



# JAGUAR NEWS

October 2009

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jeffersontown Jaguar Families,

Congratulations to you, your child, and their school faculty and staff for being recognized by the Kentucky Department of Education for meeting our No Child Left Behind targets in all 16 subgroups and overall for three years in a row now. We also passed a recognition point of 88 in or higher on this year's index. The recognition plaques and flag will be on display in the Commons. This year our Reading Index was 94.05, Math was 95.82, Science was 98.08, Social Studies improved the most with a gain of 7.05 points to 86.19, and our On Demand Writing was 88.62. Please know that we won't stop until every child reaches his/her potential. Special thanks to all our students that are working so hard to improve everyday. We are very proud of them for an extraordinary wonderful attitude and willingness to try their best this year as we have aimed higher for more success this year than last.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation through working closely with the teachers, helping your child strive for perfect attendance, and by completing all assignments everyday. Even our traffic guard is happy with our students, staff, and parents by being patient and following the rules at the beginning and end of each day. >)

The JCPS Showcase of Schools is October 16, 17, 2009 at the Commonwealth Convention Center downtown Louisville. (5-7 PM Friday and 10:00-3:00 PM Saturday. Come see representatives from every school in JCPS in one location and ask your questions, check out the programs, and get information.

Thank you for all you do for our students to help them be successful and happy learners each day. Teamwork makes the dream work.

Very sincerely and respectfully,

Larry B. Foley, Principal  
Jeffersontown Elementary School

## OCTOBER 2009

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5	6	7 CAP	8	9 Popcorn Day!
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19	20	21 Fall picture Retakes	22	23 Fall Festival 6:30-9:00
26 Robben's Roost Skating Party 6:30-8:30 RED RIBBON WEEK	27	28	29	30

The Advance Program testing will be the week of October 12<sup>th</sup> for our qualified third, fourth, or fifth grade students. Results are reported a couple of months later with an official parent/student notification letter sent home stating the results. Call 485-8274 for questions or concerns.

The October issue of the JCPS Parent Connection newsletter is now available

<http://www.jcpsky.net/Pubs/ParentConnection>

## LETTER FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT

Dear Students and Parents,

October is going to be a busy month for the PTA!

We have many fun activities and programs planned, and are looking forward to seeing you at them. Reflections are due in the beginning of October. Our Reflections Chairman, Mona Ford, has gathered some great works of art from our students to represent our school. Congratulations and thank you to all that participated.

Our Fall Festival will be on Friday, October 23, 6:30. This is a huge event with vendors, food, games, prizes, and even a haunted house. It is sure to be lots of fun! We need a lot of volunteers to help pull this event off. Please let us know where you can help.

We'll be having our first skating party of the year at Robben's Roost on Monday, October 26, 6:30-8:30.

Come dressed up in your Halloween costume. We'll have prizes for best costumes! Class with most participation will also win "Jay the Spirit Bear" and FREE popcorn!

The week of the 26<sup>th</sup> is also Red Ribbon Week. This week is designated to encourage students to live a drug and alcohol free life. Our PTA strives to offer many fun activities and programs for our students. We could not do it without all your support! If you have not had the opportunity to join the PTA yet, we invite you to join today! Team Work Makes the Dream Work!

Tomi Given, PTA President  
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## FALL PICTURE RETAKES

Did you miss Fall Picture Day? No problem... **Re-takes will be held on Wednesday, October 21st.** More information regarding Fall Picture Re-take's will be sent home soon. If you have any questions regarding LifeTouch Photography or would like to order additional prints from previous picture days, please contact them directly at (812) 542-1701

## MONEY MATTERS

**Congratulations to the Pridemore family!**  
Jeffersontown Elementary School staff and PTA would like to congratulate Scott and his wife on their recent adoption of their new baby girl, Jenna.

## BOX TOPS



Wow! Box Tops have been pouring into the school! As of the end of September, you all have sent in 5,086 Box Tops! At 10¢ a piece, that's \$508! We're already half way to meeting our goal of \$1,000!

The student that has brought in the most for August & September is... **Blake Broyles!!!** He is in Mrs. Tyra's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class. Blake wins a free pass to the Robben's Roost Skating Party on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations Blake!

Please continue to send Box Tops into school; our first submission is October 31. We will continue to track the classrooms and students that turn in the most! Turn in your Box Tops by the end of each month to be eligible for that month's contest. The class that turns in the most by the end of the year will win a special party for the entire class in May! In order to keep track on who is sending in Box Tops, PLEASE be sure to **write your child's name AND teacher's name on the bag**. Also, you can go to [btf.com](http://btf.com) to sign up to support our school and find a list of participating products. Please let me know if you have any questions, comments or concerns! Thanks for all of your support!

*Debbie Swartz  
Box Top for Education Volunteer Coordinator*

## TEACHER LIASON

Thank you to all the great help we had for our Grandparent's Day. We had so many desserts donated by our fabulous Room Parents and we received several comments on how impressed our guests were. Thank you also to all our volunteers that came and helped to serve. All Silent Auction Basket assignments have been made for the Fall Festival. Room Parents should be sending out information on that soon. All completed and fully arranged baskets will need to be in by Friday morning Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>. We look forward to seeing all the great baskets that will be created. Be sure to come by the Library during the Fall Festival on Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup> to check out all the baskets and bid on your favorite.

*Amanda Meridith  
Teacher Liaison*

## TEACHER TIDBITS

### **Mrs. O'Neil and Mrs. Dailey's Class**

October brings many learning opportunities for the students in our class. The students are working very hard every day to become lifelong readers and writers. We will explore a variety of fiction and nonfiction books and practice reading strategies such as using background knowledge, making connections, and using sensory images. The students were thrilled to receive their writer's notebooks and are working enthusiastically to publish their personal writing. We will continue to compare and contrast the life cycles of various insects and we are looking forward to observing the dramatic metamorphosis of our caterpillars. We are also anticipating our field trip to Safety City, where we will learn ways to stay safe in the community.

## HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!

Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating a Birthday in October! We wish an especially Happy Birthday to our valued Teachers and Staff.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Stacey Sanford  
10<sup>th</sup> – Carolyn Cox  
16<sup>th</sup> – Theresa Smith  
24<sup>th</sup> – Amanda Duncan  
29<sup>th</sup> – Jill O'Bryan



If you recognize your child's teacher or a staff member that has been helpful to you, let them know your thinking of them. They do so much for us let's tell them we appreciate it.

## FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

The Family Resource Center is in need of Uniforms, especially sizes 10-12.

Please bring any donations to the office.

*Thanks,  
Melissa Higgins,  
School Secretary*



## NOVEMBER EVENTS

5- No school  
6- No school  
13- Popcorn Day  
23- Unity Day  
25-27- No school