



## Snow Days!

The Norman Public Schools lost a total of six (6) instructional days due to inclement weather. Two of those make-up days were designated prior to the most recent winter storm:



- November 30 to be made up on February 16 (which was originally a teacher professional day)
- December 1 to be made up on May 25 (which was a designated snow make-up day in the original calendar)
- January 16 to be made up on February 19 (originally scheduled as a holiday for President's Day)
- January 17, 18 and 19 to be made up on May 29, 30 and 31 (extending the school calendar)

Thank you,

**Craig Stevens, Principal**  
**366-5884 School 329-2670 Home**  
**cstevens@norman.k12.ok.us**

## Getting to School on Time

### Is morning your worst time of day?

Some parents turn up at school on time, every day, with their children carrying everything they need. The rest of us are either just flinging them at the school gate and running off to work (if we're there at all) or feeling guilty about leaving children we've been shouting at for the last half an hour to get ready, or cursing ourselves – or the children – for having forgotten football boots / recorder / swimming gear / homework yet again.



Here are some tips to help, both with starting school for the first time, and with managing school mornings.

### The Golden Rules

- Be strict about following a clear routine, especially in the morning;
- Get as much as possible ready the night before;
- Note down all school dates and events on the calendar at the beginning of the year;
- Read the notes you get from school straightaway – don't ignore them.

Information found at <http://www.netmums.com/lc/home/schoolontime.php>.



**REMEMBER...**  
**The first bell rings at 7:50 am**  
**School starts at 8:00 am**

## Raising an Achiever

EDITORS NOTE: This article was submitted by Susan Allgood and edited by Aaron Adel originally March 2006.

Do you ever wonder if your child is doing his best work in school? Does your child earn C's and D's when the teacher and you both think he should be earning A's and B's? If "yes" is your answer to either of these questions, then your child might be underachieving. Several causes exist for this problem.

Maybe your child is distracted and stressed from situations in his life. Has there been a recent divorce, death or illness in the family? This may sound outrageous, but could your child possibly be the victim of emotional abuse, verbal abuse or some other type of mistreatment?

Maybe he hasn't learned good study skills. Has school always been easy for your child up until now? 3rd grade and 5th grade cover major amounts of new material that may be difficult for your child to master. All grades cover new material, but I have noticed over the years that 3rd and 5th in particular offer unique challenges for many students.

There could possibly be an undiagnosed learning disability. Maybe organization is the issue. Does he get home with assignments and back to school with completed homework? Often, children do the work well but then manage to lose it or forget to turn it in!

As a parent, you may support your child offering unconditional love and support. Offer assistance as needed but remember... Do not do the work for them. It is their work and their grade.

Other suggestions:

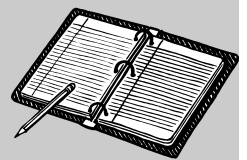
- ❖ Set realistic but high expectations.
- ❖ Follow through with consequences when they do not put forth their best effort.
- ❖ Discourage perfectionism by stressing that making mistakes is a way to learn.
- ❖ Stay calm! Your anxiety becomes their anxiety.
- ❖ Be realistic with praise. Everything they do is not amazing! Find something specific to compliment about their work: "What great vocabulary!" or "What great colors!"

And, most importantly... Never ever give up on your child! This year may be extremely frustrating, but with some growth and maturity and support from home and school, your child will succeed! Contact Susan Allgood, 366-5884 or [sallgood@norman.k12.ok.us](mailto:sallgood@norman.k12.ok.us), with questions or concerns.

## Where is Your Child?

Please be sure to:

- ♥ Check your child in at the office when they arrive late.
- ♥ Check your child out at the office when they are leaving early.
- ♥ Call the office when your child will not be at school for the day. The office phone number is **405-366-5884**.



# Music Program

## 4th grade—Nutcracker

The 4th grade put on a fantastic production of "Nutcracker" on December 19th. Adapted from "The Nutcracker Suite" by Peter I. Tchaikovsky and "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King" by E.T.A. Hoffman.

The main cast consisted of:  
 Nutcracker—Tace Magee  
 Clara—Anne Goree  
 Fritz—River Samudio  
 Godpapa—Sean Wilson  
 Mouse King—Jacob Reginer  
 Candy Flute—Abbie Hall  
 Flower—Tyann Caldwell



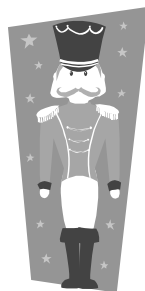
The students were dressed in elegant and colorful costumes.



There were Sugar Plum Fairies, Toy Soldiers, Mice, and Candy Flutes filling the stage.



Arabian, Russian, and Chinese Dancers gallantly performed for the audience.



It was music to our ears when the 2nd grade sang many songs based on the famous production.



Lyrics and script by Mary Kay Beall and music arranged by Ruth Artman. It was directed by Libby Waldenville, choreography by Mary Coleman, and the stage managers were Tracy Houston and Doug Gillis.

## Teacher Appreciation Week February 5th—9th

The teachers work all year long to prepare, create, and implement a curriculum for each of our children. This is not an easy task since every class is different and every child has their own unique way of learning. Teachers have to be very flexible throughout the entire year; always changing their schedules, materials, and content so that it best suits all children within their class.



Encourage your children to show their teacher(s) just how special they are to them; by writing notes, drawing pictures, or even sending emails. The Jackson community is proud of our teachers and we want them to know just how special they are.

A **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon** will be given for all of our teacher's on **Friday, February 9th** throughout their regular teacher lunch hours. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Jennifer Marcum at 405- 650-1218 or [jmarcum4@yahoo.com](mailto:jmarcum4@yahoo.com).

**Thank you Jackson Teachers for all that you do for our children!**

## K.I.D.D.S. Seminar Kids in Different Divorce Situations

Parents, the Center for Children and Families, Inc. through its divorce Arbitration Program presents Kids in Different Divorce Situations (K.I.D.D.S.) This is a four-week support and education groups program for children, 3rd-8th grade, dealing with the divorce or separation of their parents.

The charge for enrollment and 4 sessions is **\$25.00**. Scholarships are available based on need. *No child will be denied service based on inability to pay.*

Schedule an appointment to enroll your child by calling **Lindsey Scott** at **405-364-1420** or [lscott@cclinorman.org](mailto:lscott@cclinorman.org). Participation requires advance enrollment.

### Location:

Center for Children and Families, Inc.  
1151 E. Main Street  
Norman, OK 73071  
Directly west of Wal-Mart on NE 12th St.

### Dates & Times:

All groups are on Thursdays from 5:30pm-6:30pm.

Grades 3rd-5th: February 8, 15, 22, and March 1

Grades 6th-8th: March 8, 15, 22 and 29

## If You've Lost It, We Probably Have It!

Lost & Found is **OVERFLOWING!** We have hundreds of items including abandoned coats, hats, gloves, lunchboxes, shirts...you name it! Please stop by the Lost & Found and check for items that are missing from your household.

Lost & Found is located in the hallway in front of the Jackson Library/Media Center.



## 2006-2007 Jackson Merchandise Jackson Sweatshirt

You can still get your new 2006-2007 Jackson Sweatshirt; one for the whole family.

There are two new logos; one for children and the other for adults. The children's sweatshirt has a light gold logo printed on a light blue hooded sweatshirt. The adult's sweatshirt has a blue and red logo printed on a gray sweatshirt.



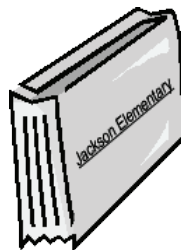
Each sweatshirt is just **\$20.00** payable to the Jackson Elementary PTA.

### Available Sizes:

Children's: XS, S, M, and L

Adult's: AS, AM, AL, and AXL

## Jackson Directory



If you didn't get a chance to purchase a school directory, there is still time. You can use the form that you received in your Thursday folder or there are forms in the PTA box in the main office. Just fill it out along with your payment and your directory will be delivered to your child's classroom in the next couple of days.

Each directory is **\$2.00** payable to the Jackson Elementary PTA.

## Jackson T-Shirt

There are still a few Jackson T-Shirts left in varying sizes. Each T-shirt is bright blue with a purple and yellow logo. On the front it says "Jackson Elementary" and "06-07 Tigers" on the back.



Each T-shirt is **\$10.00** payable to the Jackson Elementary PTA.

Contact Holly Jack, PTA President at 405-321-4479 or [holly\\_a\\_jack@yahoo.com](mailto:holly_a_jack@yahoo.com) for more information.

## Help Support Jackson!

### Clip your Box Tops and Campbell's Labels

This year we are collecting both Box Tops and Campbell's Labels to help support Jackson so **CLIP and SAVE!** Turn them into your teacher or bring them to the main office.

### Shop at Marcum's Nursery, Homeland, Albertson's or Target

Shop at any one of these stores and help support Jackson. Each store gives a percentage of total sales from Jackson customers back to Jackson.

### Eat at SONIC Drive-In, Boomerang Grille or Jason's Deli

Each restaurant has setup specific nights for our Jackson families to come in and help support our school.

More information is on the Jackson PTA website at [www.geocities.com/jackson\\_pta/](http://www.geocities.com/jackson_pta/) or contact **Holly Jack, PTA President** at 405-321-4479 or [holly\\_a\\_jack@yahoo.com](mailto:holly_a_jack@yahoo.com).

## Valentine Classroom Parties

Wednesday, February 14th  
9:45 for AM Pre-K and 2:00 pm for all other classrooms

Help is always needed. Check with your child's teacher as what to bring or volunteer to help the day of the party. Families are encouraged to come, take pictures, and join in on the fun with your child.



## PTA Meeting

February 27th at 6:15pm



DON'T forget our next PTA meeting. It will be Tuesday, February 27th at 6:15pm in the Jackson Cafeteria just before the 5th Grade Music Program, "School House Rocks".

For more information, contact Holly Jack, PTA President, at 405-321-4479 or holly\_a\_jack@yahoo.com.



## The Carnival is Coming!

Our annual Jackson Carnival is coming Friday, March 30th.

We need parents, grandparents, family members, and community friends to help put on a great carnival for all of our children.



If you are interested in helping with the Jackson Carnival, please contact Christine Wilson at 405-329-5737 or christineawilson@hotmail.

## Need Jackson Information?

There are many ways you can find out what is going on at Jackson:

- the monthly newsletter *The Jackson Times*
- the Norman Transcript's *School Bells* article on Sunday's
- Cox Cable channel 18
- the Jackson PTA website at [http://www.geocities.com/jackson\\_pta/](http://www.geocities.com/jackson_pta/)
- the Jackson PTA online calendar at [http://calendar.yahoo.com/jackson\\_pta](http://calendar.yahoo.com/jackson_pta)
- in your child's weekly Thursday folder

## Jackson Upcoming Events February/March 2007



Feb 1 .....Love & Logic Program (6:00-8:00pm)  
(Pizza served from 5:30-6:00pm)

Feb 2 .....SONIC Drive-In Night (5:00-7:00pm)

Feb 5 – 9 ..... Teacher Appreciation Week  
(Teacher Luncheon Friday, Feb. 9th)

Feb 8 .....Love & Logic Program (6:00-8:00pm)  
(Pizza served from 5:30-6:00pm)

Feb 14 ..... Valentine Class Parties

Feb 15 .....Love & Logic Program (6:00-8:00pm)  
(Pizza served from 5:30-6:00pm—RESCHEDULED)

Feb 16 & 19 ..... MAKEUP Snow Day #1 and #2

Feb 20 .....Boomerang Grille Night (5:00-10:00pm)  
(1st Grade Competition Night)

Feb 23 .....TERRIFIC Kids Assembly (8:00am)

Feb 27 ..... PTA Meeting (6:15-6:45pm in the cafeteria)

Feb 27 .....5th Grade Music Program  
(“School House Rocks” at 7:00pm)

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Mar 1 & 2 ..... Parent Teacher Conferences

Mar 2 .....NO SCHOOL – Parent/Teacher Conf.

Mar 2 .....SONIC Drive-In Night (5:00-7:00pm)

Mar 13 .....Boomerang Grille Night (5:00-10:00pm)  
(2nd Grade Competition Night—RESCHEDULED)

Mar 15 ..... Classroom Group Pictures

Mar 19 – 23 .....NO SCHOOL – Spring Break

Mar 27 ..... 1st Grade Music Program  
(“Upon a Lilly Pad” at 7:00pm)

Mar 30 .....TERRIFIC Kids Assembly (8:00am)

## Volunteers of the Month

The Volunteer of the month for **January** is **Jill Fayak**. Jill is and has been a valued member of the Jackson PTA. This year she serves on the PTA Board as a Restaurant Night Coordinator. She recently facilitated the purchase by the PTA of a new laminator for the Teacher Supply Closet. We appreciate everything that Jill has done to make our PTA great!

The Volunteer of the month for **February** is **Jennifer Marcum**. Jennifer is currently the Chair of the Teacher Appreciation Committee. Jennifer is a past President of the PTA and throughout her time at Jackson has contributed so much to the work of our PTA. This is her youngest daughter's final year at Jackson and her presence and hard work will be missed greatly!

Congratulations to **Jill** and **Jennifer**, two fantastic examples of PTA volunteers! Jackson is a better place because of all of your hard work!

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