



JORDAN CREEK JOURNAL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Conference week at Jordan Creek begins Sat., Nov. 14 and runs through Thurs., Nov. 19.

Please take note of the new conference sign up program that will be in place this year at Jordan Creek. Information on how to access the sign up program called **PTCwizard** is in the right column on this page. Access to the site has been available since 5 a.m. Sun., Nov. 1.

If you have no access to the internet, you can contact your child's teacher directly.

We hope your time with the teacher provides you with a clear picture of your child's progress. Please remember to arrive at your scheduled conference on time. If your scheduled conference time runs out and you would like to schedule more time with your child's teacher, please do so.

For safety reasons, no children are to be left unattended in the media center during conferences!

Sincerely,

Nancy S. Moorhead, Principal

Jordan Creek Directory-Thank you!
There are Jordan Creek School Directories available in the office for \$1. Please stop by to pick one up if you did not order one. Thank you to Jordan Creek parent Sue Nesbit-Fisher for compiling the information for the directory! Thank you for your time and expertise!

Parent / Teacher Conferences **Sign Up Now Online!**



Conference Dates: November 14-19

The Jordan Creek PFC has purchased a program which allows parents to sign up for their conferences online. The program lets parents to sign up for parent-teacher conferences without having to come to school. Parents have the ability to sign up for conferences anywhere there is access to the internet. This will hopefully help with increasingly busy schedules. Each family will need access to the internet as well as an email address. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact your homeroom teacher directly to schedule a conference.

Sign up for conferences opened Sun., Nov. 1 at 5 a.m.

Parents are able to go into the website and set up accounts at anytime. To access the conference sign up program, visit <https://jcreek.ptcwizard.com> and register for an account. Please use only one email address for the entire family. When entering your first name, put both you and your spouse's first name.

This program will allow parents to compare multiple teachers' schedules side by side for easier scheduling. The program takes parents through step by step on how to set up an account as well as scheduling a conference. A PDF file of directions is located on the Jordan Creek website and should also be forwarded to you through the child's homeroom teacher. If a printed version is needed, please contact your child's homeroom teacher and one will be sent home.

We are excited to try this program out and know that there will be a few glitches. Please bear with us while we pilot this program. We hope that this will be beneficial to all.

Media Center News

Many books are donated to the media center by students, staff and parents. These donations help by increasing the selection of books in the media center. The Big Snow, by Berta and Elmer Hader, and Rosa, by Nikki Giovanni, were donated by Elliott Sanders (KB) in honor of her birthday. Thank you Elliott, for the wonderful donation. The book Magic Tree House: A Good Night for Ghosts, by Mary Pope Osborne, was donated by Dorothy Junginger (1A). Thank you Dorothy, for the kind donation! Many students will enjoy reading your selection!

Warm Hands! Warm Heads! Warm Hearts! Character Counts Pillar of Caring Assembly

Friday, December 4

Jordan Creek has designated the month of December as a time to celebrate the Character Counts pillar of caring. Second graders are taking the lead in showing Jordan Creek cares about others by asking all students and staff to bring in a pair of mittens or gloves, a hat or a \$1 monetary donation. These donations will be accepted Nov. 30-Dec. 4. An all-school assembly will take place at 9:15 a.m. Fri., Dec. 4. Representatives of West Des Moines Human Services will be present to accept donations designed to benefit those in need in our community.

Watch for more information to be coming home with your child. Thanks for your help!

--JC Second Grade Students & Teachers

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

Mon.	09	Half of 6th Grade to Biz-Town
Tues.	10	Half of 6th Grade to Biz-Town
Thurs.	12	PFC Meeting, 2 p.m.
Tues.	24	6th Grade Volleyball Tournament
Wed.	25-27	No School/Thanksgiving Break

December

Fri.	04	Character Counts Assembly, 9:15 a.m.
Wed.	09	6th Grade Orchestra School Tour JC performance at 10:45 a.m.
Thurs.	10	Westside 6th Grade Band Performance at Western Hills, 9:14 a.m. 5th and 6 th Grade Orchestra Winter Concert at Valley Southwoods, 6 p.m.
Fri.	18	Winter Parties, 3 p.m.

Your PFC Dollars@Work

Thanks to the hard work and generosity of our JC families, staff and friends, the PFC is able to provide needed funding to our school. The following is a sample of what was provided in October:

- Over \$4,600 to reimburse 52 teachers for classroom expenses. Full-time teachers are allowed \$100 and part-time teachers are allowed \$50.
- \$950 for a one-year lease of online conference scheduling software. In addition to providing conference scheduling, this software can be used for scheduling volunteers and meeting times for school events. Jordan Creek is piloting the software, and next year the costs could be split among participating schools in the district.

We welcome your enthusiastic participation in our fundraisers and active involvement in our planning meetings. The next PFC meeting is Nov. 12 at 2 p.m.

Notes from the Nurse

The nurse's office needs your help! In light of the recent high levels of illness, it seems our supply of pain relievers has been significantly depleted! If your child has ever been given a pain reliever at school, please consider donating a bottle of Tylenol/acetaminophen or Advil/Motrin/ibuprofen so that the health office supply can be restocked. Thanks!

Challenge of the Books

If you are interested in having your fourth, fifth or sixth grade reader participate in the challenge of the books reading program, please contact Lisa West at 401-4142 or lisawest@mchsi.com. This group of students will meet during lunch approximately twice a month through April and discuss books in preparation for a district wide quiz show reading celebration. Parent volunteers are needed to help lead the reading groups. A flyer and book list will be sent home with your student. Please sign up for some reading fun!

Lisa West, JC Parent

Auction-Save the Date

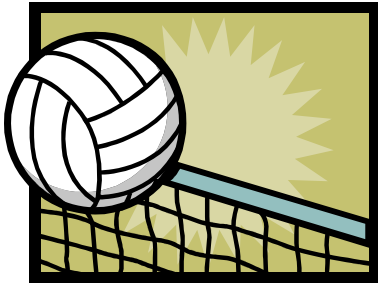
Saturday, February 27, 2010

Information on the upcoming Parent Faculty Club Auction to be held Sat., Feb. 27, 2010, has been sent home with your student. Please read over the information. Learn how to be a sponsor or donor and get involved in this fun and worthwhile fundraising project to help support your child's school. Volunteers are needed to help with the auction. For questions or additional information, please call auction chairpersons Brenda Lounsbury at 224-1008 or Sheri Van Arnum at 991-5789.

Come and join the fun!

Steve France 6th Grade Volleyball Tournament

Tuesday, Nov. 24



The West Des Moines Physical Education staff would like to invite you to the **34th Annual Steve France Sixth Grade Volleyball Tournament**. The tournament will be

held at the **Valley High School Fieldhouse Tues., Nov. 24** beginning at **11:30 a.m. and ending at 2 p.m.** It is a fun, loud and memorable afternoon at Valley for all. We ask that all parents sit in their designated area, which is assigned in the east bleachers (and bring your ear plugs).

All sixth grade students in the West Des Moines Community School District will have the opportunity to participate. Each elementary school in the district will combine all sixth grade homerooms and have one boy's team and one girl's team. There will be seven games for each division allowing each school to compete against every elementary school in the district. **Girls will play all seven of their games first beginning at 11:30 a.m., followed by the boys who will start play around 12:40 p.m.**

We will be awarding a sportsmanship trophy to the boy's and girl's team who demonstrates the highest overall sportsmanship throughout the tournament. A traveling trophy is awarded to the first place team in the boy's and girl's division and ribbons are also awarded to the top four teams for both divisions.

The WDMCS elementary physical education staff is proud to sponsor this event. Hope to see you there!

The WDM Elementary Physical Education Staff

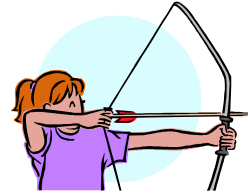
Notes from the Office

Every Wednesday is an early dismissal day. School dismisses at 3:10 p.m. Please make sure your child knows what they are to do on those early out days!
Half day kindergarten dismisses at 11:05 a.m.

Please do not park in front of mail boxes along 39th St. Your car will be towed.

Try the Archery Challenge!

Jordan Creek is starting an Olympic-style archery club! The Jordan Creek Archery Club will be open to all girls and boys in fourth, fifth and sixth grade. There is no cost to join. All equipment is provided.



**Learn a fun and exciting new skill.
Learn proper technique and safety.**



Our first meeting will be Dec. 1 in the gym after school. The meeting will end at 4:50 p.m.

Students will need a signed permission slip before they can participate. Please make arrangements for rides. Any questions please call Mr. Suarez at 633-5202 or 306-1137 (cell).

Box Tops/Campbell's/Tyson Labels

The 2009-10 school year is off to a great start with these programs! Congratulations to Mrs. Anderson's fourth grade class for being the winners of our September contest. They collected an amazing 1,154 points in the first month of school! We just submitted our first batch of Box Tops, with a total of 9,780 points, which will bring Jordan Creek \$978.

Campbell's is offering a bonus of 2,500 points if we submit 2,500 UPCs before Dec. 31. We currently have 1,947 UPCs, so keep sending those in so that we can earn this great bonus.

Thanks to all the great volunteers who make this program work!

Get Your Official Valley Merchandise!

We all like to wear Valley merchandise to support the Tigers and now you can get the most updated and official Valley merchandise. Find an order form online at www.wdmcs.org/valley_boosters/ and coming soon you can order online directly at www.proforma.com/WDMValley. Go Tigers!

