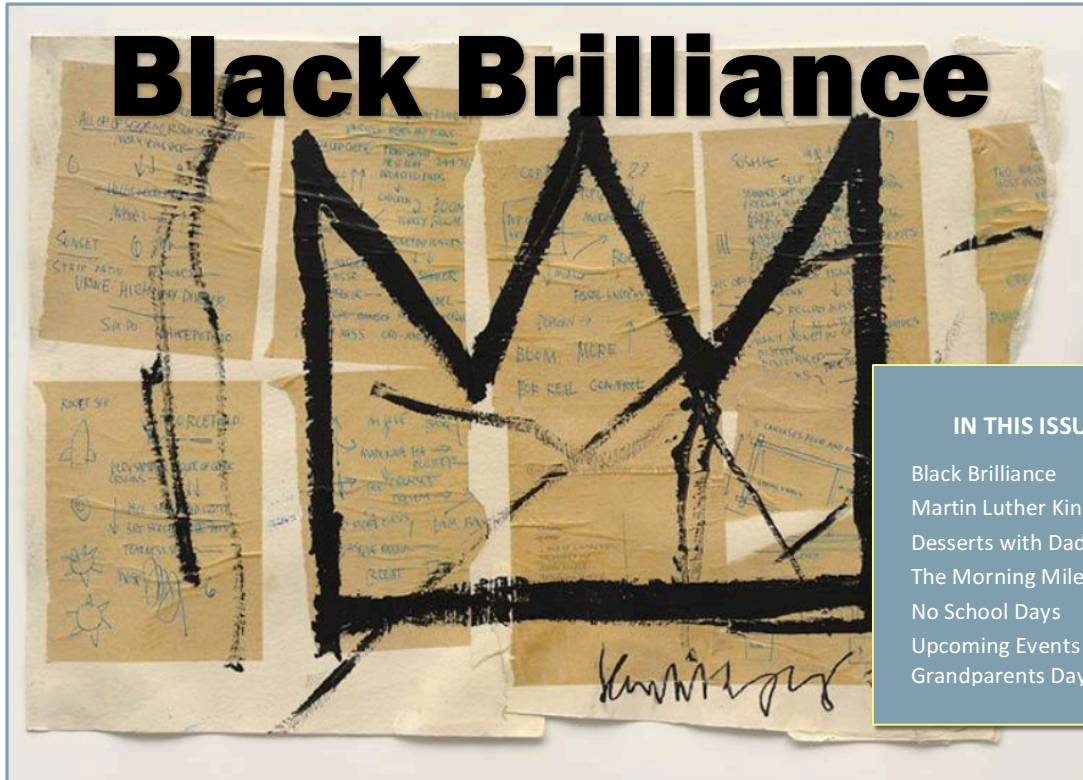




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Happy New Year!

Dear Jason Lee Families,

I hope your 2019 is off to an excellent start! This month we are preparing for a new and exciting event at Jason Lee called Black Brilliance. We'll be celebrating the achievements, contributions, struggles and triumphs of our black community, both in Portland and beyond. Each classroom will be studying something different, leading up to our Black Brilliance Night on Thursday, February 28th.

We'll have food, a DJ, performances, student art work and displays, and activities for the whole family. We welcome you to come on out to the event, and to ask your child what they are learning about throughout the month. I'll be doing some art lessons with our K-5 students as we read "Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat," and reproduce similar styles of art work. We'll adorn the hallways with this work, and others from each student's classroom leading up to our Black Brilliance Celebration.

I'd like to note that two of our events that were slated for the end of this month have moved.

Both Grandparents and Special Friends Day and our Literacy Night have both been moved to Friday, March 1st as we pair them with Read Across America Day.



We'll have a whole school presentation on March 1st and a chance for every student in the school, from kindergarten through 5th grade, to read with grandparents, peers, and special friends. We'll also have refreshments and cookies on hand for everyone. Please do note that change on your calendars, and read through the newsletter for more information on all of our upcoming events.

- Principal Cardona



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Black Brilliance

Thursday, February 28th

When: Thursday, February 28th at 5pm

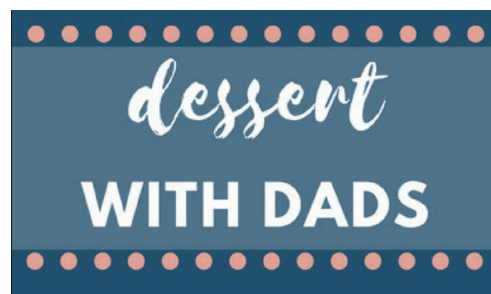
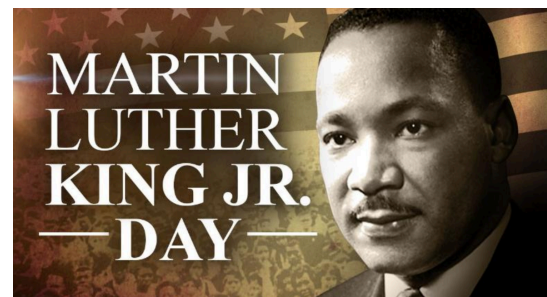
Where: Jason Lee Cafeteria, Gym, and classrooms

Why: Come out to celebrate Black Brilliance: The achievements, recognitions, contributions, struggles and triumphs of our black community, both in Portland and beyond. We'll have food, a DJ, performances, student art work and displays, and activities for the whole family.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 21st – No School

School will be closed on Monday, January 21st in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We will resume classes on the 23rd.



Watch D.O.G.S - Desserts with Dad

Wednesday, February 13th at 5:30pm

Please join us for our Winter Watch D.O.G.S event. Whether you're a dad, grandpa, brother, uncle, or father figure, we'd love to have you come out for a night of games, activities, desserts, and fun. Everyone is welcome and there will be a time to sign-up to be a Watch D.O.G at Jason Lee in the second semester.



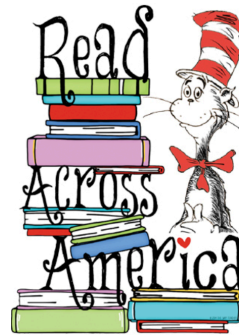
Teacher Planning Day – No School Tuesday, January 22nd

School will be closed on Tuesday, January 22nd as teachers prepare report cards for the end of the first semester / the second quarter. Report cards will be sent home in Friday folders the following week. Please be on the lookout for those. We will return to regularly scheduled classes on Wednesday, January 23rd.



Grandparents Day is MOVING Friday, March 1st

Grandparents and Special Friends Day is moving to Friday, March 1st to be paired with “Read Across America Day.” We’ll have a whole school presentation and a chance for every student in the school, from kindergarten through 5th grade, to read with grandparents, peers, and special friends. We’ll also have refreshments and cookies on hand for everyone.



PTA Meeting Tuesday, January 15th at 6:00pm (Dinner at 5:30pm)

Join us for our next PTA Meeting of the year. The meeting starts at 6pm, and childcare and dinner will be provided starting at 5:30pm. This is a great time to learn about what the PTA does and ways to help them support the school. If you need interpretation, please let Mr. Cardona know.

Leopard of the Month Awards Friday, February 1st @ 1:30pm

This month’s character trait is **Kindness**. We look forward to celebrating all of the students in our building who have exemplified this trait in the month of January.





The Morning Mile

Every Friday, starting at 7:30am in the Back Field (or the gym if it's rainy)

When: Every Friday

Where: The Jason Lee track and field (Behind the School) or inside in the Gym

Why: Come on out to the Morning Mile as Mr. Hewett, parents, staff members and students get some exercise in before the start of the school day.

Student and Staff Talent Show

Thursday, March 21st

Come on out to Jason Lee to see students and teachers perform a wide range of talents. We'll have more information on this coming out next month, so start honing those skills and look for next steps in our next newsletter.



Connect to Kindergarten

Friday, February 15th at 1pm

Join us for our first Kindergarten Connect of the school year. All incoming kindergarten students and parents are welcome to attend as we tour the school and answer questions about our kindergarten program, our early-kindergarten summer program, and how to register your student for school! We can't wait to see new faces and incoming siblings!

Welcome to
Kindergarten!

Principal's Book Club

Friday, January 18th at lunch

Our Principal's book club is off to a fantastic start and we're reading "When the Sea Turned to Silver," a National Book Award finalist written by Grace Lin. The book follows a young girl named Pinmei as she embarks on a journey to rescue her grandmother from an emperor. The story unfolds with legends that her grandmother, a storyteller, told her as a child.

