

MARY MAE JONES JAGUARS

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IMPORTANT DATES:

*April 22nd– Lead-
ership Day*

*May 2nd– Gold
Rush 5K*

*May 5-9th-
Teacher Apprecia-
tion Week*



**The
Leader
inMe**

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Principal's Perspective

Wow! It's hard to believe, but the end of the year is in sight. It has been an amazing school year. At this time, I find myself reflecting on all of the fabulous things our students, staff, families, and PTO have been able to accomplish this year. As you know, Mary Mae Jones is a Leader in Me (LIM) school. We have had several great opportunities and experiences since our implementation of the LIM this year that I would like to share with you:

- We are seeing more student responsibility. Students are taking ownership of their school and really stepping up to be leaders.
- Students have specific leadership roles in their classroom and in the building.
- Students are successfully integrating and discussing the 7 Habits in their assignments, writing prompts, and assemblies.
- Several parents have been able to share all the ways their children are now "Putting First Things First" by doing their homework when they get home and then watching TV or playing games.
- Students and teachers are tracking and setting goals—academic and behavior.
- Congressman Womack asked to visit our school to seek additional information about the LIM because of the impact of the presentation by our students, staff, and parents at the Education Committee.
- We will be hosting our first Leadership Day on April 22nd. Several business leaders and community members will be invited to attend this event.

Overall, this program has had a positive effect on the students and our school as a whole. Leader in Me is truly making a difference at MMJ and we would encourage you to continue to work with your children on using the 7 Habits every day. Furthermore, thank you for allowing us to be part of your child's life. We hope that each and every one of you have a fabulous summer.

Literacy Notes

The last two habits of highly effective people are to Synergize and Sharpen the Saw. These are two of our favorite habits here at MMJ.

Habit 6: Synergize I value other people's strengths and learn from them. I work well in groups, even with people who are different than me. I seek out other people's ideas to solve problems because I know that by teaming with others, we can create better solutions than we can alone. I am humble.

Here are some books to read about synergizing:

Ox-Cart Man

Clifford's Spring Clean-Up

Swimmy

A Chair for my Mother

How the Second Grade Got \$8205.50 to Visit the Statue of Liberty

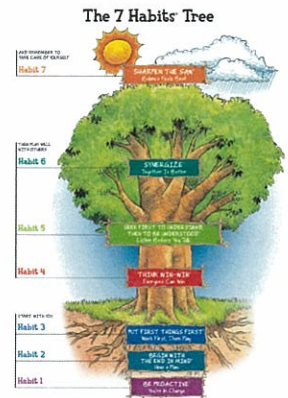
The view From Saturday

A Wrinkle in Time

Ruby Holler

The Chalk Box Kid

Chicken Sunday



Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw I take care of my body by eating right, exercising, and getting sleep. I spend time with family and friends. I learn in lots of ways and lots of places, not just at school. I take time to find meaningful ways to help others.

Books that will inspire you to sharpen your saw:

The Mysteries of Harris Burdick

Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen

The New Kid on the Block

A Light in the Attic

Wind in the Long Grass: A Collection of Haiku Owl Moon

The Snowy Day

Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late!

Henry Hikes to Fitchburg

Me I Am!

TECH TIPS by Ms. Baldrige

TECH TERMS:

Email (electronic mail) - A message sent through cyberspace.

Cursor - The small flashing line or arrow on your computer screen.

Virus - A hidden program that can hurt your computer.

WEBSITES KIDS LOVE:

Starfall - <http://www.starfall.com/>

Coolmath - <http://www.coolmath.com/>

CBeebies - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/>

Do you qualify for a free or discounted computer?

Visit this website to find out!

<http://www.connect-arkansas.org/programs/computers-4-kids>



MMJ PTO News

2013-14 PTO Year in Review *Also Titled: So what has PTO done this year?*

- Volunteers helped with fall portraits.
- We hosted wonderful Spirit Nights where families were able to interact and we raised money for the school.
- Volunteers helped with the flu shot clinic.
- We provided lunch for fall Parent/Teacher conferences.
- In conjunction with teachers, we put on a great Fall Carnival for our families to enjoy!
- Volunteers helped with spring portraits.
- In March, we hosted lunch for staff members for the spring parent/teacher conferences.

MMJ ESL NEWS

The ESL department wants to remind everyone of the Family Learning Day on Saturday, April 12 from 1:00-3:00 at the Bentonville Public Library. The theme is World of Water and they are planning presentations, story time, and fun activities. We also want to remind everyone that our final parent night of the year will be happening in May. We will be hosting a breakfast like last year. Please look for notes coming home regarding the date and time.

MMJ Students SHARPEN THE SAW during Run Club

I am very excited to say that Mary Mae Jones has over 200 participants registered for the Gold Rush 5K! This 5K is supporting the Bentonville Public School Foundation. The students who register, participate in Run Club every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30-3:30. The students are training for the 5K using the training program “Couch to 5K”. We have had a lot of parents joining us this year at practice. It has been a lot of fun!



Jaguar Nurse Notes



Parents and Students: It is hard to believe we are entering April of this school year. Summer will be here before we know it.



IMMUNIZATION LAW CHANGES:

The AR Department of Health has issued new immunization rules that I want to let you know about now.

These vaccine requirement changes go into effect SEPTEMBER 1, 2014.

I have highlighted in RED the major changes that affect our student(s).

Kindergarten:

- DTaP: 4 doses with last dose after age 4
- Polio: 4 doses with last dose after age 4
- MMR: 2 doses – 1 after age 1, 2nd dose at least 28 days after dose 1
- Hepatitis B: 3 doses
- Varicella: 2 doses – 1 after age 1, 2nd dose at least 28 days after dose 1
- Hepatitis A: 1 dose after age 1.*

1st Grade:

All required K immunizations *PLUS Hepatitis A – 1 or 2 doses (1st immediately-followed by 2nd dose 6 months later)*

I have sent letters to ALL current K students needing dose 1 and/or dose 2 for 1st grade. *These will be due by 10-1-14 >> 30 days after the immunization law changes go into effect to avoid exclusion.*

Students that are 10 years or older (most 4th graders, some 3rd graders).

Tdap: 1 dose

If your student is not yet 10, please obtain the Tdap vaccine when they turn 10 years old.

Please plan ahead, as all students state-wide will need the vaccines. Getting the immunizations now would be recommended to avoid the rush to obtain vaccinations that will occur when the changes go into effect. Bring all updated vaccine records to the health office.

A complete synopsis of changes affecting all grades K-12 will go out later this semester in Tuesday folders. Please look for it!

Please call with any questions. Buckle up and be safe.

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