

JOPLIN JAGUARIAN

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HIGH EXPECTATIONS..FINISHING STRONG!

Hello Joplin Jaguars!

Welcome Back from your Spring Vacation. I hope that you got plenty of rest and relaxation! As we look forward to the final eight weeks of school it is important that we **stay focused and finish strong**.

Students have a fresh start for a great 4th quarter as well as learn exciting things that will help prepare them for next year.

It is true what they say, "Learning Never Stops." We want to instill in our children that education should be their number one priority!

Remember, What You Do Most, Is What You Do Best, Get An Education!



Learning Never Stops!

We have planned many exciting educational events to close out our school year.

Nothing but the best is expected, we must stay true to our PBIS motto: Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Responsible! We will see who really has the Heart of a Jaguar!

Continue to Make Me Proud!

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Special points of interest:

- Parents please work with us in helping to increase our school-wide attendance!
- We want to finish the year out with 95% attendance or better, that means that your son and/or daughter need to be at school on time each day!
- Your child's attendance affects the entire school! Work with us to meet our goal.
- 8 more weeks, WE CAN DO IT!

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SCOTT JOPLIN'S SPRING FLING!

The seventh graders are sponsoring our April Spring Fling this year! This year, the seventh graders have many great things in store. Requirements for Admission (designed by the seventh graders):

1. **100% attendance** with less than 2 tardies from 4/20/09–04/30/09
2. **100% Uniform** from 4/20/09–04/30/09
3. Nothing Less than **Silver** on the Go For the Gold Weekly Progress Reports
4. **Shirts tucked in, No gum chewing and No Suspensions/ No Discipline Referrals** from 4/20 - 4/30/09

JOPLIN'S AVID COLLEGE WEEK

Joplin College Week

May 11th-15th, 2009

Scott Joplin is an AVID school. We promote academic excellence and preparation that will lead each of our students to become COLLEGE BOUND! As part of the AVID strategies and skills that we teach, we are sponsoring an AVID College Week to stress the importance of college to our students. We want this to be a community wide event. So please feel free to help make this event a success!

CLASSROOM RESPONSIBILITIES:

Each classroom will select a college/university and will be required to create the most CREATIVE display/presentation to provide highlights, important facts and promote their college/university.

Students may do so through their bulletin boards, door decorations and/or classroom décor.

On The Road to Success!

Doors and displays must be up by Friday, May 8, 2009 by 5:00 p.m. Each classroom will be judged based on the most Creative Presentation.

JUDGING

Primary - Tuesday, May 11, 2009

Intermediate – Wednesday, May 12, 2009

Upper – Thursday, May 13, 2009

Students can also order their classroom university t-shirts for \$6 and wear them the day of their cycle presentation as well as the last day of College Week for the assembly.

FRIDAY, MAY 15th, SCHOOLWIDE AVID COLLEGE ASSEMBLY at 1:00 p.m. ALL are invited to attend.

FYI.: If you would like to be a judge or a guest speaker on one of the days, please go to the office and ask for Ms. Harden. We would love for you to come and share with our students the importance of getting a good education!

SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHERS

We would like to welcome back **Mrs. Miller** in 3rd grade and **Mrs. Davis** in 4th grade who will be returning next week!

We also would like to thank **Mrs. R. Navy and Mrs. Bethley** for holding things down while they were on leave.

They are truly a testament that Learning Never Stops!

Congratulations to **Ms. Harpaz—Kindergarten** teacher who won a Donor's Choose grant to help her students! Great Job Ms. Harpaz!



**Working Together,
YOU Made A Difference!**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 11th-15th, 2009
Joplin College Week

May 15, 2009
AVID COLLEGE ASSEMBLY

May 16, 2009 at 12:00 noon
8th grd APPRECIATION TEA

May 22, 2009
ART FESTIVAL

May 29, 2009
GYM SHOW

JUNE 1-5 :
8th Grade Week

JUNE 5th
8th Grade Awards Luncheon
and Ribbon Pining at
5:00 p.m. at Condesa Del Mar

JUNE 5th
Kindergarten Fun Day 12:00
noon in the parking lot

JUNE 8th
8th Grade Graduation 10:00
a.m.

JUNE 8th
Kindergarten Celebration 12:00
noon

JUNE 9th
End of the Year Awards

June 12th
Last Day of School

June 13th
Chicago Cares Beautifica-
tion Projects
(school volunteers needed)



SPOTLIGHT ON A OUR JAGUAR ARTIST!

Our students made it to the Citywide Elementary Art Show.

It's May 5th from 4-7 at the Gary Corner Youth Center, and we'll have 4 students exhibiting their artwork!!

JAGUAR ARTIST

SENIYAH RAY (6TH),
AIREANNA FULGHAM (6TH),
SABRINA LEE (5TH),
AND LACREA SANDERS (8TH)

THANKS MS. SUSIE FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE
IN OUR STUDENTS LIVES.

*“When you began
to believe, you will
began to achieve!
No LJMJS!”*

AFTER SCHOOL SES AND ALLSTARS

The SES and AFTER SCHOOL ALLSTARS Programs have ended.

Some groups may continue to meet with their coaches/instructors (i.e. drumline, band etc.)

We are continuing with the Saturday School Program until May 30, 2009.

SPORTS:

Our track and volleyball team are in session.



Lets help grow our future!

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Congratulations to Mrs. Atkins and family. She had a baby boy named: Terry K, Atkins, Jr.; 5lbs 10 oz 19 inches

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CPS STAFF APPRECIATION DAY

May 5th across CPS, we celebrate Staff Appreciation Day. Feel free to let our staff know that they are appreciated through cards and kind words.

The smallest things mean so much!

Joplin Jaguars are our precious gifts and we enjoy helping to mold their future!



PAC encourages you to come out and participate.

Meetings are held at 9:30 a.m. in the Parent Room

LSC and PAC Meeting Dates:

4/22/09 5/13/09 6/10/09

LSC encourages you to come out and see the great things that are happening here at Joplin. Meetings are held at 4:30 p.m. in the Museum— 2nd floor.

PARENTS & VISITORS

Parents and visitors are welcomed in our building. All visitors must report to the main office and secure a pass before going to the classrooms. All parent conferences are to be scheduled before school, after school or during your prep periods. Instruction time will not be interrupted for parent conferences. Every parent visitor or parent volunteer must obtain a pass from the office or the security desk.

Attendance & Unexcused Absences

If your child is absent, please send a note to excuse the absence. Otherwise, the absence will be held against the student. Help us promote Perfect Attendance, students need to be at school to learn to their fullest potential!

