the officers will often ask some of the volunteers to chair another committee.
3. The elected officers choose members to serve on the executive board from among those who have volunteered for these positions. Each member selected to serve on the executive board is assigned responsibility as a board liaison to one or more committees. Preference is given to those who have chaired PTA committees.

Class Captains and Room Representatives:

1. Each class has one class captain who serves as a liaison between the PTA or classroom teacher and the room reps for phone chains and class functions. Volunteers are solicited at the beginning of each school year. Teachers often ask class captains to coordinate class parties or to arrange for room reps to accompany the class on trips. Each class captain is required to attend at least three PTA meetings and to work the PTA carnival as well as three additional PTA events or committees. She is also required to solicit raffle prizes from an assigned route for our carnival.
2. There is no limit to the number of room reps in each class. Volunteers are solicited at the beginning of each school year. Room reps must be willing and available to help out with class functions, trips and phone chains when needed. All room reps are required to attend at least two PTA meetings and work the PTA carnival as well as two additional PTA events or committees.
3. When calling upon room reps to help out for parties or trips, the class captain must work from the randomly ordered list of room reps provided to her by the PTA board. The first three or four room representatives are the parents who have been selected to help expedite our phone chain.

4. A parent may serve as a class captain for only one class in any given year. However, she may serve as a room rep for more than one class. There may be an occasion when a parent is a class captain for his or her child more than once, over the years, if the situation arises that no one else has volunteered within their child's class.
5. Any room rep or class captain who does not fulfill her obligations cannot serve as a room rep or captain in the following year. **All parents should be sure to sign-in at all PTA functions whether it be a PTA meeting, committee work, or helping to set up for a committee.** The PTA Board keeps records and checks attendance requirements.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

School Hours: The school day is from 8:25 to 2:55 p.m. Children arriving after 8:25 must sign in late at the office.

Transportation

Busing: The district provides busing for all elementary school children. Depending on space availability, children may go home with a friend on the friend's bus, but only with a parent or guardian's written permission. To enjoy the privilege of bus transportation, students must observe the regulations and follow the directives of drivers and other staff or be subject to disciplinary actions by the building principal. Contact Mr. Michael Cotsonas at 203-3600 ext.3244 with any questions regarding busing.

Carpools:

Arrival - Plan to arrive at the circle in front of Jackson no earlier than 8:15 a.m. For safety purposes, from 8:00 to 8:25 a.m., lane use is as follows:

Lane 1- no parking, not in use.

Lane 2- drop off lane, for children who can leave the car unassisted and on the passenger side only. The driver may not leave the car and must exit the driveway immediately after the children exit the car.

Lane 3- parking lane, for parents who need to assist their children leave their car, or for children who need to exit on the driver side. Drivers must accompany any children crossing from this lane.

Dismissal- For safety purposes, from 2:10 until 3:00 p.m., the circle will be used for dismissal only. Any cars in the circle during that time will remain in the circle until after all buses have exited the parking lot.

Cars may line up in all three lanes, advancing as far forward as possible. You may shut off your motor and wait outside the school for children to be dismissed. Parents may not enter the building. Return to your car as quickly as possible after children are dismissed and be ready to leave. **BE CONSIDERATE!!** The barricade will be removed to allow all cars in Lane 1 to leave, followed by Lane 2, and finally Lane 3.

If your child has not entered your car by the time the barricade is lifted, you must leave the circle and re-enter. Children will be kept at the school door. To protect our children, cars are not to back out or turn around in the circle!

Walkers/Bicycle Riders- Walkers and bicycle riders should plan to arrive at school between 8:10 and 8:20 a.m. Bicycle racks are provided adjacent to the school parking lot. Bicycles should be locked.

School Lunch- Children may bring bag lunches, prepay for one term of lunch or purchase lunch in the cafeteria. Menus are sent home at the beginning of each month. A complete meal, including milk is \$2.00. Milk alone is 40 cents. Juice and snacks may also be purchased. If a child forgets his/her lunch or money on any given day, he/she may obtain a charge slip from the cafeteria. Please repay the cafeteria on the following day. School Lunch can be prepaid for half

the school year (September through January) or the entire school year. For information, contact Tracy Gilet, Cafeteria Manager, 203-3600 extension 3258.

School Breakfast – During the 2008-2009 school year, Jackson will pilot a breakfast program. The cost of breakfast will be \$1.50 per day and will be served from 8:00 AM until 8:20 AM. Students arriving on the bus will be sent directly to the cafeteria if they will be purchasing breakfast. Students who are dropped off in the morning can report to the cafeteria. Please note there is no additional bus for the breakfast program.

Snack- Each teacher sets his/her own policy regarding snack in the classroom. This will be discussed during back to school night. In any case, only nutritious snacks such as fruit, vegetables, or dry cereal should be sent.

Birthday Celebrations- Teachers are happy to allow children to share a special snack with the class on their birthday. However, please send the teacher a note about a week ahead of time to ensure that the date will not interfere with a planned classroom activity. Children are also invited to say the morning Pledge of Allegiance in the office on their birthday.

Sibling Policy – In efforts to safeguard students in our school, no siblings are allowed to attend any school events during school hours. Please do not bring siblings & strollers into the building for any PTA sponsored events, class trips and/or parties that occur within the school hours of 8:25 – 2:55 p.m. However, this doesn't pertain to any shows or events such as the Kindergarten circus, graduation or daytime concerts. We encourage parent participation, but we need to ensure that students are kept safe.

Medical/Absences

Absence Notes- When a child is absent, parents or guardians must send a note explaining the absence on the day the child returns.

School Work For Absent Children- Please call the office in the morning to notify the teacher that you would like your child's schoolwork/homework assignment. You may pick up the work in the office at dismissal or have it sent home with another child.

Communicable Diseases- When your child is diagnosed as having a communicable illness (strep throat, lice, chicken pox, etc.), please notify the school nurse. She will alert the teacher and parents of other children to watch for symptoms. Be assured that the notice will not include your child's name.

Administration of Medication in School- New York State Bureau of Health Services does not permit the school nurse to administer internal medication without a written request by the parent and a written request by the physician indicating the child's name, the prescribed medication, dosage and frequency. The medication is to be brought to the Health Office and may not be kept at the child's desk.

District Mailings

If you are not receiving school district mailings, contact Dr. Ben Ciuffo at 203-3600. Extension 3203.

Snow Emergency/School Closings- The school district and PTA have collaborated to create a phone chain in which class captains or room reps will call each family upon receiving notice that the school will be closed or that the opening will be delayed. However, the phone chain is not infallible; therefore, we recommend that you listen to 1010 WINS on your AM radio for the most reliable announcements in inclement weather. Do not call the school or the firehouse! Another valuable source of information is the Jericho Schools website at www.jerichoschools.org. Click on the Jackson School link. You may also sign up to receive updates from the School Notification System. **Remember to check the World Language Parent Interpreters list if needed.**

What is the Chain of Communication for Elementary School Parents?

If you any questions or suggestions regarding your child's education, please use the following steps as a guide:

1. Please call, e-mail or make an appointment with your child's teacher.
2. If further clarification is necessary, please contact the school's Principal. All calls directed to the Principal are maintained in a telephone log.
3. For additional assistance, you may contact offices of the Jericho School District's Assistant Superintendents or Superintendent.
4. As a last step, you may contact members of the Jericho Board of Education.

PTA meetings and monthly School Board meetings provide a forum to discuss general school concerns and programs and typically include a time for the public to be heard. However, this is not the appropriate forum for individual problems.

Report Cards, Testing and Permanent Records:

Report Cards are distributed at the end of each trimester. Report cards are given to parents prior to individual parent-teacher conferences. Dates are noted on the district calendar.

Standardized Tests-

1. New York State test in Social Studies will be administered to the 5th grade in November.
2. New York State English Language Arts Assessment and Mathematics Assessment tests will be administered to the 3, 4 and 5th grade in January and March, respectively.
3. Elementary Science Program Evaluation Test will be administered to the 4th grade in May.

Permanent Records- Records may be reviewed by parents at any time by making an appointment with the principal. The records include:

1. Registration information
2. Copies of all report cards
3. Copies of all formal parent-teacher conference reports
4. All standardized test results

5. Information regarding all special programs (e.g., enrichment or remedial)
6. Speech and Language Evaluation (where applicable)

After School Activities

Project Safe Time- This is a supervised recreational and educational, after school program for children of working parents. For fees, hours and additional information contact Barbara Stampfl at 631-235-4749 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

School Club Program- Free clubs are run by Jackson teachers in various areas of interest beginning in November. Each child may participate in one club, meeting weekly on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoons. Students who normally receive bus service will be bused home after club. Further information will be sent home.

Cultural Arts- This is a self-sustaining club, hobby and special interest program administered by the school district on Friday afternoons from 3:25 to 5:10 p.m. This year the program will be held at the Cantiague Elementary School. Parents must provide transportation home after the program. Further information will be sent home by the district.

Swim Program- An instructional swim program for school-age children is run on Saturday mornings at the Jericho High School pool. Contact Kimberly Servat at 203-3600, extension 3248, for information on fees and schedules. In addition, free family swim nights are held on Wednesday evenings. Flyers will be sent home with dates.

Jericho Athletic Association- This is not a school district-run organization. However, it does run sports leagues for children in the district and uses district facilities. The JAA provides baseball and softball for grades 1 thru 6, soccer for pre-k thru 6th grade and basketball for grades 3 thru 6. Watch for notices from school and announcements in the local newspapers regarding registration. You may address inquiries to P.O. Box 152, Jericho, NY 11753 or on the internet at www.11753.com.

PTA CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2008-2009

September 5 @ 9:00 am	Class Captain Meeting
September 8 - 12	Sweatshirt Sale & Gift Wrap Display
September 9 - 11	Meet the Teacher Night
September 17 @ 9am	PTA Meeting
September 23	Class Photos
September 27-28	Homecoming Weekend
October 2-3	PTA Used Book Drive
October 7	Early Dismissal/Mandatory Fire Drill
October 9	School Closed
October 13	School Closed
October 14 - 17	Jackson PTA Coat Drive
October 15 @ 7:30 pm	PTA Meeting/Information Night
October 20-24 & 27-31	Student Council Campaign Week
October 20 7-8:30 pm	Book Fair Family Preview Night
October 20-24 0-8:30 pm	PTA Book Fair
October 27-31	Jackson PARP Week
October 31 @ 1:30 pm	Costume Parade
November 3	Photo Retake and Club Photos
November 4	School Closed
November 6	Comm. Blood Drive/Seaman 3:30-9pm
November 7	Cultural Arts Begins
November 10	After School Clubs Begin
November 11	School Closed
November 12 @ 9:00 am	PTA Meeting/Staff Recognition Breakfast
November 12 – 14	Grade 5 NYS Social Studies Exam
November 12	Jackson Shop Til You Drop 7p-10p
November 17-21	Thanksgiving Can Drive
November 27	1 st Marking Period Ends
November 26-28	School Closed
December 1-5	PTA Holiday Boutique
December 1-5	PTA Toy Drive
December 4 @7:30 pm	Fifth Grade Winter Concert
December 9	Report Cards Issued
December 10	Grade 5-Meet the Author @ JPL
December 11 3-5 & 7-9	Parent-Teacher Conferences (No after schools clubs)
December 12 8a-12n	Parent-Teacher Conferences/ No School
December 23	No After School Clubs
December 24-January 2	School Closed
January 6-9	Kindergarten Registration
January 12-13	Grade 3,5 ELA Assessments

January 14-16	Grade 4 ELA Assessments
January 16	Student Faculty Volleyball Game
January 19	School Closed
January 21 @7:30pm	PTA Meeting
January 23	PTA Family Night
February 4 @7pm Cantiague	Grade 4 Parent/Daughter Night
February 7	PTA Carnival 11a-3p
February 13	No After School Clubs
February 16-20	School Closed
February 25 @ 7pm	Grade 4 Parent/Son Night @Jackson
February 25 @ 9am	PTA Meeting
February 26 @9am	Grade 1 Concert
February 27	Jackson Jump-A-Thon
March 2-3	Grade 3,5 Math Assessments
March 4-6	Grade 4 Math Assessments
March 6	Last Cultural Arts
March 18@ 7:30pm	PTA Meeting
March 20	2 nd Marking Period Ends
March 16-20	World Language Week
March 24	PTA Health & Safety Fair
March 26	Schools Closed
March 27 @9:15am	Kindergarten Hoedown
March 31 st	Report Cards Issued
April 1@7:30pm	Grade 3 Concert
April 2 3-5 & 7-9	Parent/Teacher Conferences
April 2	No After School Clubs
April 3	No School
April 3 8-12 pm	No School/Parent/Teacher Conference
April 8	No After School Clubs
April 9-17	Schools Closed
April 22 @7pm	Incoming Kindergarten Orientation
April 22 @ 9am	PTA Meeting
April 28 6:30-8pm	Jackson Curriculum Fair
May 4-6	Grade 4 Science Assessments
May 6	Staff Appreciation Luncheon
May 7 @ 7:00 pm	Jackson PTA Spring Fling
May 8	PTA Plant Sale
May 11-13 9:30 – 10:30 am	Incoming Kindergarten Student Visitation
May 11 @ 7:30 pm	Grade 4 Combined Concert
May 17	Family Fun Run
May 18-20 9:30-10:30a	Incoming Kindergarten Student Visitation
May 19 6am-9pm MS/HS Gym	BUDGET VOTE & ELECTION
May 20 @7:30p	PTA Meeting

May 25	School Closed
May 26 @ 7:30 pm	Fifth Grade Concert
June 1 - 4	Circus Week
June 2 @ 5:00 pm	PTA Family Picnic
June 5 @ 1:00 pm	Circus Parents Performance
June 9 @9:30	Kindergarten Circus
June 10 @ 9 am	PTA Meeting/Installation Brunch
Jun 12	Field Day
June 23 @9am	Fifth Grade Moving Ceremony
June 24 @6:30pm	Fifth Grade Moving Up Party
June 24 & 25 @11:45am	Early Dismissal
June 25 @9:30a	Grade 5 Bagel Breakfast Cantiague
June 26 @9:45am	Last Day of School/Report Cards Issued/ 9:45am Dismissal

* Pretzels are sold on Tuesdays during lunch

THE NEW COMPACT FOR LEARNING

As a result of New York State's new compact for learning, the Jericho School District has developed site-based teams for implementing shared decision making. "The broad purpose of shared decision making is to improve our schools in a framework of trust, inclusion, collaboration, and shared responsibility among the various stakeholders (administrators, non-instructional personnel, parents, teachers and tutors) that make up our school community."

The Jackson's School's site-based team creates its own agenda based on the needs and situations it perceives in the school. If there are topics or issues you feel the team should address, please contact one or more members of the team. You may do this by phone or by sending a note to school marked "Attention: Compact for Learning Committee".

Jackson's Committee of Parent Representatives

Beverly Lashley
Sunny Sun
Lisa Velotti

Teacher and Staff Representatives

Benny D'Aquila
Marianne D'Alto
Lauren DeMarinis
Gail Kearney
Donna Patron
Maryann Risi
Stacey Schwartz

Student Representatives

Brian Hildenbrand
Jasmyne Pierre

JACKSON FACULTY
&
CLASS CAPTAINS

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Teacher—Room</u>	<u>Class Captain</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Kindergarten	Mrs. Bellotti – Room 6	Andrea Bisso*	937-6560
	Mrs. Blumenthal – Room 5	Denise Klappert	681-0088
	Mrs. Rosen – Room 7	Joyce Granville	396-0669
First Grade	Ms. Levitt – Room 9	Michelle Collins*	939-0394
	Mrs. Theissen – Room 8	Linda Rothman	942-0577
Second Grade	Mrs. Larkin – Room 10	Gloria Fumo	822-0912
	Mrs. Kearney – Room 1	Pam Lefkowitz*	937-9095
Third Grade	Mrs. Abramson – Room 16	Debi Flum	682-8293
	Mrs. Meyerholz – Room 24	Laura Zarifopoulos	682-5105
	Mrs. DeMarinis – Room 26	MaryBeth Medolla*	433-2201
Fourth Grade	Mrs. McCaslin	Heidi Salzman*	364-9499
	Mrs. Bernard – Room 25	Laura Adamo-Litz	938-8167
	Mrs. Patron – Room 13	Sue Heilig	931-4336

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