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## **Important Dates**

Mon, Sep 4: No School, Labor Day

Tue, Sep 12: Site Council Meeting, 5:30-6:30 pm

Tue, Sep 12: PTA Meeting, 6:30-8 pm, Page Media Center

Thu, Sep 14: Picture Day

Wed, Sep 27: Early Release Day

#### See the full calendar for more info

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## Welcome to Around the Horn!

This newsletter is produced weekly, and will usually be sent on Wednesdays. If you want to receive the newsletter, you need to have at least one email address set to receive updates from school in your communications preferences.

If you think you should be receiving *Around the Horn*, but it's still not getting to your inbox, please contact **JPMScommunications@gmail.com**.

### **Welcome New Staff**

There are several new faces at JPS this year. Please welcome the following new staff members:

Douglas Braziel, security monitor

Christine Denoman, special education assistant

Catherine Flynn, 8th grade science

Madison Gallagher, 7th grade ELA

Marie Hassell, counselor

Andria Lagrone, health assistant

Pablo Muñoz, bilingual AE

Katherine Nye, mental health intern

Jenna Padilla, 6th grade ELA

Derek Reuben, 6th grade dean

Steve Schmitz, art

Joan Spehar, family liaison

**Nathan Tensen Woolery**, special education asst.

**Zoheth Torres**, mental health intern **Monique Wiley**, special education



A few of our new staff members, getting ready for the 2017-2018 school year!

From left: M. Gallagher, K. Nye, Z. Torres, M. Selmer (started in early 2017), D. Braziel, A. Lagrone, D. Reuben, M. Wiley, and J. Padilla

#### **School Year Policies**

Several important school policies were discussed at orientation. Highlights included:

- <u>Arrival/Dismissal</u> students should not be dropped off in the 50th Street parking lot!
- Student Expectations including homework and dress code
- Standards-Based Grading and how letter grades will be used this year
- Media Center students are responsible for lost and damaged books

If you missed orientation, or would like to review the information shared, click on ony of the links above.

# **Update/Add Your Directory Information**

Each year, the PTA puts together a student directory. All information is voluntary; you do not need to participate. However, most parents and students find the directory to be an invaluable resource.

Minneapolis Public Schools does not provide student information to the PTA, so you must use our online confirmation process to be included in the directory. Even if your family was in the directory last year, you need to opt in again to be included this year.

If your family is new to Justice Page Middle School, or your family was not included in last year's directory, and you would like to be included this year, please <u>click here to to add your family</u>.

Fill out all information in this form as you would like it to appear in the directory. The last day for adding information for the printed directory will be September 15.

If your family was included in last year's directory, you should have received an email asking you to confirm your directory information. Alternatively, you can click on the link above, enter your family name and email address, and, if your family is found, request a confirmation email to update your data.

#### **EVENTS**

## **Back to School Bash Page Party**

Alarms are alarming, folders are filling. Let's celebrate back to school with an adults-only bash at the Bents also hosted by the Browns, the Breiland/Hasbargens and the Gyllstrom/Andersons. Come hang out with friends new and old. Cocktails and hors-d'oeuvres will replace juice boxes and PB&Js. Saturday, September 9 from 7:00 til whenever the principal kicks you out. \$25 lunch money per person. Be there or be square! Buy BTS Bash tickets here.

If you think you may be interested in hosting your own Page Party, please contact **Page Fundraising**.

## **Attend the Farm to School Community BBQ**

Join MPS Culinary & Wellness Services for the annual Farm to School Community BBQ on September 12 from 4:30-7:00 PM. Meet the chefs who inspire our recipes and the farmers who grow our food. The BBQ is free to all and includes delicious local food, hands-on activities for children and families, farm animals, live music and more. This event is located at 812 Plymouth Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55411.

RSVP on Facebook and let us know you are coming. In case of rain, the event will move to September 14 at the same place and time.

### **VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS NEEDED**

- T-Shirt Sorting
  - Help sort and distribute t-shirts to advisory classes on Wednesday morning, 8/30.
- Media Center Mondays
  - Help staff our Media Center on Mondays
- Greeters and Musicians
  - Greet our students with a smile or a song on Fridays
- Snacks for Staff
  - Show your appreciation for our hard-working JPS staff with monthly snacks

### Do You Have News to Share?

Send all stories, ideas, and comments to the *Around the Horn* editors at <a href="mailto:JPMSCommunications@gmail.com">JPMSCommunications@gmail.com</a>.

#### Deadline for submission is Friday the week before publication at 5:00 pm.

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