



Jordanaire



SEPTEMBER 2010

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wed., Sept. 1
PTA Meeting
9:00 a.m.
Resource Center

Fri., Sept. 10
PTA Directory Information Due

Wed., Sept. 15
Waste Free Lunch

Board of Education Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Sundling Jr. High

Fri., Sept. 17
Market Day Orders Due

Fri., Sept. 24
Blue Jay Shuffle (Run for Fun)

Mon. Sept. 27
NWSC PTA Parent Education Program
7:00 p.m.
Sundling Jr. High

Thurs., Sept. 30
School Pictures



Presidents' Welcome

Welcome back to school!

There is no time to reminisce over the slower, more leisurely days of summer passed as we return again to our school schedules: race the clock to get dressed, pack lunches and backpacks, run to the bus stop or drive the road less traveled so that our children are in their classrooms — and maybe even sitting at their desks — before the morning bell rings . . . Welcome back to school!!

We hope our MJ students, parents and faculty had plenty of “play” time to enjoy being with family and friends this summer. We are happy to extend a warm welcome to over 35 new Marion Jordan families this year! Although new beginnings are exciting and filled with anticipation, there are also feelings of anxiety and apprehension that

seem to go hand-in-hand with being “new.” As your PTA Co-Presidents, we hope that we may ease your family’s transition to the MJ community. Please let us know if you have any questions about the programs and events provided by the PTA for the children at Marion Jordan, or if you need other information.

Many parents would agree that one of the best ways to start becoming acquainted with the school is to join the Marion Jordan PTA! We are a dynamic organization that welcomes new ideas and increased parent involvement. There are opportunities for every parent to get involved, no matter what your situation. If you are a working parent, there are numerous volunteer positions to be filled that can be performed from home or during non-school hours.

We hope you will seriously consider becoming a member of our organization and volunteering some of your free time to our school. The benefits to our students are great and the reward is satisfying.

We look forward to a fun and active year here at Marion Jordan. For all new families to our school, please feel free to call us with any questions you may have (big or small). For all returning families, we look forward to seeing you again. If we can be of any assistance, please give us a call.

MJ Co-Presidents
Mary Kay Aronson
(847) 776-7343
Alison Silver
(847) 202-4978

PLEASE JOIN US!
The first PTA meeting of the school year will be held on Wednesday, September 1st at 9:00 a.m. in the Resource Center. Meetings are open to all PTA members. Bring a friend and enjoy a cup of coffee with other MJ parents. We look forward to seeing you!



**MJ Directory
information is
due September
10th. A new
form must be
submitted
annually to
remain in the
directory.**



We Want You!

Oops! Perhaps it was an oversight on your part not to complete the "Back to School" form mailed to you over the summer. We would like to extend another opportunity for you to complete this form and join the Marion Jordan PTA!

Joining the PTA is not a commitment of time, but the children of Marion Jordan need your support and count on your membership

dues to offer the following events throughout the school year:

- Family events like the Fun Fair, Ice Cream Social, Pancake Breakfast and Spring Picnic.
- Moms and Muffins and Dads and Donuts
- Field Trips
- Parent Education Programs
- Kindergym

- This Newsletter – the Jordanaire!

Simply complete the forms attached to this newsletter and include the \$9.75 fee (check made payable to the Marion Jordan PTA) and send it in an envelope marked Marion Jordan PTA to school with your child.

We thank you for your continued support of our children and school.

Last Call for the Directory

Just a final reminder: **Please turn in all Marion Jordan Directory information and order forms to the school office by September 10th.** Any forms received after this date will not be included in the 2010-11 Marion Jordan PTA Directory. A new form must

be submitted annually to remain in the directory. Forms can be found at www.mjpta.org under the forms tab.

Please keep in mind that all information provided in this directory is confidential and not to be used for mailings or other non-PTA business.

Please help keep our family information confidential by abiding by this important regulation. Direct any and all questions to Sharon Snyder at sharon@thesnyderco.com



Volunteer Interest Forms

Thank you to all of the parents who sent in their volunteer interest forms over the summer. We are working hard to compile lists for each event and ensure that you are put to good use. If you did not send in an interest sheet and would like to

do so now, we would be happy to email one to you.

The room parents are currently being established and those parents will be notified within the next two weeks. There will be a short informational meeting

for all room parents once the list is finalized. Thanks for your support!

Mary Kay Aronson
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Sneak Peek at Fundraising

As we have done in years past, the PTA will be holding two major fundraisers in the 2010-11 school year to fund our budget. The budget pays for events like Mini Courses, Junior Great Books, Field Trips, and Spring and Fall family events in addition to the purchase of supplemental educational tools for use by the entire school.

On September 24th, we will hold our 2nd annual "Run for Fun" event, now called the "Blue Jay Shuffle." Students will jump, skip, walk and run toward a healthier lifestyle, all while raising funds for the Marion Jordan PTA.

Beginning in October, we will again be returning to Great American Opportunities as our second major fundraiser. Great

American Opportunities offers a wide variety of high quality wrapping papers, canvas art impressions, chocolates, magazines and more! We believe you will be impressed with their product lines. Look for samples in the school lobby on orientation night.

If you are not interested in participating in our planned fundraisers, but still wish to contribute to our budget, you can make a tax-deductible PTA Direct Donation. Checks should be made payable to "Marion Jordan PTA" and sent to school in an envelope marked, "PTA Direct Donation Program."

We're thankful for everything our MJ families do to support Marion Jordan throughout the school year. Fundraising is

never an easy task. We select our fundraisers based on which companies we believe offer a large return to the school and substantive value to the buyer. Our goal is to make your fundraising experiences as painless as possible.

Should you have any questions, suggestions or ideas, please do not hesitate to call or email. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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2nd Vice Presidents
Ways and Means

**Mark your
calendar for
the
"Blue Jay
Shuffle"
on
September
24th!**



Have You Tried Market Day?

Market Day is a monthly grocery program that offers family-friendly, restaurant quality foods at competitive prices. It brings quality and convenience to our families while earning a percent of profit for our school. Market Day's product selection includes butcher shop meats, poultry, kid

-friendly items, easy family meals, appetizers, gourmet desserts, and healthy eating options. With Market Day Direct you can ship Market Day's signature items direct to family and friends, a feature that is especially convenient during the holidays.

Our first Market Day order cut off will be Friday, September 17, 2010, with order pick up taking place on the following Tuesday, September 21. Order forms are sent home via backpack mail or visit www.marketday.com.

The proposed 2010-11 Marion Jordan PTA Budget is posted in the PTA Volunteer Workroom as well as on the MJ PTA Website for review. The budget will be presented for voting by the PTA General Membership at the September 1st meeting. The meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. in the Resource Center. Please plan on attending.

We are continuing to recycle used juice pouches, ink/toner cartridges and old cell phones.



Environmental Awareness

The Environmental Awareness Committee is pleased to announce that Marion Jordan was awarded a Certificate of Achievement from the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC). This award was given in recognition for implementing the following waste reduction practices during the 2009-2010 school year: shoe recycling; SWANCC waste grant; waste free lunch days; and recycling office paper, cell phones, ink jet/toner cartridges and juice pouches.

Our first Waste-Free Lunch will be Wednesday, September 15.

We will be holding Waste-Free lunches on the third Wednesday of each month and encourage every student to participate. The goal of Waste-Free Lunch days is to encourage families to pack school lunches that reduce the amount of garbage/food thrown away each day. Students who bring a waste free lunch to school on these

designated days are entered into a raffle for a prize. You can help your child pack a waste-free lunch by following these tips:

- Sandwiches in reusable containers (Wrap-N-Mat or plastic container)
- Whole fruits without packaging
- Drinks in containers that can be reused, such as a thermos; or recycled, such as a milk carton or juice pouch (the school recycles the milk cartons and juice pouches).
- Snacks purchased in bulk and brought in reusable containers
- Reusable ice packs
- Reusable napkins

To assist with packing a waste free lunch, the Environmental Awareness Committee provided each Kindergarten student with a Wrap-N-Mat at the end of the last school year to use when bringing their lunch to school in First Grade. The

product can be used as a reusable sandwich/snack container and opens completely into a placemat providing a clean eating surface. The Wrap-N-Mats were purchased with grant funds received from SWANCC.

We will continue to recycle used juice pouches, ink/toner cartridges and old cell phones. These are sent to a recycling center and Marion Jordan receives a refund for each one. There is a collection station in the corner of the foyer of the school.

Every little thing we do to reduce waste and conserve resources, as well as landfill space, helps us move toward a sustainable future. Thank you for all of your recycling efforts this past school year and helping the environment!

Susan Erickson
Karla Nora
Environmental Awareness
Committee

The PTA is Going Green

Please make sure we have an email address where we can contact you. We have made a serious commitment to being a green organization and we distribute both school and PTA information — such as weekly reminders and our monthly newsletter — via email.

Even if you choose not to become a member of the PTA, **your family will greatly benefit from our email distribution system.** Please fill out the attached form and return it to school as soon as possible. All email addresses will be used solely for disseminating school information to our families.

Reflections Program Celebrates Creativity

Calling all artists! It's back to school time AND time for Reflections. Do you like to draw, dance, play an instrument or take photographs in your spare time? Express your creativity by submitting your personal art through the PTA Reflections Program. It is a perfect place to showcase your talent. This year's theme is "Together we can . . ."

The Reflections Program gives students the opportunity to develop and display their talents while reinforcing the importance of arts in education. Start encouraging your student(s) to brainstorm ideas to support this year's theme. With such a great, wide open theme, ideas can be expressed limitlessly throughout the categories. Stu-

dents in Kindergarten through Grade 6 at Marion Jordan can submit entries in the following categories:

- Film/video production
- Dance choreography
- Musical composition
- Photography
- Visual arts
- Literature

Refer to the Marion Jordan PTA website (www.mjpta.org) for full details on rules, regulations and downloadable entry forms. Please note, all entries must have an entry form attached.

Students are NOT limited to one entry or one category. Deadlines for entries will be Friday, November 5,

2010. Watch for more information at school, through the announcements and through the MJ newsletter. In the meantime, start snapping pictures, composing music, or drawing what you think expresses "Together we can..." to you.

Additional details will be available on the Marion Jordan PTA website or feel free to contact Molly Plizga at 847-991-3687 or by email at molly869@sbcglobal.net. All entry forms and rules and regulations can be emailed or sent to a student's classroom upon request. If you would like to volunteer to help with Reflections, please contact Molly Plizga.

This year's Reflections theme is "Together we can ..."

Birthday Book Club

Did you have a summer birthday? Well, guess what! You did not miss out on the opportunity to join the Marion Jordan Birthday Book Club (BBC)! We are ready to launch another great year. Forms have gone out for all of you with July, August, and September birthdays.

The BBC is a fun way to help fill our library shelves with the newest and best reading material available. Just fill out the form and return it, along with your donation, to your teacher. Then you will be invited to Mrs.

Tomal's office to browse a collection of brand new books. She has an assortment for every age and interest. Choose one that looks exciting to you. Your name will be put on a nameplate and that nameplate will go into the front of that new book. You will be the very first person to check it out!

For the life of that book, everyone that reads it will know of your generous donation. Your name will also appear with other current members on a special display in the Resource Center

as well as in the Jordanaire!

So join the club and let's make this the best Birthday Book Club year ever!

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MJ Spirit Wear

What better way to show you pride for MJ than spirit wear! Check out our brand new Marion Jordan Spirit Wear now available from Nichols Design and celebrate your school in true MJ fashion.

There are a wide variety of choices: shorts, pants, t-shirts, sweatshirts, fleece

and headwear. And, it is now easier than ever to order! Go to the Marion Jordan PTA website and click on the link, or you can go directly to the website www.nicholsdesigns.com/marionjordan to place your order. All orders are placed on-line. Spirit Wear can be ordered from September

17, 2010 through June 21, 2010

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Kating at 847-359-7314 or jekmtk@aol.com.

Mary Kating
Spirit Wear Committee
Chair

The PTA would like to welcome three new MJ staff members:

Ms. Stephanie Smith
6th Grade

Mrs. Ana Caragajal
Psychologist

Ms. Jeri Hockensmith
Orchestra

And, congrats to two of our teachers who tied the knot over the summer:

Mrs. Katie (Jenikinson)
Hootman—4th Grade

Mrs. Emily (Charlesworth)
Thornton—1st Grade

BEAR Volunteers Needed

The PTA is once again looking for volunteers to help first graders Be Excited About Reading. If you love to read and would like to provide reading help and encouragement to some of our MJ students, please

consider becoming a BEAR volunteer. You will be paired with a first grader who needs some additional time developing his/her reading skills. It's a lot of fun and very rewarding!

For more information, contact Laurie Bulson at 847-934-2175.



Resource Center Volunteers

Have some time to spare? Want to get involved? Come help in the Resource Center! Volunteers will help Mrs. Tomal by checking books in and out, shelv-

ing materials and assisting students.

Parents may volunteer for 90 minute blocks of time either once a week or once

every other week. To schedule volunteer hours, please call Reta Evenson at 358-8642 or email reta@evensons.com. Thank you!

Save the Date!

September 20th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Speaker: Mark Russell
Sundling Junior High

Attorney and author Mark Russell is widely acclaimed and nationally recognized for his expertise in estate planning for children with disabilities and their families. For more information, contact MJ SPARK Committee Chairperson, Ani Erickson, at 847-907-4732.

Kudos

We encourage all of our PTA committee members and school staff to use this column to thank those who recently volunteered their time and talent at MJ. If we misspelled your name or failed to mention you, please pardon our error. Submit your kudos to Beth Anderson at luddyandbeth@yahoo.com.

Kudos to . . .

Karen Roiland for helping us with our PTA summer mailer.

The Audit Committee — **Alison Silver, Beth Anderson, Michelle Beckemeir, Christine Fiore, Rose Jusi** and **Kelly Reynolds** — for taking time during their summer

vacations to make sure our finances were “shipshape.”

To **Dana Petersen**, for helping us in the budgeting process for the coming year.

A special thank you to **Beth Anderson**, our “Jordanaire Extraordinaire.” Beth gets our wonderful school newsletter in our mailboxes month after month. Thanks, Beth!

To our Hospitality Committee, **Beth Anderson, Min Goodwin** and **Julie Pope** for organizing the teachers’ Back to School Breakfast. Thanks also to all the bakers and shoppers who so graciously donated yummy

breakfast goodies! The MJ staff appreciated all of your efforts in wishing them a very successful school year!

Thanks to **Kim Hasler** for organizing and hosting the Kindergarten Social at North Park. All had a great time.

To **Julie Bickler** for organizing the “School Pak” school supply kits.

Thanks to all the volunteers who have joined our **2010-11 PTA Board**. We couldn’t do any of this without you!

Watch for upcoming information regarding the Marion Jordan Book Fair to be held October 25th-30th. The 2010 Scholastic Book Fair’s theme will be “Here’s to our Heroes.”

New Jordanaire Column Coming Soon!

Want to get to know a bit more about all of our great teachers and staff members? Then watch for our new column in the Jordanaire featuring an interview with a new teacher or staff member each month.

The best part is, selected students will be the journalists! They will work individually or in small groups to develop questions, conduct the interview and write the article. Journalists will be selected at random from a list of

volunteers from the 5th and 6th grade classes. Teachers and staff members will also be chosen at random. This will be fun way to get the students writing and involved in their own school newsletter.

Don’t forget . . .

This will be the only printed copy of the Jordanaire this year! If you would like to keep receiving the electronic version of the Jordanaire and other important PTA information, be sure to provide us with your email address (form attached). All email addresses will be used solely for distributing information to our families.

Save the Date!

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Northwest Suburban Council PTA/PTSA and staff from Community Consolidated School District 15
present a free program for parents

Homework Motivation and Tips for Parents to Support a Successful Year for their Children

Monday, September 27th • 7:00pm

Walter R. Sundling Auditorium • 1100 North Smith Street • Palatine, Illinois

For more information, please contact Lyn Bremanis, NWSC PTA 1st VP Programs, at bremanis@comcast.net.

Marion Jordan PTA
PTA Membership/Directory Order Form 2010-2011
(due Friday, August 20th)

Section 1- Privacy Policy

The directory is published solely for the information and convenience of PTA members. This information is NOT to be used for solicitation. **You must be a member of the PTA to receive and to be listed in the directory.**

____ I want to be a general PTA member, and want information in the directory.

____ I want to be a general PTA member, but do NOT want information in the directory (unlisted).

____ I do NOT want to be a PTA member.

____ Check here if you are a new family to Marion Jordan! Welcome!!!

Section 2 – Membership/Directory Information

Please print clearly the following information (as it would appear in the directory if applicable):

Mother's name _____

Father's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____ Home Phone _____

Parent email address(es) _____

Names of children at Marion Jordan:

_____ Grade _____

_____ Grade _____

_____ Grade _____

_____ Grade _____

PTA Dues-(Must be a PTA member to receive directory!)

Check ONE: _____ Family Membership \$9.75

_____ Single Parent Membership \$6.75

Make checks payable to Marion Jordan PTA.

Any questions, please call Kelly Reynolds (847) 359-0464
¿Preguntas? Llame a Anne Gruettner, enlace bilingüe, al (847) 359-8006.



WWW.MJPTA.ORG



Please take a moment to list your email address. By doing so you'll ensure that you receive valuable email reminders from our PTA Co-Presidents regarding PTA/school events and deadlines. You'll also be set up to receive the Jordanaire, our school's monthly newsletter, which is full of important information related to our school and your children.

Family Name: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Parent's Email Address(es):

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