

West Jackson Weekly



October 31, 2011

Conference Week

As the second nine weeks progress report time quickly approaches, we are beginning to prepare for our parent-teacher conferences. WJMS will be conducting parent-teacher conferences during the week of November 7th - 11th. Early release days on Wednesday, Nov. 9th and Thursday, Nov. 10th will offer the opportunity for parents and teachers to meet during the school day. Please remember that students will be dismissed to go home at 11:30 a.m. on those two days, and no students are to remain at school after 11:30 as there will be no supervision due to conferences.

This conference will give you an opportunity to learn more about your child's performance and progress concerning their learning thus far. It will also be an opportunity to discuss your child's strengths and challenges, as well as what content material is to be covered the remainder of this 2nd nine week period.

A conference letter with conference dates and times was sent home with your student last week. Please return the requested information as soon as possible. In order to accommodate all parents, conferences are scheduled in 20 minute intervals. Please arrive for your appointment on time and come prepared with any questions or concerns you may have about your child's progress. Gifted, Title, and Connections teachers will be available on a first come, first served basis due to the fact that they teach students in all grade levels.

Student Safety

Parents, we need your help in making morning drop-off safer for our students and teachers. Please do not drive through the parking lots to drop off students in the morning. Instead, please use the drop off line. Dropping off students in the parking lot as opposed to the drop off line has created a safety issue. Students have to cross in front of cars to get to the building, and we would not want anyone to get hurt. Thank you for your support as we continue to make WJMS safe for our students.

Honoring our Veterans

Our WJMS Wall of Honor will begin to go up at the end of this week. Any student or adult who knows a veteran or a person currently serving in the Armed Services may send Mr. Cantrell the name of that person, branch of service, rank, and any special information you would like included. Email him at dcantrell@jackson.k12.ga.us

Book Fair

Arrgh you ready for the Book Fair? Our theme is Pirates of the Book Fair, and we want you to come and find some treasure of your own when you read. The fair is scheduled from November 7 through November 11 during Parent Conference Week and will be open until 7:00 p.m. on November 10. Can't make it to the fair? Check out the Online Fair at this website.*

<http://www.scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs/2896332>
or at the WJMS Book Fair website

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/wjms>

Students, don't forget to dress up as a pirate on November 10 to have your name put in a drawing to win prizes!

*Books purchased online include sales tax and will be mailed after the Book Fair has been completed.

Featured Teacher - Dorothy Braswell



I have lived in Georgia all of my life. I graduated from Atlanta Christian College and received my Masters' Degree from University of Georgia. I have been teaching twenty-four years, and this is my eighth year at WJMS. I have two teenage daughters, Dralynn and ChristaBeth – one is a tenth grader at Jefferson, the other is a sophomore at Kennesaw University. I am married to a die-hard New York Yankees fan! When I was in highschool I participated in marching band, symphonic band, and jazz. I have played piano since I was in second

grade and currently also teach piano lessons in my home. I enjoy teaching middle school, spending time outdoors, hanging out with my family, and being active at my church.

Baseball Conditioning

Open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders interested in trying out for baseball and not actively participating in a sport. October 25th (Tuesday) will be the last Tuesday - only conditioning. Starting November 1st, conditioning will be each Tuesday and Thursday until Christmas break, unless otherwise instructed. Conditioning starts at 3:35 and ends at 4:45. Bring your glove, tennis shoes, and cleats (if desired). See Coach Vance if you have any questions.

Science Fair Timeline

Prepare your report. Oct. 21 – Nov. 11

Prepare your display. Nov. 11 – 30

Final project is due on Nov. 30.

Mark your calendars!

- Monday, October 31 - Jazz Band begins for any interested 7th & 8th grader after school until 4:45 p.m.
- Monday, November 7 - Friday, November 11 - Parent Conference Week and Book Fair in the Media Center
- Wednesday, November 9 and Thursday, November 10 - Early release at 11:30 a.m. due to parent conferences
- Friday, November 11 - Veterans' Day Program
- Monday, November 14 - WJMS Night at Great Skate
- Monday, November 21 - 25 - Thanksgiving Holidays