

JaguarTracks

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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER		
Wednesday, 10/26	2 Hour Early Dismissal	1:45 PM
Friday, 10/28	Jaguar Jog	Playground
Friday, 10/28	JH Monster Mash Dance Party	Gym, 5-7:30PM
NOVEMBER		
Thursday, 11/3	SPS Annual LGBT Families Dinner	Washington MS, 6-8 PM
Thursday, 11/10	Assembly: 5 th gr. is performing	
Friday, 11/11	Veterans Day – NO SCHOOL	
Wednesday, 11/16	2 Hour Early Dismissal	1:45 PM
Thursday, 11/17	Seasons of Thankfulness Assembly and Evening Performance	Cafeteria
Sat. 11/19, Mon, 11/21, Tues. 11/22	Parent/Teacher Conferences	
Mon.-Fri. 11/21-25	NO SCHOOL for students due to Parent/ Teacher Conferences and Thanksgiving	

SCHOOL NEWS

John Hay Community,

This is Mr. Berkenwald writing the principal communicator for the week of the October 17th-21st. This week, there were many exciting events that took place involving the whole school and the John Hay community. On Wednesday, our school took part in the district wide Black Lives Matter day of solidarity. Every teacher wore Black Lives Matter stickers and led conversations or lessons with their classes in which they explained what was taking place, answered questions the children had, and connected the events to larger themes of civil rights, acceptance, inclusiveness, and other age appropriate related themes.

On Thursday, we had an Indigenous Peoples' Day assembly that was led by the 3rd grade students. We introduced the whole school to the themes of Indigenous Peoples' Day by viewing photographs and art in such a way that the children could understand indigenous peoples. Connections included Chief Sealth (Seattle's namesake), Snoqualmie Tribe (Pass and Falls), Puyallup Tribe (Fair), and Yaguar/Jaguar (School Mascot). Teachers included Native American and Indigenous Peoples' curriculum into their classes.

At the assembly, the 3rd graders also taught the whole school how to properly recycle, trash, and compost and now your children will be able to test you. The student council also led an effort for all students to wear red to school on Thursday. It was great to see a sea of red as I looked out at the assembly. The school pride is truly strong. It was also great to see so many parents show up to the assembly. In total, I counted 35 parents. The

community is always encouraged to show up to these events, so keep a look out on the calendar and in the Jaguar Jump.

At Thursday evening's John Hay Partner's board meeting, we discussed a wide range of topics and focused a good part of the conversation on how we will communicate school information to the larger community. Stay tuned for some great changes. Today, Friday, we had our monthly coffee chat in the library. We focused the conversation on the Black Lives Matter events of Wednesday, but opened up the conversation to a wide range of topics. Please join us at next month's coffee chat.

Looking ahead, we have some exciting events taking place that we hope you will participate in. Friday, October 28th, will be the Jaguar Jog. Students will wear their school t-shirts and will run around as a grade level to raise awareness towards physical activity. I look forward to joining students in the run. That evening, there will be an after school Monster Mash Dance sponsored entirely by the Hay Partners.

Thursday, November 10th, we will be having a short Veterans Day assembly at the flag pole. This event will be led by the 5th grade students. November 17th will be our holiday season musical performance. This will include a daytime assembly and an evening performance for the community at large. We hope you will all show up in support of the student singers.

Lastly, I would also like to remind you about the parent/teacher conferences that will take place on either Saturday, November 19th, Monday the 21st, or Tuesday the 22nd. Teachers have been signing up parents for time slots to meet. Thank you for reading my first installment of the principal communicator. As always, we appreciate all forms of community volunteer and participation in our range of school activities. Please contact your teachers, the administration, or Lynn Baker to learn more.

Sincerely,

Michael Berkenwald

Assistant Principal

John Hay Elementary School

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"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

- Nelson Mandela

Calling all John Hay families! Important Survey Closes Tonight!

We need your help. Seattle Public Schools' current plan is to add 20 minutes onto the end of our school day next year. This 20 minutes is added time mandated by the State of Washington for all elementary schools and is separate from teacher collaboration time. The proposed schedule will be so challenging for many of our families. It negatively impacts our students' ability to participate in after school sports, teams and other enrichment opportunities.

Additionally, there is the added cost to our school. Field trips need to all end at 1:30 PM, so all late start schools, like ours, need to pay for chartered buses for any field trip going past this time. This, at the minimum, doubles to triples the cost of most field trips and adds even more cost as the distance from the school increases. Those costs are passed on to the families and is a real burden.

You can help in 3 ways:

1. Fill out the survey below and vote for the district to move to a 2 tier option. This would give Hay a better start time.
2. If your child's ability to participate in after school activities is impacted by the late release, please include that information in the comments. Especially if you are currently pulling your child out of school early to participate in these programs.
3. There will be a community meeting to make our voices heard and we need you to attend. The meeting is on November 15th, at 4:30 PM, at Catherine Blaine K-8 in Magnolia. We need a really good turn out to show them this matters to us and our families.

The survey follows. Please [email us](#) if you have any questions.

Seattle Public Schools and Seattle Education Association are partnering to increase students' access to core content, improve instruction and accelerate student achievement.

As part of the Collective Bargaining Agreement process, SEA and SPS agreed to add 20 minutes to the school day in 2017-18 and provide one hour per week of teacher collaboration time. As the district plans to make this schedule adjustment, we want to hear from families and stakeholders on how the additional time should be added and how and when to schedule the collaboration time.

You may provide feedback in one of two ways:

1. Complete the online survey by clicking on [this link](#).
2. Complete and turn in a paper-based survey at your child's school

To review how your preferences would change your child's schedule please visit: http://www.seattleschools.org/news/school_schedules

We appreciate your time.

It's a School Spirit Day! The name may have changed but the spirit is the same!

Jaguar Jog : Friday, October 28th

Parents please come and volunteer and/or cheer on your student. Please find your student's run time below on the Jog Schedule.

9:45	Morning Kick-off
10:00-10:30	First Grade and Pre-K
10:30-11:00	Second Grade
1:00-1:30	Fourth Grade
1:30-2:00	Fifth Grade

2:00-2:30 Third Grade
2:35-3:05 Kindergarten

John Hay Partners invite you to the Monster Mash Dance Party!

featuring DJ Jesse

Friday, October 28th

5:00-6:00pm quiet start for sensory sensitive students

6:00-7:30pm Monster Mash Dance Party

John Hay Gymnasium

Wear your Halloween costume or your crazy hair! There will be music & dancing, face painting, Halloween games, prizes, and pizza and treats for sale (all proceeds will fund our school's educational programs).

Entrance is Free! You can purchase tickets for food and activities.

This is a family friendly event and all children must be accompanied by an adult.

No weapons, face masks or clown costumes.

Parents are then invited to follow DJ Jesse over to Targy's for the 9:00pm 21+ Halloween Costume Ball.

Lunchroom News

How to buy milk at lunchtime

Each student has a personal identification number (PIN) for use in the cafeteria. Please help your child memorize this number, as it is used year after year.

If you would like your child to buy milk at lunchtime...make sure he/she has money in his lunch account. You can do this by sending in a check or cash in an envelope with their name on it. Or pay using a credit card online through the PAYPAMS.COM website.

At lunch, they simply find their milk card, located near the serving window, filed by grade and put the card in the basket. Then they take their milk choice..1% or fat free white milk or non-fat chocolate milk. Rest assured that they are getting a nutritious drink for only .50c. Soy milk is also available for .75c.

If your child buys hot lunch, milk is included in the price of the meal and they don't need to use the card system, unless they are getting a second milk.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.

Christine George

John Hay Kitchen Manager

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DISTRICT NEWS

Annual LGBT Families Dinner

The annual lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Families Dinner will be held Thursday, November 3rd from 6-8pm at Washington Middle School. Members of the school board will be there to welcome LGBT families and their friends. All SPS families and staff are welcome to attend! This event is brought to you by the Health Education Office and the Office of School Family Partnerships. Dinner and entertainment will be provided. To reserve space at this popular event, please RSVP with the number of people in your party to Lisa Love in the Health Education Office at 252-0982 or love@seattleschools.org. [See flyer here.](#)

Close The Gaps

SPS is launching a campaign focused on our district's work to eliminate opportunity gaps. [Read more](#) !

VOLUNTEER OFFICE

Annual Fund

New this year, from November 1-18, we will be holding our Annual Fund drive. So many parents have said, "I just want to give a check!" Now you can. We will be asking families to make a financial contribution during this time. The goal for this event is to raise \$60,000.

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Targy's Annual Halloween Costume Party and fundraiser for QA schools

Please come by Targy's on Friday Oct 28th starting at 9pm for a fun night of dancing with local QA DJs: SpaceStation206 (and our own John Hay Parent DJ Jessie). Voluntary donation at the door that will be split equally between John Hay, Coe, and QA Elementary. Everyone's welcome, no requirements other than 21+ since Targy's is a bar. Costumes are strongly encouraged and there will be a costume contest.

Picture Retake Day

Retake Day will be Tuesday, November 29th.

Spiritwear

Don't miss out on getting your John Hay spiritwear! Orders will be due back to the Volunteer Office by Friday, October 28th.

Auction News

We have a great auction team in place but are still looking to fill a few holes.

* Procurement Chair: Primary responsibilities are to help with reporting and tracking donations. All tasks are things we can train someone on.

* Wine Lead: The wine lead helps procure and curate fine wines for silent auction as well as more moderately priced wines for the wine grab.

Please contact Melissa Heaton at melissa@melissaheaton.com if you would like more information or can help.

PARTNERS

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