

Welcome from the Jessie Beck Parent Faculty Association to the 2016-2017 school year!

The PFA will be sending out periodic emails providing you with updates on school functions as well as PFA events and fundraisers. Watch your email inbox for future information!!!

www.jessiebeckpfa.com

THE 35TH ANNUAL SENSATIONAL SCARECROW CONTEST

Friday, October 14, 2016

3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

The Scarecrow Contest is just around the corner! Come enjoy carnival games, music, a photo booth, raffles, face painting, Yossen's Fire on the Mountain Food Truck, sno cones, popcorn, cotton candy, pies and, of course, THE famous Jessie Beck Pumpkin Cookies.

The Scarecrow Contest Committee is in great need of volunteers! The Committee is looking for businesses, organizations, individuals and/or families to sponsor or help operate the games. Games run for 3 hours during the festivities and between 1 and 5 people are needed depending on the chosen game.

Businesses and organizations sponsoring a game for the full 3 hours welcome to bring a sign and information to display at the game!

Please see the attached flyers for important information about how to contribute!!!

Please contact Elona Skadberg at elonawave@gmail.com to volunteer!

JOG-A-THON

Jog-a-Thon Pledges Are Due Friday, September 30

Don't forget to turn in your pledge envelope and money by Friday September 30. Every runner who returns their pledge money by Friday earns a custom Jog-a-Thon medal. And the class in each grade with the highest average participation rate turning in pledge money will get extra recess time!

Thank you to all of the students, teachers, staff, parents and volunteers who helped make the Jog-a-Thon a big success on Friday. And remember to turn in your pledge money tomorrow! The money raised supplements a variety of needs at our school including

supplies for our teachers, new technology, the playgrounds and our library. We are counting on you to help us reach our goal of \$15,000!

Sincerely,

The Jog-a-Thon Committee

BOOK FAIR

Please visit the BOOKANEER BOOK FAIR – where books are the treasure!

WHEN: October 21-27, 2016

TIME: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (daily)

WHERE: The Jessie Beck Library

Art to Grow

Hello & welcome back to Jessie Beck families! You are personally invited to get involved with our *Art to Grow* program. *Art to Grow* encompasses all that art is and does for our children while attending elementary school. *Art to Grow* follows along with the leaps and bounds your child will take over the coming years; growing right along with them. Our goal is to provide a positive learning experience for all students of all skill levels to participate in the amazing world of art.

Why art? In addition to the many reasons that first come to mind such as creativity, knowledge of artist and movements, principle elements of art; your child will learn so much more. Studies show children involved in art show improvement in communication, dexterity, conceptual & problem solving skills as well as empathy & social awareness. And it's FUN!

Our program assists both the Volunteer Art Instructor and teacher with a variety of curriculum and materials for ideas, training and lesson plans. Hands-on workshops are designed to teach and inspire both the new and experienced Volunteer Art Instructors and assist Instructors with the tools needed for classroom instruction and application.

Our first workshop was a great success with twenty active parents attending! This is sure to be an amazing year of art at Jessie Beck with all the energy, ideas and planning already underway!

Sound like fun? You too can be an art volunteer. If you are interested in getting involved, please attend one of our workshops. **Our next workshop will be all about CLAY and is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19th from 2:30–4:00 (location TBD).**

Please RSVP to robinheywood@sbcglobal.net if you can attend. If you are unable to attend but would like to participate, please contact me.

Robin Heywood,

Jessie Beck Art Coordinator

THE PFA BOARD HARD AT WORK

Technology for Classrooms

The 2016-2017 PFA Board has already been able to allocate \$27,000 to the purchase of brand new laptops and Ipads for K-6 classrooms!!! Teachers and students will directly benefit from this new technology during the current school year.

Charleston Gift Wrap Fundraiser

Thank you for supporting the 2016 gift wrap fundraiser, it was a huge success! While the PFA is still awaiting the final numbers, we are fairly certain that the fundraiser brought in more money this year than in past years.

PFA Website

Tina Ho has been working tirelessly to revamp the PFA website. There is now a wealth of information on the website, including event and fundraiser information, membership forms, Scarecrow forms, PFA meeting minutes, budget information, committee information, and volunteer forms. Check it out at www.jessiebeckpfa.com!

PFA 2016-2017 Budget

The PFA budget was approved by the membership during the first general meeting on August 23, 2016. To see the budget and get more details, go to the PFA website at www.jessiebeckpfa.com

PFA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

It is not too late to join the Jessie Beck PFA. You have until September 30th to help your child win a \$50 gift for his or her class.

It is easy to join! You can send the \$10 membership fee in an envelope with your name and your child's name and teacher; pick up a parent membership form in the entry of the school, fill it out and return it with your child; or, easiest of all, visit the PFA website at www.jessiebeckpfa.com and pay online using Paypal.

The PFA always needs volunteers for our special events, which is a great way to help your child's school. We would love to have you become part of our Jessie Beck family!