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Welcome to May!

Dear Jason Lee Families,

First, I want to start by thanking Timber Joey for stopping by Jason Lee this past week. He spent his Monday morning reading books to our elementary school students, including a student favorite, *The Book With No Pictures* by BJ Novak! It was a fun and laugh-filled morning, and Timber Joey imparted pearls of wisdom upon our students about staying healthy and growing our minds and bodies.

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Week

This Monday, May 1st, marks the start of our Teacher Appreciation Week! This is a great time to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of Jason Lee's wonderful teaching staff. Feel free to stop by and thank your student's teachers all week.

Teachers will have notes on their doors starting on Tuesday where students and parents can write positive notes or "thank you".

On Tuesday morning, the PTA (Parent Teacher Association) is also organizing a parent potluck where you can bring a favorite dish or dessert for our staff luncheon. Thank you to the PTA for organizing such a great event year after year. We appreciate your support!

There are quite a few updates in this newsletter, including the opportunity to weigh-in on Jason Lee's dress code, so please keep reading. Thanks!

Principal Cardona





Jason Lee Staffing Updates

As you may have heard, Portland Public Schools is in the midst of a budget shortfall. There have been cuts to all schools across the district, including Jason Lee. Overall, we had to make 2.5 cuts to our staffing school-wide. Luckily, we have been able to retain so many of the wonderful supports and programs that our students and staff have come to rely upon.

Next year, we will continue to have a full-time counselor, librarian/media specialist, and PE teacher, in addition to a half-time elementary school art teacher and half-time K-8 music teacher. We are also excited to add a quarter-time Spanish teacher into our middle school program.

Although things may change based upon student enrollment, tentatively we are marked to have two sections of every grade level from kindergarten through 8th grade, with the exception of a third section of 3rd grade. The latter is a pivotal benchmark year for our students, and we have seen the importance of having three sections of 3rd grade in the academic outcomes and growth of our

students year-after-year. Our rising 2nd and 5th grade cohorts will see their class sizes increase next year, as these are the areas where we saw reductions in our teaching force.

We will continue to have small group instruction for reading with three reading educational assistants in our elementary school, in addition to two full-time kindergarten educational assistants. Our middle school will see an increased number of electives, as we will return to an A day / B day schedule for the 2017-2018 school year.

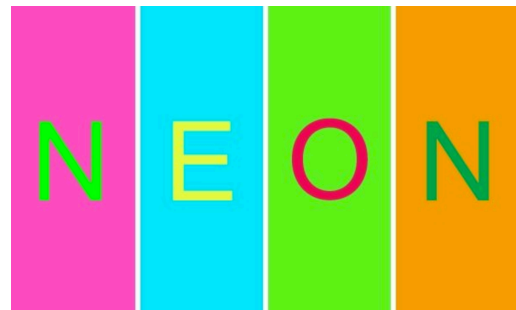
The next PPS Budget Listening Session will occur on May 9th at 5pm at the Blanchard Education Services Center (BESC) on N. Dixon. Everyone is welcome.

If you have any questions or comments about Jason Lee's staffing or curricular program, please feel free to stop by and chat with me anytime.

Neon Spirit Day Friday, May 12th

What can you wear?:

- Neon clothing
- Bright colors like pink, blue, yellow, orange, and green.
- Your school uniform



Celebration of the Arts / Curriculum Night Thursday, May 25th

On Thursday, May 25th, we'll be having our Jason Lee Celebration of the Arts Night! Come out for an evening of visual art, music, food, and fun as we explore art in reading, writing, and math.

All of our teachers will be on hand and we will be displaying art from every classroom, in addition to having student performances throughout the night.

We hope to see you there!



We Love our PTA!

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 16th

We have the best PTA (Parent Teacher Association) at Jason Lee. Every week you can find our parent and family volunteers on campus, they host monthly movie nights that are free to all of our students and community members. They organize our Fall Harvest Festival and Spring Carnival, and they create incentives on campus for our students, including: Popcorn Friday, our book bank, and support with our Student Store.

Our PTA is looking for new members and as the end of the year approaches, we are looking for new officers, including a President, Vice-President, and Secretary. Elections will occur on Tuesday, May 16th. We would love to have you join our PTA or run for office. Our school is amazing and successful because of the many programs and supports that our PTA provides for us. Thank you PTA!



Coffee Connections

Coffee Connections: Peer Conflicts

Tuesday, May 9th at 8:15am

You are invited to our Coffee Connections for the month of May. This is a great time to speak with our counselor, Mr. Doherty, our assistant principal, Mr. Robertson and Principal Cardona about issues impacting our school, students and community. Our topic for May will be Peer Conflicts.

When: Tuesday, May 9th at 8:15 am. Starbucks Coffee and breakfast snacks are provided.

Where: The Jason Lee Teacher Lounge (Just left of the cafeteria)

Why: At this coffee connections, we will link parents with school resources so that you know who to go to with concerns about peer conflicts, including disagreements, mediation, and bullying. Additionally, we will share our school prevention strategies and response to peer conflicts, which includes communicating with families and teachers, restorative work, and providing education for all students involved.



Questions?: Contact Mr. Doherty or Mr. Cardona: 503-916-6144 or icardona@pps.net

Portland Public Schools District Dress Code Policy

The District Dress Code policy applies to all schools in Portland Public Schools grades PK-12, with the exception of schools with a Uniform Dress Code policy.

The responsibility for the dress and grooming of a student rests primarily with the student and his or her parents or guardians.

Allowable Dress & Grooming

- Students must wear clothing including both a shirt with pants or skirt, or the equivalent and shoes.
- Shirts and dresses must have fabric in the front and on the sides.
- Clothing must cover undergarments, waistbands and bra straps excluded.
- Fabric covering all private parts must not be see through.
- Hats and other headwear must allow the face to be visible and not interfere with the line of sight to any student or staff. Hoodies must allow the student face and ears to be visible to staff.
- Clothing must be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities including physical education, science labs, wood shop, and other activities where unique hazards exist.
- Specialized courses may require specialized attire, such as sports uniforms or safety gear.

Non-Allowable Dress & Grooming

- Clothing may not depict, advertise or advocate the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or other controlled substances.
- Clothing may not depict pornography, nudity or sexual acts.
- Clothing may not use or depict hate speech targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation or any other protected groups.
- Clothing, including gang identifiers, must not threaten the health or safety of any other student or staff.
- If the student's attire or grooming threatens the health or safety of any other person, then discipline for dress or grooming violations should be consistent with discipline policies for similar violations.

NEW Jason Lee K-8 Uniform Expectations

Jason Lee requires uniforms for students. The code of dress is as follows:



- Tops:** (Dark or Light) Gray, Blue, Yellow or White
- Must have long, $\frac{3}{4}$, or short sleeve
 - Polos, dress shirts, blouses, crew neck T-shirts, turtlenecks
 - School Spirit t-shirt OK (available through PTA)
 - Patterned tops (stripes, paisley etc.) in these colors only are permitted.
 - Logos or designs are smaller than a quarter.
 - Tops must cover/conceal undergarments.
- Bottoms:** Navy, Gray, Black or Khaki/Tan
- Slacks, capris, walking shorts, skirts, skorts or skirted-jumpers.
 - Must be plain, solid color Twill, corduroy, leggings (under skirt/skort/shorts only)
 - No:** Jeans (denim: A coarse, twilled cotton fabric, often blue) or sweatpants.
- Outwear:** (Dark or Light) Gray, Blue, Yellow or White
- Code of Dress for Tops applies to **acceptable outwear** for both inside and outside of the classroom.
- However**, Any kind of jacket/coat/cardigan/sweater/hoodie is OK if it meets regular code of dress rules**.
- May not be disruptive, distracting, display offensive language/symbols, etc.
 - School staff may ask student to remove jackets
 - Any pullover garment that is worn all day (sweater, sweater vest, sweatshirt) should have an approved uniform top underneath



Dress Code Policy

This past year we've the chance to think about our uniform / dress code policy here at Jason Lee and we would love to hear your feedback. Portland Public Schools revised the district-wide policy last year, and hosted a feedback and listening session at Jason Lee in the spring. Above is the new district policy alongside our own Jason Lee policy. A survey link is below with 3 questions which will help us determine if we should modify or nullify our current dress code policy.

Survey Link: <https://goo.gl/forms/M7iHG7FinlipS5zG2>

Questions:

- 1) Should we keep our current dress code policy? Yes or No
- 2) If Yes, would you want to modify the current dress code? Yes or No
- 3) What would you change about our current dress code (add or omit) – Open ended response

We will discuss the results at our next PTA meeting on Tuesday, May 16th.

Changes to 2nd Grade

As previously mentioned, next year we will have three sections of the 3rd grade but with Mrs. Doyle and Mr. Geisler out this Spring, we have seen an increased need for some changes to occur even this school year. Starting mid-week, Sheila Hallinan, our wonderful reading coach, will create and teach a third section of our 2nd grade. This will help to decrease classes, giving students more individualized instruction, benefitting our students' academic and behavioral outcomes.

We'll be holding a "Meet the Teacher" Info session on Tuesday afternoon at 3pm in Portable B. We'd love to have you join us, and if you're unable, feel free to stop by the office anytime to chat or to visit the classroom.

Why: To meet Ms. Hallinan and to ask questions about the new classroom or to have your students ask questions.

Leopard of The Month May

The Leopard of the Month Character Trait for May will be "Imagination".

The assembly will be on Friday, May 26th at 8:15 in the Gym.



What: Meet the Teacher Info Session

When: Tuesday, May 2nd

Where: Jason Lee Portable B (On the right)



Upcoming Events

Thur.	5/4	3 rd Grade Sunnyside Wildlife Tours on Campus
Fri.	5/5	PTA Movie Night "Hidden Figures" (Middle School Fundraiser)
Wed.	5/10	Mid-term Progress Reports
Fri.	5/12	Spirit Day – Neon Day Middle School Dance
Mon.	5/15 - 5/18	Lee Penny Drive (Benefits Oregon Food Bank)
Thur.	5/18	8 th Grade Field Trip – Junior Achievement Finance Park 3 rd Grade Field Trip – Downtown City Building Tour
Tue.	5/16	PTA Meeting – 5:30 Dinner/6:00 Meeting
Sat.	5/20	District Science Fair @ OMSI
Wed.	5/24	Safety Patrol picnic @ Oaks Park 9:30 – 2:00
Thur.	5/25	Kindergarten Field Trip Oregon Children's Theater Celebration of the Arts/Literacy/Math Night 5:30 – 7:30 (Dinner, art show & activities) SUN School Classes End
Fri.	5/26	4 th Grade Philip Foster Farm Field Trip 1 st Grade (Finley) Mt. Tabor Park Field Trip
Mon.	5/29	Memorial Day – No School
Tue.	5/30	Summer SUN School Registration begins
Wed.	5/31 - 6/02	8 th Grade FT to Camp Collins
Fri.	6/02	Lee Community Carnival
Tue.	6/06	Coffee Connections 8:15 am
Mon.	6/12	Lee School Picnic (during regular lunch times)
Tue.	6/13	Lee School Field Day
Wed.	6/14	8 th Grade Promotion (TBA)
Thur.	6/15	Last Day of School