

West Jackson Weekly



November 7, 2011

Conference Week - November 7th - 11th

WJMS will be conducting parent-teacher conferences this week. 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 in their classrooms on a first come, first serve 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 and drop off students in the morning. 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. Beginning Tuesday Nov. 8th, parking lot exits will be blocked off in the morning. This is a safety concern, and we thank you for your support as we continue to make WJMS safe for our students.

A Note from our Nurse

First notices of students whose shot records are not up to date were sent home with students last month.

If you have not updated your child's shot record, he or she will not be allowed to return to school starting Friday, November 11th.

If you have questions please contact our nurse, Ronda Brewer or contact your local Health Department. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

Boy Scouts for Sixth Graders.

On Monday, Nov. 7th a Boy Scout representative will visit 6th grade classrooms during AIMS. Then, on Tuesday, Nov. 8th, Boy Scout registration will be conducted in the cafeteria beginning at 7 p.m. If you are interested, please attend the sign-up meeting on Tuesday night.

McDonald's Spirit Night

On Tuesday, Nov. 29th from 5-9 p.m., WJMS is hosting a pancake and sausage supper at the McDonald's on Hwy. 124. Some of our chorus and band members will on hand to give us a preview of their upcoming holiday program while we eat breakfast for supper. Please make plans to join us for this McDonald's spirit night!

Featured Teacher - Ashley Middleton Hansford



This is my 7th year in the classroom. I began my career in Franklin County, teaching Special Education, after completing a degree in Early Childhood Education at Emmanuel College in 2004. I completed my MA in Early Childhood Education in 2005 at Piedmont College. Currently, I am half time at WJMS and half time at NJES; however, I have taught in the county at MES, WJPS, and GSC. I have a passion for teaching reading and for helping each individual discover his or her potential for learning!

I have been richly blessed with an amazing family! My four little girls, Gracie (9), Kennedi (8), Sadie (4), and Avie (3) keep me very busy! In September, I married my husband Steve. My girls were blessed with the brothers they never had. Triston is 13, and Dustin is 10. Time with my

family includes hiking, camping, fishing, cooking, and reading. We are actively involved in our church, Blackshear Place Baptist Church. Photography is my biggest hobby. Growing up as an Air Force brat, I also acquired a love for traveling. I have lived all over the United States, in Scotland, and in England. In July, I made my first trip to Ghana, West Africa for a missions trip, and I am hoping to go again next summer!

I am having a blast working at WJMS!! The relationships I am building with students, faculty, and staff are genuinely special to me. It has been a great year so far, but the best is yet to come!

4-H Club

4-H Club is making gift boxes for Jackson County Senior Citizens. Please bring in an item to be used in our gift boxes. Examples of items include small containers of shampoo, toothpaste, hand & body lotion, socks for men & women, pens, pencils, notepads, thank you notes, small picture frames, gloves for men and women, LARGE PRINT crossword or word find books, baseball caps for men, shaving cream, aftershave (no razors, please), and bags of pre-wrapped hard candy.

Science Fair Timeline

Prepare your report. Oct. 21 – Nov. 11

Prepare your display. Nov. 11 – 30

Final project is due on Nov. 30.

Lost and Found

Friday, December 16th will be the last day for locating items in the lost and found. Leftover items will be donated to charity.

Mark your calendars!

- Monday, November 7 - Friday, November 11 - Parent Conference Week and Book Fair in the Media Center
- Tuesday, November 8 - Boy Scout registration at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 9 and Thursday, November 10 - Early release at 11:30 a.m. for parent conferences
- Friday, November 11 - Veterans' Day Program
- Monday, November 14 - WJMS Night at Great Skate
- Tuesday, November 15 - Home basketball game vs. Hebron at 4:30 p.m.
- Monday, November 21 - 25 - Thanksgiving Holidays