

The Madison Messenger

James Madison Intermediate School P.T.O. Newsletter

May 2011



PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

We hope everyone enjoyed the warmer weather in April. The JMI PTO was pleased to sponsor the "Witches, Trolls, and Mischief Makers" assembly on April 13th for the JMI students. The students enjoyed the assembly. The PTO was also able to gift to James Madison Intermediate School a document camera, a projector, and recess equipment. We hope that the teachers and students will find them useful.

JMI celebrated Theater Week with JMP. All our young actors from JMI and JMP put on a wonderful show, "Oliver Twist," on April 14. Great job by everyone!

April 26th turned out to be the perfect warm day to get a scoop of ice cream served by our celebrity scoopers – JMI teachers and staff – at our Maggie Moo's Night. Thanks to all the faculty for making the perfect cold treat for our JMI students!

Our Plant Sale gave all the JMI and FDR students the opportunity to pick pretty flowering plants for Mom. Shhhh! It is a Mother's Day surprise!

Good luck to all our JMI students on their NJASK tests in May!

JMI PTO Co-Presidents
Aparna Merchant & Shakti Jha

CALENDAR

MAY

MAY 3 – 6	NJASK Grade 5
MAY 9 – 13	NJASK Grade 4
MAY 9 – 12	NJASK Grade 3
MAY 19	Art Night @ JMI (6:30 – 8:00 PM)
MAY 20	Box Tops due
MAY 24	Spring Concert @JPS – 7:00– 9:00 PM
MAY 26	Incoming Gr. 3 Parent Orientation – 7:00 PM and PTO meeting – 7:45 PM
MAY 30	Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
JUNE 1–3	Scholastic BOGO Book Fair

MADISON MESSENGER EDITOR

Please contact me at jmipto@gmail.com if you know of a community event, have an idea for an article, or would like to place a business ad in the Madison Messenger.

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Dulcy Pereira – Newsletter Editor

CONTACT THE PTO

If you need to reach any member of the PTO Executive Board or any of our Chairs/Co-Chairs/Coordinators, please send an e-mail to: jmipto@gmail.com

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PLANT SALE

The JMI PTO organized the Plant Sale for the JMI and FDR students on April 27-29. During the plant sale, kids purchased plants for upcoming spring events, such as Mother's Day. The JMI PTO gifted plants to all JMI & FDR teachers and staff on the April 26 Teachers' Appreciation Luncheon. Thanks to all parent and student volunteers for their support and help. Thanks a ton to Mrs. Michele Cervelli's Girl Scout Troop for cutting colorful foil for the plants. Loads of thanks to Mrs. Barbara Kausch's Girl Scout Troop 81797 for unloading the trucks full of plants into the JMI courtyard. Special thanks to school staff for all the help extended towards this event.

"The Earth laughs in colorful flowers". Enjoy the flowers!!!!

Vijaya Turimella
Plant Sale Coordinator

PTO EXECUTIVE BOARD

We are still taking nominations for the PTO Executive Board (PTO President/Co-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary) for 2011-2012. If you are interested in any of the above positions, please fill out a nomination form and return to the JMI office at the earliest. Nomination forms are available at the JMI Main Office.

If there is more than one candidate for any position, an election will be held to determine who will take said position. Elections for the executive board positions will be held at the **May 26, 2011** PTO meeting. If you have any questions, please send an email to the Nominating Committee at jmipto@gmail.com.

CHAIR POSITIONS

We also have open chair positions for various school events for the upcoming year. If you are interested in any of these, or have any questions, please send an email to jmipto@gmail.com

Holiday Boutique Co-Chair (December);
Fifth Grade Events: Safety Patrol Party;
Memory Book Boosters, Fifth Grade
Graduation Party

NOTES FROM THE EDISON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Check out the **NEW** Edison Public School District website – at

www.edisonpublicschools.org

or Edison TV Channel 118

OUR KNIGHTS IN SHINING ARMOR

MANY THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO HELPED TO COORDINATE
EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

Assembly: Maxine Lee

Birthday Sign: Seema Narvekar

Maggie Moo's Night: Wendy Kushner

Newsletter: Dulcy Pereira

Plant Sale: Vijaya Turimella

Teachers' Appreciation Luncheon: Dulcy Pereira

Theater Week: Mary Davis

Website: Sudha Gopalakrishnan

A HUGE THANK YOU to all the custodians for their help with both setting up and cleaning up at the luncheon.

Our heartfelt thanks to ShopRite and Stop&Shop for generously donating gift cards for the Teachers' Appreciation Luncheon.

A special thank you to Mrs. Sherri Rotondo of Rotondo's Deli for providing water, Costco for providing delicious desserts, Dunkin' Donuts for providing coffee, and Chartwells for providing sodas for the Teachers' Appreciation Luncheon.

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