

## **JACK ABRAMS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**

### ***Thursday Thoughts – November 13, 2008***

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**PARENT UNIVERSITY WORKSHOP – Presented by Joann Kavanagh on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 11am**  
***“Learn about Technology Capabilities in our Schools”***

**HSLO – FOOD DRIVE - This food drive will benefit “Helping Hands Mission.” The food drive is underway. Please remember to send in canned and dry goods with your child. The last day for collection will be Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**Holiday Boutique:** Please join us at 5:30pm prior to the PTA meeting for a wonderful adult holiday shopping night; there will be much to purchase and lots of fun to have!

We are also still accepting vendors; if you sell pampered chef, unique items, gift items toys or clothing, please email Rebecca Sanin at [rebeccasanin@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccasanin@gmail.com). We are happy to bring families and our community together to showcase talents and enjoy a pleasurable shopping experience.

**Family Portrait Fundraiser** (Cousins Photography) is being held next Saturday, November 15th (rain date 11/16). Photos will be taken at Cold Spring Harbor Park (across from the Fire Department). For only \$65 you will receive a \$65 gift certificate towards the purchase of any prints or products from their secure website (e.g., 1 8X10 and 2 5X7's=\$65). A portion of the proceeds go directly towards JAI to benefit our children! Please call today to reserve a timeslot.....no waiting necessary. Consider taking your Holiday Family Portraits.....Call Cousins Photography at 631-424-4626 or email them directly at [info@cousinsphotography.com](mailto:info@cousinsphotography.com).

**Barnes & Noble Community Day:** On Tuesday, November 25, Jack Abrams Intermediate PTA will hold their first Barnes & Noble Community Day (at the Walt Whitman Mall location.) Family and Friends can shop **ALL** day and Barnes & Noble will donate a percentage of the sales to the Jack Abrams Intermediate PTA. We are planning many fun events for the children after school. The schedule of these events will follow in the coming weeks. Please come out and show your support.

**Greenkill Parent Meeting:** There will be a meeting on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Jack Abrams Intermediate School. All students must sign a behavioral contract. Please come and find out all the information. Stay at home program will be discussed also.

**Reunión de Padres para Discutir el Viaje de Greenkill:** El Jueves 20 de Noviembre a las 7:00 PM, se llevara a cabo en la Escuela Intermedia Jack Abrams, la reunión en la cual podrá obtener información acerca del programa. Asimismo, todos los estudiantes deberán firmar el contrato de comportamiento. El programa de casa, también será discutido en esta reunión.

### **Tag, You're a Huskie!**

Our school is playing tag! Each month a character trait will be taught, emphasized and reinforced through Tag, You're a Huskie! When staff members catch students constantly demonstrating that particular trait, they will be given a tag or charm for their Huskie Chain.

Each grade level was invited to an assembly introducing this school wide incentive program. Students were shown a power point presentation depicting the character traits that help students be a friend to themselves, classmates, adults, the community and our earth. Teachers were given activities, websites and a survey. This month we will be concentrating on the character trait, RESPECT, specifically how we can show respect to ourselves, others, community and our earth.

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Chorus Auditions for Willy Wonka Jr:** Audition forms are due to Ms. VonVange by Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Auditions will be on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Stage Crew:** Stage Crew is open to 6th grade students **ONLY**. Stage Crew does not begin until early December. Notes and information about Stage Crew will go home the week of Thanksgiving. Please note, this year to ensure students will be able to work their jobs the night of the show; stage crew is limited to 25 students. All 6<sup>th</sup> graders interested must return a signed permission slip and slots for stage crew will be selected by a random lottery system. See Mrs. Morea if you have any questions. Please make sure you do not have conflicts. Good Luck!

**PTA NEWS:**

Please join us on Nov. 19th at 7:30pm for the joint PTA meeting with Flower Hill Primary and Washington Primary at Jack Abrams Intermediate School. It will be a fabulous PTA meeting! You don't want to miss it!

**HFEE:**

The Huntington Foundation raises money to fund innovative and exciting educational opportunities for all children in the district. This funding affords our teachers access to educational programs that are not funded by the school budget. Most often these new items are then incorporated into the curriculum on an ongoing basis.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Our annual "Reach for the Stars" dinner and fundraiser is Friday, January 23, 2009 at the Woodlands. This year we have new music and a new menu. It is an evening of fun with dinner, music, raffles, psychic and live auction. Questions or to make a donation call Karen Dwyer at 631-421-4037.

**"How well does your child cope with stress?"** The Elwood Council of PTA's invites all parents and educators to a free workshop on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm Elwood Middle School Auditorium, 100 Kenneth Ave. Greenlawn, NY 11740. The topic: Building Emotional Intelligence: "Techniques to Cultivate Inner Strength in Children" featuring guest speaker Linda Lantieri, MA. For directions please call 631-266-5420.

**Tri Community & Youth Agency:** Homework Help 3-5pm on Mondays and Wednesdays at Huntington Station Library. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Tri-CYA Center. Drop In at Tri CYA Center Fridays 3-5pm. Extended hours at Tri CYA Center Fridays 5pm-9pm and Saturdays 12pm-6pm.

**Family Discussion on RESPECT:**

1. Watch a sitcom on television and then write about how the actions of the characters demonstrated either respectful or disrespectful behavior.
2. Bullies are often trying to make people "RESPECT" them. Is this really respect, or is it fear? What is the difference? How is bullying and violent behavior an act of disrespect?
3. Write about a time when you were disrespectful to someone. Why did it happen? Was it the right thing to do? What were the consequences? How did it make the other person feel? What did you learn from the experience?
4. Describe three things you could do to be a more respectful person. How would that affect your relationships with others? How does it benefit you to be a respectful person?

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| Nov. 17th<br><br>Board of Ed. Meeting-<br>Jack Abrams<br>Intermediate @ 7:30pm<br><br>No Play Practice<br><br>Shared Decision<br>Meeting<br>2:20pm | Nov. 18th<br>Advanced Orchestra<br><br>5th gr. Hecksher<br>Museum 10-11:30am                                                                                                                 | Nov. 19th<br>Advanced Band<br>Newspaper Club 8am<br>Holiday Boutique<br>5:30pm before<br>Joint PTA Meeting<br>7:30pm<br><br>School of Rock<br><br>Gr. 5 ELA Benchmark                                                                  | Nov. 20th<br>Advanced Orchestra<br>Advanced Chorus<br>Newspaper Club<br>SEPTA Coffee Talk<br>10am<br>Gr. 5 ELA Benchmark                                                                                                                                  | Nov. 21st<br>Advanced Band<br>Advanced Chorus<br>JAI Food Drive—last<br>day<br>Gr. 5 Hecksher Museum<br>10-11:30am<br>Low Brass Day—<br>Auditorium 7:40-10am<br>Play Practice to 4pm            |
| Nov. 24th<br>Beginner Band -on stage<br>Beginner Orchestra -<br>gym<br><br>SEARCH Program<br>Parent Night Gr. 5 & 6<br>7:30pm JAI                  | Nov. 25th<br>Advanced Orchestra<br><br>Circle of Champions<br><br>PTA Presidents' Mtg.<br>9:45am<br>Barnes & Noble<br>Community Day<br>Dual Language Parent<br>Mtg.<br>@ HHS Cafeteria 6-7pm | Nov. 26th<br>Advanced Band<br>Newspaper Club 8am<br><br>Citizen of Month<br>@ 1:40pm<br><br>5th gr. Hecksher<br>Museum 10-11:30<br>And 12-1:30<br><b>District Wide<br/>Emergency<br/>Go Home Drill (15<br/>min. earlier dismissal)</b> | Nov. 27th<br><br><b>Thanksgiving Day</b><br><br><b>School Closed</b>                                                                                                                                                                                      | Nov. 28th<br><br><b>Thanksgiving Recess</b><br><br><b>School Closed</b>                                                                                                                         |
| Dec. 1st<br>Beginner Band-on-Stage<br>Beginner Orchestra—<br>gym<br><br>Gr. 3-6 Math Benchmark                                                     | Dec. 2nd<br>Advanced Orchestra<br><br>PYA Council Mtg.<br>9:45am<br><br>Gr. 3-6 Math Benchmark                                                                                               | Dec. 3rd<br>Advanced Band<br><br>Newspaper Club 8am<br>JAI—International<br>Celebration<br>Gr. 3-6 Math Bench-<br>mark<br><br>Huntington Intermediate “Home of the Huskies”                                                            | Dec. 4th<br>Advanced Orchestra<br>Advanced Chorus<br><br>Newspaper Club 8am<br><br>Gr. 3-6 Math Benchmark                                                                                                                                                 | Dec. 5th<br>Advanced Band<br>Advanced Chorus<br><br>Gr. 3-6 Math Benchmark                                                                                                                      |