

THE PATRIOT PRESS

Principal: Shauna Hittle

Vice Principal: Patti Henderson

PTA President: Marcie Determan

Volume 3, Issue 1

September 2009



Dear Jack Families,

What an honor it is to be serving as your principal for the third year! It seems like just yesterday that we opened our doors for the first time. Since then, our enrollment has increased nearly 200 students and our staff has increased significantly as well which means we are continually welcoming new families. Jack is a TEA Exemplary campus that continues to strive for excellence in all we do.

We have an extremely active PTA in which I encourage you all to take part in. Not only is it a rewarding experience for you, it also helps our campus increase the many opportunities we can provide our students and families. Research shows us that parental involvement is essential to the success of students and schools. We appreciate all that our parents do for our school. It is without doubt, that is what helps us excel.

The students and staff are busily working every day. It did not take long this year to notice the high levels of engagement in the classrooms, the smiles, the quality work appearing everywhere, and the great conversations that take place each day. It makes me extremely proud to walk our halls and enter our classrooms and see the vision we created nearly three years ago unfold each and every day. Jack truly lives up to our motto, "Jack Elementary...where the best keeps getting better."

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for entrusting your child's wellbeing in our care each day. Our staff takes great pride in sharing a common passion for helping children succeed. For us, it is more than merely a job. It is a way of life and a sense of who we are as members of our community. We love our work, love your children, and love having the support from you that we see every day. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Shauna Hittle, Principal



PATRIOT'S PLEDGE

"As a Patriot,
I will be the best
that I can be.
I am respectful.
I am responsible.
I am ready to
succeed."

Check out the Jack Elementary Website. It contains a photo gallery, important dates and lots of good information.
<http://www.tylerisd.org/Schools/Jack>

IMPORTANT DATES:

October 12: Student holiday
October 19-23: Book fair
October 22: Grandfriends' Day
October 26-30: Red ribbon week
November 7: Jack Jubilee

**Interested in joining the PTA? Contact Spirit Scott
903-561-9227 or spirithere@hotmail.com**



Jack Elementary won the Energy Star Award for being one of the most energy conserving buildings in the nation!

Jack was highlighted at the TISD school board meeting Sept. 17th. Makenzie Bauer 2nd grade, Desmond Shelby 5th grade, Mrs. Pippen, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Hittle all presented on the numerous successes the past two years.

4th & 5th grade soccer tournament will be on November 6th at Lindsey Park.

Coach Lisa Snell will be selling kick bags in the gym for \$2.00 each.



Traffic reminders: Please stop for buses when loading and unloading children in the mornings and drive slow through the drive. Please remember to use the sidewalks in the mornings and afternoons. No left hand turns during high traffic times at drop off and pick up. This is for the safety of all.



Fall Fund Raiser Information

We will be selling Fresh Country once again. Fresh Country offers pre-portioned "ready to cook" cookie dough, pumpkin rolls, cheesecakes and many other goodies. Sale starts Tuesday, October 13th and ends Monday, October 26th. Delivery Day will be Tuesday, November 17th from 2:30 pm - 6:00 pm in the school cafeteria.



PATTI HENDERSON
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back to Jack!
The halls are filled with bright smiling faces.
Books and backpacks are put in their places.
We begin the year with high hopes and dreams
Every year gets better and better it seems!
We love our kids, staff, and teachers,
This school is one of the best TISD features!

Kindergarten will be taking a field trip to Moore Farms for the fall pumpkin harvest. We will go on Friday, Oct. 9th for the morning session. Parent volunteers must have a volunteer badge. Parents will need to pay \$6.00 at the gate of Moore Farms. Students need to send \$4.00 for admission with their permission slip. Students and volunteers will need a sack lunch and a water. No sweet drinks of any kind are allowed because of bees. This is an exciting trip! Each student will get a pumpkin, we will go on a hay ride, pull a plow, participate in a play and much more!!

Tips for Cold and Flu Season



1. Practice good hand washing. Hand washing is the best preventative medicine.
2. Wipe down hard surfaces including door knobs, phones, countertops, tables and faucet handles.
Germs can live for up to 48 hours on surfaces.
3. Cover your coughs and sneezes.
4. Keep hands away from your mouth, nose and eyes. Germs are easily spread this way.
5. Stay home if you are running fever of 100 or greater. A student **must be free of fever for 24 hours before returning to school.** Please call the school office if your child is absent.
6. Consult with your Doctor about getting a flu vaccine.



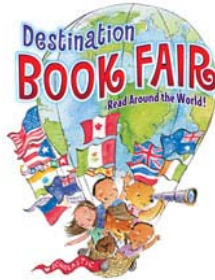
Fall Book Fair October 19th-23rd

Family Night - October 20th

4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Grandfriends' Day - October 22nd

10:00 am - 1:00 pm



- Get wimpy! Reserve your copy of Wimpy Kid 4 today!**
- Jeff Kinney's newest book is scheduled to go on sale October 12.
 - Our Scholastic Book Fair is offering an exclusive paperback edition of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid 4: Dog Days*.
 - There's NO cost for shipping, and remember, each purchase benefits our school!
- Pick up your pre-order slips from the library.

On Friday, September 18, 2009, the students, staff and PTA at Dr. Bryan C. Jack Elementary School opened its doors and welcomed the delegates from Kazakhstan that were visiting the city of Tyler. The delegation met regional leaders in many fields, including education; made contacts that can be continued into the future; experienced life in Texas homes; and enjoyed the cultural and social benefits of this area.

The trip was sponsored by the Open World Leadership Center, a program of the United States Congress designed to enable emerging leaders in Russia and former Soviet Socialist Republics to gain first-hand exposure to the American system of democracy through visits to local communities.



Jack Recycles! Please remember to recycle your aluminum cans. There is a bin behind the school. Please NO plastic bags.
Check out this great website: www.kab.org
Many great ideas on how you and your family can GO GREEN! Kid-friendly site!



From the desk of Tamara Colston, Instructional Specialist

7 Tips for Developing Good Homework and Study Habits

- ✓ Create an environment that is conducive to doing homework. Youngsters need a permanent work space in their bedroom or another part of the home that offers privacy.
- ✓ Set aside ample time for homework.
- ✓ Establish a household rule that the TV set stays off during homework time.
- ✓ Supervise computer and internet use.
- ✓ Be available to answer questions and offer assistance, but never do a child's homework for her.
- ✓ Take steps to help alleviate eye fatigue and brain fatigue while studying. It may be helpful to close the books for a few minutes, stretch, and take a break periodically when it will not be too disruptive.
- ✓ If your child is struggling with a particular subject, and you aren't able to help her yourself, a tutor can be a good solution. Talk it over with your child's teacher first.