



# The Jason Lee Times

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## Welcome to April!

Dear Jason Lee Families,

I hope your students had a wonderful spring break! It's hard to believe that we're heading into our final stretch of the school year as we begin our fourth quarter in just a couple of weeks. Our students and staff have a lot of wonderful things to look forward to as we close at the year, including an upcoming OMSI Science Night, our Celebration of the Arts, and our end of year Community Carnival.

This past month, our Arts Committee secured drum lessons for our all of our students in K-8 through the Obo Addy Legacy Project. Obo Addy "was a Ghanaian drummer and dancer who was one of the first native African musicians to bring the fusion of traditional folk music and Western pop music known as "Worldbeat" to Europe and then to the Pacific Northwest of the United States in the late 1970s."

The program brought in drums and a few drummers to teach Ghanaian traditions, dance, and rhythm. Our teachers and students all got the chance to experience multiple sessions with our Obo Addy instructors, and we're excited to be able to offer more experiences like that in the future. Thank you to our Arts Committee for putting that together!



I hope to see you at our next Coffee Connections as we start to plan for next year and our conversion into a K-5 elementary school. Your voice is important and we'd love to hear your thoughts.

Principal Cardona



### Super Hero Spirit Day and April Movie Night Friday, April 6th @ 6:15pm!

Come dressed as your favorite Super Hero or Villain this Friday and then plan to stay for our April Movie Night Showing of The Incredibles! The movie is free and concessions will be sold. All proceeds go towards our 8<sup>th</sup> grade end of year field trip. We hope to see you there!

### Jason Lee Science Fair Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 1-2pm

Please join us for our Jason Lee Science Fair on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Communication has already gone home in Friday folders, but students who are interested should contact their teachers about projects and times to work on their projects in class or after school with our SUN program.



### OMSI Science Night Thursday, April 12th from 5-7pm

Bring the whole family down for our OMSI Science Night. Learn about animals, explore magnets, discover Earth and space, and solve brainteasers. Everyone is welcome and a light dinner will be provided. We hope to see you there!





## Spring Garden Party

Monday, April 16th from 4:45-5:45pm

You are invited to celebrate at the Spring Garden Party. Students bring your families to celebrate the Lee community in our lovely garden space! Our PTA received a generous grant from the Central Northeast Neighbors and the Office of Neighborhood Involvement to enhance our outdoor community space. Join us for cupcakes and juice as we spend an hour together on a special art project that will become a permanent part of the space. (It won't be messy!) Rain or shine, come enjoy a spring party in the garden!

**When:** Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:45-5:45pm

**Where:** The Jason Lee Garden

**Why:** Mingle with friends and families and help to create a permanent art installation for our garden space. (Plus, there will be cupcakes!)



## Retirement Announcement

We'll miss you, Mr. Romanaggi!

Best of luck to Mr. Romanaggi, our music teacher who is retiring after 22 years at Jason Lee, on his upcoming retirement! We want to welcome Brandon Burke, who will complete the year for Mr. Romanaggi at Jason Lee and at Vestal starting in April.

## Celebration of the Arts

Thursday, May 24th from 5:30-7:30pm

Our Arts Committee will be putting on our yearly Celebration of the Arts in May. Come check out student artwork and performances, mingle with friends and neighbors, and hear some of the great drumming that our students learned during their Obo Addy drumming lessons!





## Leopard of the Month Awards Friday, April 27th @ 8:15am

This month's character trait is **Courage**.

We look forward to celebrating all of the students in our building who have exemplified this trait in the month of April.

## Coffee Connections

Tuesday, April 10th @ 8:15am

This month's topic will be **Planning for 2019!**

This will be Jason Lee's final year as a K-8, and next year we will convert back to a K-5 elementary school as the new Roseway Heights Middle School opens in our feeder pattern. Come hear what our staffing will look like next year, learn a bit more about our instructional program, and lend your voice to what you would like to see be true of Jason Lee.

We hope to see you there!



## PTA Meeting

Tuesday, April 17th @ 6pm

Join us for this month's PTA Meeting! Parents will be talking about our end of year activities and events, including planning for our Summer Carnival. All parents are welcome, including those of our new kindergarten families. Bring a friend or two! The potluck starts at 5:30pm and the meeting starts at 6.

Thank you to all of our parents that already make our school such a wonderful place. We couldn't do it without you!