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## Mrs. Fisher's Notes

The 2014-2015 school year is off to a great start! You will receive Jackson E's News every two weeks as an email. If you do not have an email, we can send home a paper copy. My hope is to give you a quick update and calendar of upcoming events at your child's school. Please make sure we have your updated email address. If you would like a paper copy to come home with your child from now on, please fill out and return the form in this newsletter. Mr. Kitslaar has also designed a principal webpage. Please check it out: <http://jacksonprincipal-spape.weebly.com/>.

We have a few new staff at Jackson School this year. We are excited to have new faces at our school. Please help us welcome them! Our new staff are:



Mrs. Meghann Kuklinski -  
5th grade teacher



Mrs. Rosario Marriquez -  
ELL teacher



Mrs. Alison Person -  
Speech and Language  
Pathologist



Starting September 15 to 26, your child will take tests called Measures of Academic Progress™ (MAP). The MAP tests measure each student's knowledge of the Common Core State Standards in reading, language arts and math. We give students MAP tests to determine each child's instructional

level and to measure academic growth throughout the school year. Students in the Elkhorn Area School District begin taking MAP tests in kindergarten and continue through grade 8.

Your child will take the tests on a computer. Each subject area test will take up to an hour. For younger students, the testing may be arranged into two 30-minute sessions.

Following each testing period, you will receive a report showing the results at the beginning of the year and your child's growth throughout the year. EASD staff will examine results to determine student progress, interventions for students who demonstrate a need and to fine tune curriculum at each grade level. We look forward to sharing this information with you soon.

On behalf of the Jackson staff, we look forward to working with your child and getting to know your family this school year!



# Technology Update

## Chromebooks

All students will have use of Chromebooks and receive training on Chromebook use with Mrs. Lange during their first library time this year. At the completion of the training they will receive their device. In Kindergarten, First, and Second grade students will use their Chromebooks in class. Third, Fourth, and Fifth grade students will bring their Chromebooks home. That means:

- Your Student will receive a bag to carry his or her Chromebook and its power cord to and from school.
- Students should charge their Chromebooks nightly so it is ready for use during their day.
- Internet use is filtered through the school's technology.
- When the Chromebook is at home, parents decide the rules for use (sites to visit, amount of time on the device, etc.).
- Please reinforce the safe transport and use of the device procedures to minimize any damage.

Students may personalize their Chromebooks by applying NON-adhesive decals/stickers on their device. For Your Information: non-residue decals can be used as identifiers for the Chromebooks, Although decals provide no protection to the computer, they can help your child easily find his or her Chromebook. A popular website for decals is: [www.decalgirl.com](http://www.decalgirl.com).

You may choose to purchase a cover for the device. We have been getting questions about which Chromebook model and series we use in the district - it is important to know if you (or your student) plans to order a plastic cover/shell for the Chromebook. The school district uses the **Samsung Chromebook Series 3 (XE303C12)**. Use this information to order the correct fitting shell.

## Student Email

Each student at Jackson School has their own email account. This allows teachers to email students activities, share Google Docs, and easily share website addresses. Each child will have the opportunity to participate, collaborate and create documents and projects using web-based applications. These applications provide increased functionality for teachers and students. Students will no longer visit the web just to gather information; rather they will use it as a collaborative tool and will place information on the web for others to utilize. Such tools allow individuals to communicate and collaborate in powerful, educationally relevant ways. Some common applications that your child may be exposed to are:

- **Google** (individual email account, google docs, presentation, and spreadsheet)
- **Prezi**- An online presentation software
- **Quizlet** – A quiz based software
- **Blogs** - A blog is a website where entries are written in chronological order and displayed in reverse chronological order.
- **Wikis** - A wiki is a website that allows visitors to add, remove, and edit content.
- **Podcasts** - A podcast is a digital audio file that is distributed over the Internet for playback on portable media players (such as .mp3 players) and personal computers.
- **On-line textbooks**

Your child's safety and security is a priority. Below is the Elkhorn Area School District's "Acceptable Technology Use Agreement." Please review and discuss it with your child. Let us know of any questions or concerns you may have.

## Technology Usage Terms and Conditions

1. Students are expected to act safely by keeping personal information out of their posts; agree not to post or give out their last name, password, username, home address, school name, city or other information that could help someone locate or contact them in person.
2. Students agree not to share their username or password with anyone besides their teachers and parents. Students agree to never log in as another student.

## Technology Usage Terms and Conditions...continued

3. Students are expected to treat all applications as classroom spaces. Speech that is inappropriate for class is not appropriate for any technology application.
4. All applications are a forum for student expression. However, they are first and foremost a tool for learning, and may sometimes be constrained by the various requirements and rules of classroom teachers. Students are welcome to post on any school-appropriate subject.
5. Some applications are to be a vehicle for sharing student work with real audiences. Most visitors will leave respectful, helpful messages. If students receive a comment that makes them feel uncomfortable or is not respectful, a teacher should be told right away.
6. Students should not download or install any software without permission and not click on ads or competitions.
7. Students who do not abide by these terms and conditions may lose their opportunity to take part in computer activities for a limited time or permanently.

## Office Reminders

The School Year has begun and students and teachers are back to work. Here are a few reminders to help you and your student have a successful year.

Jackson School opens at 8:25 AM. Do not drop off your child before 8:20 AM as there is not adult supervision. Students must be in their classroom and in their seats by 8:35 AM or they will be marked Tardy.

If your child is sick and will not attend school, please contact the office by 9:00 AM. We need to verify that you know where your child is—safe at home or safe at school.

If your child arrives late to school, you or the adult

bringing your child to school, must sign in your child.

If your child visits a dentist, doctor, or other medical professional, please request an office visit note and turn it in to the office.

If your child is picked up or walks home at the end of the day, he or she must exit the front of the school where there is adult supervision. For safety reasons, we do not allow students to exit out other doors. Office staff will contact parents/guardians of those students who are not picked up by 3:30 PM. If you need child care after school, Lakeland's Little Learners offers a wrap around program here at Jackson Elementary. Their phone

number is (262) 723-8381.

We cannot release a student to anyone other than legal parents/guardians or those individuals listed as an emergency contact for a child.

Students may not ride a different bus after school unless they are going to a childcare provider. The bus company does not allow students to ride a different bus for play-dates or over-nights.

If your child loses something at school, please check the Lost & Found rack and table in the lobby.

Please review the K-5 Parent-Student Handbook - 2014-2015 to learn more.

# The Librarian's Bookshelf

## A big thank you

Mrs. Kotlarz and Mrs. Larmay for co-chairing the book fair with me



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Jackson LMC Specialist  
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## Matheson Summer Reading Program

Wow! We had over 90 students participate in this program. The crown was awarded to the librarian at West Side Elementary School this year. All participants will receive a small gift from me before September is over.

## Overdue books

I have sent home notices to the students that did not return their books from last school year. Please either return the books or pay the replacement fee so I am able to order another copy for all students to enjoy.

## Volunteers

We will be having a book fair in the LMC October 16-23. More details will be coming but we would love volunteers to help! We will be open during both nights of Parent/Teacher conferences - October 21 and 23 from 3:45-7:45 PM.

If you are able to help in the LMC anytime during the week, please contact me.

Happy Reading! — Mrs. Lange

## 2014 PTA Walk-A-Thon Prizes and Incentives

- Students who collect \$20 or more in pledges will receive an Elkhorn Elks water bottle on Walk-A-Thon day.
- Students who collect \$50 or more in pledges will be entered in a drawing to win a Kindle Fire!

Please thank these local businesses for sponsoring our Walk-A-Thon:

*Blue Ribbon Freight,  
Frank's Country Market,  
Mercy Health Systems,  
and Stebnitz Builders*

# PTA Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser

The Third Annual Jackson PTA Walk-A-Thon is our primary fundraiser for the school year. Our PTA will use the proceeds from this event to fund classroom fieldtrips, pay for assemblies, support classroom activities, and contribute to technology advancements.

The PTA Walk-A-Thon will take place on Wednesday, September 24, 2014. Jackson Students will walk with their teachers and classmates during the school day. The event is held on the Relay for Life track at the Walworth County Fairgrounds.

How you can help:

1. Watch for the pledge form/envelope to come with your child.
2. Ask family and friends to sponsor your child in the Walk-A-Thon.
3. Collect pledges before the event in the pledge envelope.
4. Return the pledge envelope to your child's teacher by the Walk-A-Thon on September 24, 2014.
5. Volunteer on the day of our event—there are lots of volunteer opportunities. We regret that parents and other family members not signed up to volunteer are unable participate in the Walk-A-Thon.

**Not a member of Jackson Elementary's PTA?** There's no better way to know what's happening in your school than being a member of Jackson's PTA. Membership is open to everyone. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 6-7pm. FREE childcare & snacks are provided.

### Announcing a great new bullying education resource for parents!

Bullying has become a serious problem in schools, but as a parent, you play an important role in both preventing and responding to bullying. While we know it's not always easy to talk to your child about serious topics like bullying, the more you know about bullying the more you will be prepared to talk to your child about it, and respond to incidents if your child is ever involved in a bullying situation.

That's why we're excited to let you know about a new bullying education and prevention resource for parents, created by Children's Hospital of Wisconsin and supported by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

ParentsActNow.com is a free, invaluable resource that features a series of short video segments for parents of kids and teens. You will learn:

- The basics of what bullying IS and what it ISN'T
- How to talk to your child about bullying
- What to do if your child is being bullied or is bullying others
- The facts about cyber bullying and sexual harassment
- How to build your child's resiliency
- How to contact your child's school
- Laws that are in place regarding bullying



Wednesday, September 24th is Bullying Awareness Day in Wisconsin. You can show your support by **clicking on the Act Now! button above** to go directly to [ParentsActNow.com](http://ParentsActNow.com) and learn all that you can about preventing and responding to bullying. The more you know, the more you will be prepared to have important conversations about bullying with your child.



Kids deserve the best.



# Guidance with Ms. Upite

## Classroom Guidance

Ms. Upite, the Jackson School Counselor, conducts classroom guidance lessons with all students in grades K-5. Classes meet weekly for 30 minutes and address topics that will help our students be successful both socially and academically. In September we have been working on the topic of Self-Knowledge and Management. We are emphasizing the uniqueness of each individual and working to identify and express feelings appropriately.

## Groups

As part of our developmental guidance program, Jackson Elementary provides students with Friendship (grades K-5) and Changing Families (grades 1-5) groups. Teachers will be sending out forms to students that may benefit from participating in a group. However, if your family experiences a change, or if you feel that your child would benefit from participating in a friendship group, please contact Ms. Upite. Groups are starting but it is never too late to join!

## Individual Counseling

In addition to classroom and group counseling services, students may also participate in short-term individual counseling. The purpose of these meetings is to help students enhance his/her school performance and/or social skills. If you feel that your child may benefit from one-on-one contact with the counselor, please contact Ms. Upite.

If you have any questions about guidance, please contact Ms. Upite at 723-1200 ext 1207.

THANK YOU!



## Immunizations

*Wisconsin State Law requires all public schools students to present written evidence of immunizations against certain diseases within 30 days of admission.*

Wisconsin State Law requires all public school students to present written evidence of immunizations against certain diseases **within 30 days of admission**. Jackson Elementary students who are not in compliance with the Wisconsin State Immunization Law will be **excluded** from school on **October 14, 2014**. It is the parents responsibility, not the child's previous school district or health care provider, to provide the school with proof of immunizations. These requirements can be waived only if properly signed health, religious, or personal conviction waiver is filed with the school.

**As of October 1, 2012**, the *Walworth County Public Health Department* can no longer supply vaccine for anyone (children or adults) that has private insurance that covers vaccine, even if there is a deductible or co-pay. This comes from the CDC which provides funding for the vaccines they use. If your private insurance covers vaccines, please see your doctor for immunizations. The clinics will continue to provide vaccines for children and certain vaccines for adults who do not have health insurance or have Medicaid (*Forward card*) or *Badger Care*, and those who are Native American or Alaskan Native. **Call 741-3140 for information.**



Latex balloon

## EASD is a Latex-Safe District

To ensure a safe environment for students, family and staff, **latex balloons** and **latex gloves** are not allowed in any of the school buildings. Mylar (foil) balloons are acceptable for celebrations or decorations because they do not present the same kinds of hazards to young children and those with allergies.

**No balloons, Latex or Mylar, are allowed on the school bus.**



Mylar balloon

# Nurse's Notes

## Students with Chronic Health Concerns

Parents of a student with a chronic health concern or that need nursing services during the school day, need to provide physician documentation of any school limitations or the need for accommodations each school year. It is suggested that the student wear a medical alert bracelet or necklace and that the parents/guardians meet with the classroom teacher at least once annually to explain any special needs.

If your child has a chronic health concern and you have not yet met with his/her teacher this school year, please contact your child's classroom teacher today to make an appointment.

## Food Safety at School

Parents are encouraged to check with their child's teacher before bringing in snacks for the classroom as there may be some foods that are restricted due to special diets or food allergies.

To reduce the spread of illness, we discourage serving snacks in a

communal bowl that allow students to serve themselves. Please individually wrap food items or snacks, or use commercially prepared snacks or snacks prepared by a licensed food vendor. Due to the lack of freezer or refrigerator space, foods that require refrigeration or freezer space should be avoided.

If your child has a medically documented food allergy, please contact your child's teacher to personally inform her/him of your child's specific health concern and how it is managed.

## Medication at School: Including Inhalers & Epipens

If your child needs to take prescription medication or routine over-the-counter medication at school, we must have a doctor's order and a parent/guardian's signature.

The medication must be in the original container with the child's name on it. The forms are available in the school office and can be sent directly to your child's school.

Please bring the medication directly to the school office. For the safety of all children, please do not send the medication to school or on the bus. Thank you!

## Health Forms & Files

### Due now for Kindergartners

- Physical form
- Dental form
- Eye Exam form
- Immunization form
- Birth Certificate

Please send completed forms to the school office or have them faxed to (262) 723-3719.

### Due now for 4th Graders

- Physical form
- Dental form

Please send completed forms to the school office or have them faxed to (262) 723-3719.

### Health File Concerns

Please send a note to the health office if your child had the following over the summer:

- Developed a new health concern.
- Chickenpox disease or the varicella vaccine or Tdap.
- Had an eye exam.

## Eye Care and Your Child

**Parents of Kindergartners: The Wisconsin State Law (s.118.135, Wis. Stats.)** requires the Elkhorn Area School District to request each student **entering kindergarten** provide evidence of an **eye examination** by a doctor that specializes in eye health or to have the Wisconsin form completed by your child's health care provider

by December 1. Kindergartners also need a physical exam and a dental check.

**Free Eye Care: Vision USA** is a non-profit program that provides basic eye health and vision care services without charge to children of low income families with no eye care insurance, nor Medicare or

Medicaid, and have no other means of obtaining eye care. Parents or guardians must send a copy of a most recent tax return or verification for the free hot lunch program to qualify. Call the **Wisconsin Optometric Association** at (877) 435-2020 for more information.



## Walworth County Seal Students' Smile Program Returns to Jackson Elementary School!

### Did you know that Elkhorn's water supply does NOT contain fluoride?



The 'goal' is for all students to have preventative dental care prior to entering middle school. Those students with access to a dentist and dental coverage are encouraged continue to seek regular dental care through their dentist. Students with *Medical Assistance/BadgerCare* along with those students who do not have access to a dentist or do not have dental insurance are encouraged to participate in this free program. Students with private dental insurance are encouraged to seek regular dental care through their dentist. No student will be refused services based on their insurance coverage. Watch for forms coming home soon!



The *Walworth County Seal Students' Smile* program has registered dental hygienists providing the following services at school to 2nd and 5th graders whose parents apply for the program:

1.



Dental education: dental hygienists give free tooth brushing instruction and oral health education. A dye is applied to students' teeth to help show students where they are brushing well and areas where they need to improve their brushing.

2.



The dental hygienist screens each child's mouth to determine which teeth can have sealants. A sealant is a thin, tooth colored, plastic coating that is painted on a tooth to help prevent cavities from forming. Sealants are applied to the chewing surfaces of the back teeth—the premolars and molars.

3.



A fluoride varnish is applied to all surfaces of all the teeth. Fluoride varnish is painted onto the teeth, making them stronger. Children at risk for decay can have up to 4 fluoride varnish treatments each year. At risk children in the program will receive two applications of fluoride varnish.

4.



**This program is not meant to be a substitute for regular visits to the dentist.** All families are encourage to have a dentist where they can receive dental care. Students without a dentist who are identified as having an urgent need for dental care are assisted in finding a dentist.

In summary, no student will be refused services based on their insurance coverage even though this program participates in the state medical assistance program. The treatment which children receive in this program is not meant to be an alternative to regular dental care. It is strongly recommended that you seek out a dental home (family dentist) for routine dental care including any follow up care which may be recommended after your child has completed this school-based oral health program.

For more information on the program's implementation, contact the *Walworth County Department of Health and Human Services* at (262) 741-3232 or *Seal A Smile* Coordinator, Chace Wolff, RDH at [ewolff@co.walworth.wi.us](mailto:ewolff@co.walworth.wi.us). For more information about the program at Jackson School call (262) 723-3160 ext. 1610 or email Wendy Zimmerman at [zimmwe@elkhorn.k12.wi.us](mailto:zimmwe@elkhorn.k12.wi.us).

**Healthy Teeth = Healthier Children**



EASD Parent Connections Programs/[www.elkhorn.k12.wi.us](http://www.elkhorn.k12.wi.us)

Pattie Woods, Coordinator (723-3160, ext 1416)

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## Story Time Programming

Reading is always at the heart of "Parent Connections" programming. These programs incorporate stories, rhymes, music, and discoveries. Join Miss Pattie at the Matheson Memorial Library for the following programs:

### Books 'n' Babies

Thursdays - 10:00 a.m.  
For children 0 - 18 months  
and their caregivers.

**Dates** Sept 18, 25,  
Oct 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

### Tiny Tots

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays - 6:30p.m.  
For children 0 - 5 years and  
their caregivers.

**Dates** Sept 22,  
Oct 13 & 27

### Toddlers 'n' Books

Tuesdays - 10:00 or 11:00 a.m.  
For children 0 - 5 and their  
caregivers.

**Dates** Sept 16, 23, 30,  
Oct 7, 14, 21 & 28

## Ongoing Programming

You will find many weekly and monthly opportunities for you and your children to participate in games and activities. Programs titles in **red** are at the library; titles in **green** are at Sunset Park/Elkhorn Park & Rec.

### We Explore SCIENCE!

This program is part of the "we explore" series that offers Friday programs for parents with children 5 and younger. Each month, we explore a new topic with a science theme. Join us in the Community Room to explore.

**Time:** 10:00-11:00 a.m.

**Date:** Sept 19 & Oct 17

### Be Active!!

10:00-11:00 a.m.

**Elkhorn Park & Recreation Center**  
200 Devendorf St. Elkhorn

Join us for an hour of games and activities designed for you and your 1-5 year old. Come ready to run, jump, and be active! No need to register and there is no charge to attend.

**Dates:** Sept 24, Oct 8 & 22

### Playgroup with Pattie

Come spend some time playing with old friends and new.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Date:** Sept 22 & Oct 27

### Miss Pattie's CAFÉ

(Coffee And Fun - Every time!)

Come to the Children's Room at Matheson Memorial Library to play, receive child development and resource information, and discuss child and parent topics.

**Time:** 10:00-11:00 a.m.

**Date:** October 6

### Family Game Night

Join us for an evening of board games, Wii games and more! Games will be geared towards 2-5 year-olds but bring the whole family to Matheson Memorial Library Children's Room.

**Time:** 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Date:** Oct 9

### Moms with Multiples

Everything is more fun with two or three! Come meet with Miss Pattie to discuss your joys of raising multiples!

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Date:** Oct 13

### Project READ - EAMS

October 28, 2014

\*Dinner - 5:00-5:45 p.m. (\$1.00/person)

\*Dr. Navsaria - 6:00-7:00 p.m.

\*FREE Admission

\*FREE Childcare & Activities

\*Pictures with Bucky Badger or Elmer Elk

### Save the Date!

Programs at  
Elkhorn Park & Rec Center  
200 Devendorf St. Elkhorn

**Cookies in December**

12/16/14 at 10:30 a.m.

**Valentine Party**

2/7/15 at 10:30 a.m.



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## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 16-30 Fall Grade 1 PALS Testing
- 16-27 MAP Testing
- 20 Market Day Pick Up 10-11 AM
- 20 PTA 's Kick Off Carnival 11-2 PM
- 22 School Board Meeting 6 PM
- 24 PTA Walk-A-Thon
- 29 Health Screenings

## OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 2 Picture Day—Say Cheese!
- 3 No School—Staff In-Service
- 6-10 Fire Prevention & Safety Week
- 14 PTA Meeting
- 17 PTA Family Fun Night
- 18 Market Day Pick Up 10-11 AM
- 21 & 23 Parent/Teacher Conference 3:45-7:45 PM
- 24 No School—Fall Break
- 27-31 Red Ribbon Week
- 28 Project Read with Dr. Navsaria



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## E-Mail or Paper?

Please fill out and return to the Jackson office if you need to update your email address or would like to receive a paper copy of our "Jackson E's-News".

My child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive a paper copy of the newsletter.

My new email address is: \_\_\_\_\_