

The Eagle Swoop

November and December 2009

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Dates to Know

November 23-24 Student Holiday-No School

November 25-27 Thanksgiving Holiday-No School

December 21-January 1 Winter Break

January 15, 2010 End of the Semester

For district events visit
<http://www.nisd.net>

PTA President's Message

As we reach the end of the 2nd six weeks, I want to thank everyone who has joined PTA this year. Your support goes a long way. We are able to provide assistance to programs, classrooms, and clubs with your help. We have a large volunteer group who not only do a great job with daily activities at the school but with special events. A BIG thank you goes out to them! We have a new calendar set up for volunteer opportunities on the school website and is updated weekly. This is a great resource; check it out when you can. Remember for those of you that don't have the time or ability to volunteer, not to worry your PTA membership is all the support we need. Becoming a PTA member does not automatically place you on the calling list for volunteerism. There is not a rule that states all PTA members must volunteer their time to help with activities. Volunteering is just one of the many ways you can help support your school and the PTA. Again I would like to thank all of you for everything you have done so far. Spread the word, there is strength in numbers...join PTA. Let's finish off the year with a bang!

Nikki Brown, JMS PTA President

TX PTA Convention

Texas Parent Teacher Association will be holding their convention on February 26-28, 2010 in Corpus Christi, TX. Companies interested in displaying their materials and services to the hundreds of convention attendees should visit the TXPTA website, www.txpta.org, or call 1-800-TALK-PTA attention Darren Grissom, Director of Programs.

PTA Is A Resource for Parents

Parent Teacher Association along with their state and our national PTA strive to be a resource for all parents and their family. Texas PTA provides information and resources useful for the whole family at www.txpta.org. The following is information taken from the TXPTA website under Resources or can be accessed from the national PTA website at <http://pta.org/2940.htm>.

H1N1 (Swine) Flu: What You Should Know, By Marilyn Ferdinand, Editor
[Our Children Magazine](#)

Outbreaks of swine flu have been making headlines all over the world. What makes the swine flu more serious than other kinds of flu? What can you do to keep your family safe?

Novel H1N1 is a new influenza virus that was first detected in the United States in April 2009. It was initially called swine flu because it was thought to be similar to an illness that normally occurs only in pigs. However, testing has since revealed that this is not entirely true, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The symptoms of swine flu include: Fever (greater than 100°F or 37.8°C), Sore throat, Cough, Stuffy nose, Chills, Headache and body aches, Fatigue

A significant number of people who have been infected with novel H1N1 flu virus also have reported diarrhea and vomiting.

The World Health Organization is close to classifying the outbreak as a pandemic. This does not mean that the disease has become more deadly or that there is more cause for alarm, only that it has spread widely around the world.

Staying healthy

The CDC suggest that adults and children follow this advice: Avoid contact with those who are ill., Wash your hands often with soap and water., Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread that way., Follow the advice of local health and government authorities. You may be asked to restrict your movement and stay at home., Develop a family emergency plan as a precaution. This should include storing a supply of food, medicines, face masks, alcohol-based hand rubs, and other essential supplies.

If you think you have the flu: Avoid close contact with others., Stay at home or in your hotel room., Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it., Report your illness to your healthcare provider immediately., Do not go to work, school, or travel while ill. Visit the [CDC's website](#) on H1N1 flu for updated information.

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Mentors

Now it's your chance to help a JMS student's life. Contact Mary Stapper in the counselor's office at 397-3700. *Become A Mentor.*

JMS PTA Members

PTA helps JMS students soar in their academics and social opportunities. Express your interest in being a positive part of a student's life by contacting Kathy Flores or Adela Chavez at eaglesjms@yahoo.com

Eagle Words

To all my NJHS peeps, great job on the summer merit hours. Your help in the community does not go unnoticed. Keep up the great work on the fall merits. -Mrs. Kueber 8th grade math & NJHS Sponsor

Mr. Taylor, 8th grade U.S. History teacher, would like to express how proud he is of all his students as they apply and practice the 3B's at school and home.

Way to go 6th grade Eagles! I'm so proud of all the great manners and wonderful responsibility that you have shown. You are a great addition to our campus. -Annabel Kallead, 6th grade English



Check It Out! @ the Jefferson Library
Renee Wood, Librarian

October was a busy month in the Jefferson Library. We had a great turnout at the Book Fair and will use the profits to purchase more books for the students. I want to send out a big THANK YOU to the volunteers that helped make the Book Fair a success: Mrs. Chavez, Mrs. Dunbar, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. MacDonald, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Tong, Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Gamez, and Mrs. Cwiklok. Without these awesome ladies' help, we wouldn't have been able to make this happen.

October was also the first meeting of the Jefferson Book Club. We were delighted by the turnout. Over 40 students came to share some tasty snacks and spine tingling tales. The book club will meet monthly, the next meeting being held on Tuesday, November 17 at 3:45 p.m. in the library. We look forward to a "literature tasting" of everyone's favorite book.

Want to keep current on library happenings? There is a new blog to highlighting the events and activities of the library. You can access it from the Jefferson Library home page under the links on the school's home page or directly at: <http://libblog.nisd.net/jeffersonlibrarian/>

Speaking of blogs, we've got another blog to provide students the opportunity to discuss the 2009-2010 Lone Star books. The reading incentive program kicked off last week and will run through spring break. Students reading at least 10 of the books on this year's list will be invited to an ice cream party after spring break. For more information and to access the blog go to the Jefferson Library home page.



Hats off To PTA

Founder's Day Celebration contest. Create a poster highlighting PTA efforts. NISD students may enter their creative work. The winner along with a parent will be invited guests at the Founder's Day Celebration held in February. Entries due 12/2. For details contact Nerissa Muniz at eaglespta@yahoo.com