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Fall Fest

A Big Thank You!

Students, teachers, staff, parents, PTA, and community members, thank you for the incredibly successful Jog-A-Thon! It was a very fun day together with such a wonderful feeling of community. As a school, we are very appreciative of the support from our Jackson community.



Thank you,

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The Results are In... ANOTHER RECORD BREAKER!!!!

The amount we raised from Jog-A-Thon this year was over 37,300! That's \$4,500 more than last year. Great job Jackson!



The Pre-K and Kindergarten Moonbounce/Pizza Party will be held on tomorrow, Friday, October 13th from 11:00am-12:00pm at Rotary Park south of Jackson.

The **Skateland/Pizza Party** for 1st-3rd grade was today, Thursday, October 12th from 11:15am-12:30pm. The **Limo Ride/**

Sooner Legends Lunch Party for 4th & 5th grades was held Wednesday, October 11th from 12:00-1:15pm.

The Perfect Swing Party will be held on Monday, October 16th from 6-9 pm for the students who earned \$25 or more. Please remember to bring your Perfect Swing party invitation that was passed out by your teacher.

Congratulations to all of this year's top earners and joggers! The prizes were great enough to match the outstanding efforts of these hard working students.



Top Money Earners Overall

Pre-K thru 2nd Grade:

1st place — Graci Fayak in Mrs. Dmytryk's class winning an Onyx Nintendo DS Lite with a Harry Potter game
2nd place — Abbie Waggoner in Mrs. Bruton's class winning a \$100 gift certificate to Kidoodles
3rd place — Tucker Ellis in Mrs. Bruton's class winning a Sony CD Cassette Boombox

3rd thru 5th Grade:

1st place — Elliot McIlhaney from Mrs. Dansby's class winning a Vivitar camcorder/digital camera/MP3 player with a 1 gigabyte SD card and accessories
2nd place — Blake Hardman from Mrs. Gray's class winning an iPod shuffle with 2 cases and a \$15 iTunes card
3rd place — Hannah Connery from Mr. Talley's class winning a \$50 Best Buy card



Top Boy & Girl Runners Overall

Pre-K thru 2nd Grade:

Boys: Dalton Holt from Mrs. Dmytryk's class
Girls: 2 way tie between Graci Fayak in Mrs. Dmytryk's class and Sarah Blough from Mrs. Crooke's class

3rd-5th Grade:

Boys: Peyton Barrett from Ms. Lundgren's class
Girls: Katie Haddad from Ms. Lundgren's class

Winner of the 4th/5th Grade Challenge

5th grade with \$7,323.48 with an average of \$103.15 per student.

Most Money Earned by a Class

Winner of a Pizza Party

Pre-K thru 2nd: Mrs. Bruton's 1st grade class (\$2,302.40)
3rd-5th: Mrs. Dansby's 5th graded class (\$3,106.68)

Classes with Full Participation

Mrs. Bruton, Mrs. McMurray, Mrs. Dmytryk, Mrs. Magee, Mrs. Conklin, Ms. Toney, Mrs. Gray, Mr. Talley, and Mrs. Dansby.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

A special thanks to Hard Edge Design for printing our Jog-a-Thon t-shirts so quickly and doing reprints at no extra charge. Thank you to all of the parents and teachers who put so much time into our fundraiser.

A **BIG Thank You** also goes to **Jennifer Hardman** (Jog-a-Thon Chair) and **Jennifer Wilson-Burns** (Co-Chair) who organized this year's event. Together with their crew of parent volunteers, worked very hard to make this year's Jog-A-Thon such a success.

Jog-a-Thon (Continued)

2006 Jog-a-Thon Sponsors

Thank you, also, to the local businesses that sponsored this year's Jackson Jog-a-thon:

Sam's Club of Norman
Nextep
Perfect wing
Sooner Legends Restaurant
Chick-fil-A of Sooner Mall
Dr. Phil Parker DDS, MS , PC
Oklahoma Sports and Orthopedic Institute
HNR Limos
Ship to Shore Travel
Norman Music Center
CientLogic
Homeland Stores
Hudiburg Nissan Buick Isuzu
J & E Moonwalk Rentals
Fowler Toyota
Marc Heitz Chevrolet
Dillard Group Realty
OK Runner
Douglas J. Smith Attorney at Law
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Marcie Heitz at Finesse Salon & Spa

Copelin's Teaching Tools & Office Center
Hooper Printing Company Inc..
Kidoodles
Best Buy
OK Runner
Republic Bank & Trust
Robi Lynn Craig, D.D.S., P.C.
Sam's Club of Norman
Sparks Clinic—Chiropractic
Jamie Belknap DDS and
Donna Sparks DDS
Jason's Deli
Cici's Pizza
Dominos Pizza
Chili's Bar Grill
Therapy in Motion
Thompson Pool & Patio
Orthodontics Exclusively-Dr. Timothy Shannon, D.D.S., and Mark Revels D.D.S.
Skateland
Vision Source -Dr. Troy Flax & Dr. Pepper Martin
Wal-mart Supercenter

If you are interested in volunteering on the Jog-A-Thon committee for next year or if you have any suggestions, please contact Jennifer Wilson-Burns at 307-9915 or jwilson-burns@yahoo.com.

Jog-a-Thon Family Picnic OU Invasion

We were proud to announce that Sooners invaded the Jackson Jog-a-Thon Picnic! We had a great time with a few of the OU track team members and coaches. We appreciate the University for allowing them to come join us for fun, food, fellowship, and even a little running competition. Many families were able to get autographs and pictures taken with the Sooners.



The picnic was held Thursday, September 29th on the Jog-a-Thon track. Many of our Jackson families and faculty members came out to kick-off our 2006 Jog-a-Thon. The OU track team even showed us how it is done.

There was a little



competition between the OU track team members and some of our Jackson students. Way to go Jackson!



Thank you to all of the Jackson families who came out and joined in the fun.

2006 STUDENT COUNCIL

Officers Elected in October

The candidates filed for office in September and went through a rigorous process that included written qualification statements, speaking individually before Student Council, and planning and carrying out a campaign between September 26 and October 4. Candidates were given time during morning announcements to appeal to students for their votes and on October 3 all of the candidates presented a campaign speech to an assembly of students in grades K-5. On October 4th students cast secret ballots in their classrooms. The candidates celebrated the elections on Tuesday, October 10, at a pizza party during their lunch times. The candidates were all wonderful and left Jackson students with very difficult choices to make. These are the new officers and the worthy candidates who ran with them.



President:
Hannah Connery



Vice-President:
Trace Magee



Asher Owen



Nick Scheid



Ashley Roth Rachel Gedosh



Secretary:
Kaely Bond



Lexi Jones



Valerie Shaw



Amanda Gould



Jerika Hendrickson



Activities Manager:
Trevor Magee



Sarah Royse



Sheila Seat



Alyssa Simonds



Jordan Austin



Kathryn



Matthew Sandison



Jordan Gedosh



Augustine Smith



Annual Costume Parade
Tuesday, October 31st at 1:30pm

All classrooms will line up in one large line and travel from room to room showing off their costumes. Parents, please come join the fun. Class parties will follow.

Student Council

2006 Class Representatives

Congratulations are in order! Student Council Class Representatives have been elected by their classmates from each 3rd - 5th grade class.

5th grade

Ms. Dansby's - Niki Parker and Andrew Robertson
Ms. Gray's - Jerika Hendrickson and Blake Hardman
Mr. Talley's - Hannah Connery and Kalen Smith

4th grade

Ms. Conklin's - Sheila Seat and Trenton McKenzie
Ms. Lundgren's - Lexi Jones and Peyton Barrett
Ms. Toney's - Anna Goree and Trace Magee

3rd grade

Ms. Conway's - Sarah Royse and Clayton Seleznoff
Ms. Leader's - Joeli Cargal and Jacob Landry
Ms. Turner's - Kathryn Schmitt and Andy Kim

Raising a Reader Program

We are proud to say that Jackson's Pre-K has been selected to participate in the Raising a Reader Program. **We are one of only six schools in Norman selected.**

This program is a comprehensive family literacy initiative through Success by 6®, which is part of the United Way of Norman. Success by 6® is a community collaboration of public and private partners working together to deliver proven solutions that ensure all children 0-6 are healthy, nurtured and ready to succeed. It is creating effective community-based solutions that contribute to the positive quality of life for young children.

The Raising a Reader Program piloted last year at two locations with three classrooms and has now expanded to more public Pre-K programs this year. Their goal is to provide materials (books and training) for families as they nurture and teach their young children.

For more information contact Success by 6® at United Way of Norman, 550 24 Ave., Ste D, Norman, OK 73069, 405-364-3800 or www.unitedwaynorman.com/.



Be a Top Tiger Reader



The Top Tiger Reader Program is in full swing. Each student who participates needs to read the amount listed below and record the amount on a reading list. Blank reading lists are provided by the teachers. When a student completes a

reading list write down the required information and turn it into their teacher. When the student accumulates the required amount they will be recognized at the next Terrific Kids assembly; where they will receive a certificate and get to dedicate a book in their name to the Jackson Library.

Pre - K and Kindergarten students may count books read to them by their parents.

The amount to read is as follows:

Pre-K and Kindergarten reads 200 books,
1st Grade reads 250 books,
2nd Grade reads 3,000 minutes,
3rd Grade reads 4,000 minutes,
4th Grade reads 5,000 minutes
5th Grade reads 6,000 minutes.

Ugly Bug Contest Winner

Congratulations to **2nd grader Bailey Keeling** in Mrs. Misleik's class for winning the 2006-2007 Ugly Bug Contest. He entered a Rhinoceros Beetle (*Dynastes Tityus*) that he found in Tahlequah at his grandmother's. We to go Bailey!



"The name of my bug is a Rhinoceros Beetle. I found it in Tahlequah. It was dead and was just hanging on a wall. I was visiting my grandma and knew the Ugly Bug contest was coming up, so I was excited to find it! I kept the bug on my dresser until it was time to take it to school. My class cheered when it was announced that I had won. I was REALLY happy!"

The Boomerang Night Winners

For the month of September, **Mrs. Gray's 5th Grade** class and for October, **Ms. Lundgren's 4th Grade** class are the winners of Jackson Family Nights at Boomerang Grille. They will each get a catered lunch from Boomerang Grille brought to their classroom. The exact dates will be determined later.

Congratulations to Mrs. Gray's and Mrs. Lundgren's classes!

New Yearbook Editor

Jackson is PROUD to announce our new yearbook editor, **Lori Brooks**. She is the associate director of Student Media at OU. She is also adviser to Student Media's features department, which is home to two yearbooks (Crimson Traditions, for freshmen, and Sooner, for seniors), the OU Visitor Guide, Sower magazine and a number of other projects.

Before moving into this role, Lori had served for five years as director of communications for OU's Michael F. Price College of Business. Prior to that, she worked at The Albuquerque Tribune and the Seattle Times. She had also been in Student Media as a student, so coming back to the department was like coming home.

This year's yearbook will be called *The Jackson Tiger*. Lori is hopeful that parents and faculty will get very involved in providing content. A flyer will be coming soon in the Thursday folders about submitting photos for inclusion.

To submit photos and story ideas please email them to jacksontigeryearbook@yahoo.com. You may also contact Lori at lbrowns@ou.edu or call 405-990-7409.

Jackson Clubs

Jackson Tiger Knights Chess Club meets in "Tiger Knight Hall"; hall front of the library.

5th grade and Under Section meets Mon. at lunch and recess.
3rd Grade and Under Section meets Fri. at lunch and recess.
Contact David Wilson at dwilson@norman.k12.ok.us.

Walking Club meets on the black top.

Mon. and Tues. at 7:30am and Monday at 2:50pm.
Contact Jane Dmytryk at jdmytryk@norman.k12.ok.us.

Jump Rope Club meets in the gym.

Mon., Wed., and Fri. from 7:15 until 8:00 am.
Contact Mary Coleman at mcoleman@norman.k12.ok.us.

SeeS Science Club (1st - 5th Grade) meets in the cafeteria.
Nov. 9, Feb 9, Mar 8, and April 12 from 3:00-4:00pm.
Contact Susan Allgood at sallgood@norman.k12.ok.us.

Honor Choir (4th & 5th Grade) meets in the music room.
Tues. and Thurs. after school until 3:45 pm.
Contact Libby Waldenville at efw@norman.k12.ok.us.

New Parking Restrictions

Recently, the City added parking and pick-up restrictions in front of our school. While updating signage and curb markings on Wylie Road, Norman City staff took notice of traffic problems on Wylie Road during after school hours.

We were informed by the City that they had observed the area during dismissal time and noticed significant parking activity along the west side of Wylie Road, south of Camden Way. This parking activity was considered detrimental to the safe flow of traffic on Wylie Road. The specific problem being addressed with the parking restriction deals with vehicles driving left of center across the double yellow line. Allowing parking along the west side forces southbound drivers to cross the double yellow line into the path of northbound vehicles. This was explained as not only being unsafe; it also makes every southbound driver subject to a traffic citation.

We do not want any of our Jackson parents or friends to receive parking or other citations, so we ask that you do not park or load in this area of Wylie Road. We are sorry for any inconvenience that this creates, but it was done by the City with concerns for child and traffic safety in mind. Thank you for your cooperation.



Tardies and Absences

As a reminder, school begins at 8:00am and ends at 2:45pm. Any student that is late to school needs to report to the office to get a tardy slip before going to class. If your child is not going to attend school that day, please call the office and let them know of their absence. An unexcused absence will go on their record if the office is not notified.

Pre-K is the exception to this policy, but out of courtesy please call the office so that their teacher can be informed. Thank you.

The school phone number is 405-366-5884.

Campbell Soup Labels New Policy

The Campbell Soup Labels Program has changed their policy **as of June 2, 2006**. They are no longer accepting the front product labels. They only accept the UPC symbols on the labels or the lids. Look for the Labels for Education logo. If you have any questions, please refer to their Labels for Education website at www.labelsforeducation.com.



Still continue to turn in the labels but just make sure that the UPC is on the label or lid.

Weather the News

Parent's we are collecting **weather pictures** drawn by your children to put into the Norman Transcript. If you are not familiar with this, they are in the weather section of the paper. Students from Norman can submit drawings and five are chosen on a daily basis to be published in the paper. Typically they choose drawings that represent the weather for that day's forecast. Drawings need to be brightly colored (i.e. markers, crayons, colored pencils, or water colored paints) on white paper; landscape preferably. Turn them into your child's teacher. Once a month they will be collected and taken to the Norman Transcript.



Jackson Upcoming Events

November/December 2006



Oct 31 Costume Parade and Class Parties
(Parade begins at 1:30pm/ Parties begin at 2:00pm)
Nov 2 Jason's Deli Night (4:00-10:00pm)
Nov 3 SONIC Drive-In Night (5:00-7:00pm)
Nov 6 – 10 Book Fair (In the Jackson Library)
Nov 9 & 10 Parent Teacher Conferences
Nov 10 NO SCHOOL – Parent/Teacher Conf.
Nov 14 ... 5th Grade All City Chorus (Lloyd Noble at 7:30pm)
Nov 14 Boomerang Grill Night (5:00-10:00pm)
(3rd Grade Competition Night)
Nov 17 TERRIFIC Kids Assembly (8:00am)
Nov 17 Picture Retakes
Nov 20 PTA Meeting (6:15-6:45pm in the cafeteria)
Nov 20 3rd Grade Music Program
("A Tribute to Disney!" at 7:00pm)
Nov 22 – 24 NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break
Nov 30 Jason's Deli Night (4:00-10:00pm)
Dec 1 SONIC Drive-In Night (5:00-7:00pm)
Dec 5 Choir Jump Rope Program (7:00pm)
Dec 15 TERRIFIC Kids Assembly (8:00am)
Dec 19 PTA Meeting (6:15-6:45pm in the cafeteria)
Dec 19 4th Grade Music Program
("The Nutcracker" at 7:00pm)
Dec 20 Winter Class Parties
Dec 21 – Jan 2 NO SCHOOL – Christmas Break

Jackson Book Fair

November 6th thru 10th



The Book Fair is coming! Look for more book fair information and your Scholastic catalog to come later this month. You can begin your Christmas shopping here at Jackson; books, posters, educational toys, and much much more. The Book Fair will be in the large hall right outside of the library.

Parent volunteers needed to work. Contact Jayme Seats at 366-5884 or jseat@norman.k12.ok.us.

Volunteer of the Month

This month we would like to recognize the volunteer who has helped in the past and with this year's Back-to-School Night, Teacher's Supply Closet and membership. Our current volunteer, **Christine Wilson** (Membership Chair and Back-to-School Night Coordinator) did an outstanding job getting ready for this year's Back-to-School Night that was held in August. She continually keeps our teacher's supply closet stocked for our teachers to use and she is the person that organizes our membership drives and helps the new PTA members find what they need to be a part of Jackson's PTA. **Thank you Christine!**

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