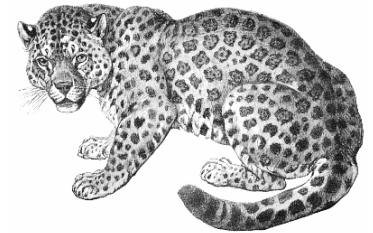


JAGUAR CONNECTION

Jackson Elementary



September/ October 2009

Sun-	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Principal's Coffee 8:00 am; PTA Meeting 8:30 am	2 Girl Scout Recruitment 7-8 pm School Cafeteria	3 <u>Parent Meetings</u> Kinder (6:00-6:45pm); 5th (6:45-7:30pm)	4	5
6	7 Labor Day NO School	8 Cub Scouts Monthly Pack Meeting 7-8 pm School Cafeteria	9 Young Rem- brandts 3-4pm Chick-fil-A SPIRIT Night 5:30pm	10	11 Spanish School- house 3-4pm	12
13	14	15 Hispanic Heritage Month (9/15-10/15) <u>Parent Meetings</u> 3rd (6:00-6:45pm); 4th (6:45-7:30pm)	16 Young Rembrandts 3-4pm	17 Citizenship Day <u>Parent Meetings</u> 1st (6:00-6:45pm); 2nd (6:45-7:30pm)	18 Spanish School- house 3-4pm	19 Rosh Hashana
20	21 Science Adventures 3-4 pm	22 <i>First Day of Autumn</i> WatchDOGS Pizza Kick-Off 6:30pm	23 Early Release Day 12 noon	24	25 <u>Spanish Schoolhouse 3-4 pm</u> Taste of Jackson (Fall Picnic & Multicultural Night) 6 pm DUE DATE to be included in PTA Directory	
27	28 Yom Kippur Science Adven- tures 3-4 pm	29	30 Young Rem- brandts 3-4pm	1 October	2 Spanish School- house 3-4pm	3
4	5 Library Au- thor's Visit Science Adven- tures 3-4 pm	6	7 Young Rem- brandts 3-4pm	8	9 Spanish School- house 3-4pm	10
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK Oct 4-10—"Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned"						
11 	12 Columbus Day Science Adven- tures 3-4 pm	13 Banking Day	14 Young Rem- brandts 3-4pm Cold Stone Creamery SPIRIT Night 6pm	15 Motivational Pro- ductions K-2 @ 8:30am; 3-5 @9:30am Early Release 12 noon End of 1st 9 weeks	16 Parent/Teacher Conference Student Holiday Reflections "Beauty is..." entries will be due next week (10/23)	
Jackson Elementary School — Principal: Kris Benson, PTA President: Julie Bradley For questions about Jaguar Connection or Jackson Journal, please contact Newsletter@MyJacksonPTA.org www.MyJacksonPTA.org						

Hispanic Heritage Month

Sept 15 to Oct 15 celebrates the anniversary of independence for the following countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua—all on Sept. 15th, along with Mexico on Sept. 16th, and Chile on Sept. 18th. At least 5 of these 7 countries are represented by some of our students at Jackson Elementary School.

2009-2010 Reflections

Theme: *Beauty is....*

This PTA program encourages all children from pre-K to grade 12 to create and experience art. We'd love to see all Jackson students participate this year! Art must relate to the theme "Beauty Is...." and be the work of one child. Visual Art, Photography, Literature, Music, Dance Choreography, and Film/Video Production. Check out format rules, entry form, and more at: <http://www.myjacksonpta.org/html/reflections.html>. Entries are due at Jackson on October 23. **Have fun creating!!!**

Taste of Jackson

Sept. 25th (6-8pm) is our Fall Picnic combined with Multicultural Night. Come for fun, friendship, international foods, country exhibits, parade of nations, and entertainment.

Encourage your child to participate by representing his/her family's country of origin. If you would like to have a country display, contact Cultural-Diversity@MyJacksonPTA.org **See you there!**

WatchDOGS

(DadsClub@MyJacksonPTA.org)
WatchDOGS (Dads of Great Students) will hold a Pizza Kickoff meeting on Sept. 22nd at 6:30pm. Sign up for "Dad at school for the day" is on-line this year.

PTA Directory

"Membership and Publications Release Forms" are due by Sept. 25th, if you want your child included in the Directory. If you did not previously receive and complete these forms, you can get them from the Front Office.

After School Enrichment Programs

Art

"Young Rembrandts Art Program" will be on Wednesdays from 3 - 4 pm. The first 6-week session (\$60) is from Sept 9 - Oct 21st. Register at: www.youngrembrandts/north-dallas.

Spanish

The Spanish Schoolhouse will be on Fridays from 3-4 pm. The 12-week session (\$150) is from Sept. 11th through Dec. 11th. Register at: www.spanishschoolhouse.com.

Science Adventures

The Science Club features the following 5-week sessions (\$75 each): Science Bloopers, Extreme Earth, Wildlife Safari, and Invention Dimension. Sessions are held on Mondays from 3-4 pm. The first session starts on Mon., Sept. 21st. Register at: www.discoverchampions.com.

For any questions, contact Julie Bradley at President@MyJacksonPTA.org.

Other Programs

Banking

If you don't already have a Jackson Student Account, open one at Legacy Texas Bank. Banking is on most Tuesdays, starting Oct. 13th.

School Assembly

Motivational Productions will come on Oct. 15th. Their multimedia program will inspire, motivate, and encourage individuals to strive for excellence.

Library... Author Visit

H. J. Ralles will be here on Oct. 5th. For info about her and her books, see: www.hjralles.com/home.html

Principal's Coffee & PTA Meeting

Stop by the Cafeteria on Sept. 1st at 8:00 am to hear an informative Principal update from Kris Benson. Stay for the PTA meeting, immediately following at 8:30 am, to learn about planned activities this year.

Up and Active Classroom

Coach Jill Verges is introducing The Up and Active classroom — an extension of our physical education program. Classes are smaller allowing for more focus on Plano's Coordinated School Health curriculum. Children will be actively engaged in intentional movement that leads to improved cognition. Classes will use programs including both "Action Based Learning" and "Brain Gym". **Ask your child about how he/she likes this new class!**

PISD Family Education Services

Parent education classes are being offered this fall, including: "What Teachers Wish You Knew—Elementary", "Feeling Frazzled?", and "Padres Unidos—en espanol". More at: www.pisd.edu/parents/parent.education/index.shtml

Support Jackson & Our Community Partners

Sept (9/09) - Spirit Night will be at Chick-fil-A (SW corner of Preston/Park), Look for the Kindergarten teachers to be in and out from 5:30 pm on.

Oct (10/14) - Spirit Night will be at Cold Stone Creamery (NW corner of Preston/.Frankford). Look for 1st Grade teachers to be in and out from 6:00 pm on.

Future Months - Stay tuned for more venues and more teachers. A portion of the sales go to Jackson PTA.

Sunshine

Know someone having a birthday or special occasion, or going through a tough time? Contact Sunshine@MyJacksonPTA.org.

Yearbook

Submit photos of school activities as soon as you have them to: Yearbook@MyJacksonPTA.org