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Important Dates

- Thu, Mar 8:** Arabic Night, 6 PM
Mar 12 - Mar 16: 6th Grade MCA Reading Tests
Tue, Mar 13: Site Council Meeting, 5 PM
Tue, Mar 13: PTA Meeting: "Washburn Q & A", 6:30 PM, Page Media Center
Wed, Mar 14: Walk Around the Block, 10 AM
Mar 19 - Mar 23: 8th Grade MCA Reading Tests
Sat, Mar 24: History Day Regional Competition, 8 AM - 2 PM, Roosevelt High
Fri, Mar 30: No School - Record Keeping Day
Apr 2 - Apr 6: No School - Spring Break
Wed, Apr 11: Yearbook Orders Due
Apr 11 - Apr 17: 7th Grade Math MCA Tests
Sun, Apr 15: Washburn vs. Page Battle of the Bands, 3 PM, Uptown VFW

[See the full calendar for more info](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Arabic Night Tomorrow مرحبا

Arabic Night will be held at Justice Page Middle School on **March 8 from 6 to 8 pm**. Lyndale, Page, and Washburn students and parents/guardians are all invited for a fun night. The event will take place in the cafeteria at JPS. Those attending will enjoy Mediterranean food, Arabic music and dance, and will learn about the Arabic language including how to write one's name and greet others in Arabic. Come and have fun! [Click here for an event flyer](#).

Please consider bringing a donation to help resupply our food pantry when you come to Arabic Night. The items most in need at this time are: boxed cereal, canned tuna, and canned vegetables; and toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, and chapstick. We will have bins available on the first floor to collect donations. Thank you in advance!

Girls on the Run

Calling all girls who like to have fun! The spring season of Girls on the Run (Heart & Sole) is starting March 20. The only requirement is that you enjoy having a good time while doing a little running. We meet from 3:50 to 5:20 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays starting in room 121. The season ends in a 5k in June. Register to participate on the [Girls on the Run website](#).

Yearbook Orders

It's time to order yearbooks! **Place your order by April 11, 2018.** The yearbook costs \$7.

There are two ways to order:

1. [Online](#). Click the Tickets button, and pay by credit or debit card. Note: online orders incur an additional processing fee of \$1.30, for a total charge of \$8.30.
2. Print and complete a [paper order form](#) and send it with cash or a check to school. If paying by check, please make the check payable to Justice Page Middle School PTA. Paper forms can be dropped off either in the Main Office, or with students' advisory teachers. A few paper forms are also available in the Main Office.

Also, **if your student regularly uses a name other than the name on their district records**, please submit a [name change request form](#) to use their preferred name in the yearbook.

Important Dates for 8th Graders

Because the last day of school was moved from June 12 to June 8, a few of the 8th grade end-of-the-year events have been rescheduled.

June 6: 8th grade dance during school

June 7: Valleyfair field trip

June 8: End-of-the-Year Ceremony, 9:30 - 10:30 am

Mark your calendars, and watch for more details to come on these exciting events!

Walk Around the Block

On **Wednesday, March 14, at 10 am**, please join us for a counter-clockwise walk around the Justice Page School city block. Student representatives will lead our advisory classes in solidarity to promote safety in our schools. This Walk Around the Block coincides with the "Enough! Nationwide School Walkout" movement on the one-month anniversary of the Parkland, FL shooting. Meet us outside and experience the power and passion of student voice!

Students will be doing an arts integration project to coincide with this event, creating posters, signs, and/or visual representation of whatever they're passionate about — animal rights, equality, saving the polar bears, etc. Each advisory will have a specific door to exit. These assignments will be given out during advisory at the end of the week. Students not wishing to participate will remain in the building with supervision until the walk is complete.

If you'd like to join us, meet outside the school at 10 am. Do not enter the building. Your student should know what door their class will be exiting through at the end of this week, so if you want to walk with your student, meet outside their assigned door.

If you have any questions, please direct them to [Elissa Cedarleaf-Dahl](#), [Britta Carroll](#), or [Joshua Nutter](#).

EVENTS

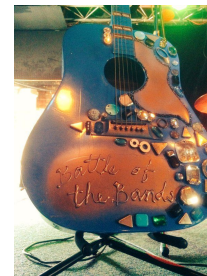
St. Patrick's Day Page Party Featuring "Staff Infection"

We're happy to announce another Page Party! Page Parties are social gatherings that JPS parents host in their homes and elsewhere, while raising money to help support and enhance JPS classroom activities.

Please join us to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the live music of "Staff Infection", your favorite Justice Page Middle School staff band. Wear your favorite concert t-shirt & green hues! Come enjoy food, drink, & fun! [Purchase tickets here](#).

Fourth Annual Page-Washburn Battle of the Bands!

Calling all bands...The 4th Annual Page-Washburn Battle of the Bands is coming soon: Sunday, April 15, from 3 to 6 pm, at the Uptown VFW. For families new to Page, this event features Page and Washburn student and staff bands, facing off for bragging rights (and an amazing traveling guitar trophy beautified by our own Ms. Cedarleaf-Dahl).



Does your band have what it takes? [Registration is now open!](#) This is a first come, first booked, sign-up process. Please make sure to review the guidelines and enter all needed information. May the best band win!

JPMS Maker's Space 3.0 Fundraiser

Our BIG fundraiser is in full swing! We are looking to raise over \$6000 by May 4 to bring our Maker's Space into the 21st century by purchasing three to four 3D printers, computer programming and coding materials, and LOTS of other cool stuff! [Check out the full wish list and make a donation today!](#) There are rewards for donations over \$5, and the more you give, the greater the rewards! Please donate today! Corporate and business donations also accepted. Email Mr. Koupal at travis.koupal@mpls.k12.mn.us for details.

ACCOLADES AND THANK YOUS

Debate Team Takes 5th Place

Congratulations to Justice Page Middle School's debate team students for their performance at the Sherman Alexie Tournament at Washington Technology Magnet School. In particular, students Robert H & Elias H-E earned the 5th place team award in the novice division. They finished in the top half of the tournament, and are working hard and learning more every week!



Box Tops Contest Results

Congratulations to Mr. Gallagher's 7th grade advisory for bringing in a total of 459 Box Tops and winning the Box Tops Contest! Thanks to everyone for clipping and sending in those box tops. We've raised \$430.00 so far this year. Cheers!

AFTER SCHOOL

New Winter Community Education Classes

Musical Theatre Cabaret — Thursdays, 3:34-5:45 pm. Do you like to act, sing, or dance? Learn a selection of musical theater numbers and get help on solo and small group numbers that you select. All members will be involved in big ensemble numbers. Students will have an opportunity to develop small ensemble songs of their choice once rehearsals have started. Students may choose to only be in the large group numbers. There will be a performance on Friday, May 5 at 6:30 pm. Directed by Nicole Collins, with choreography by Sophia Meza. This class is designed for all skill levels. \$45

Cooking: Chopped Jr. — Mondays, 3:45-5:45 pm. The basket of mystery ingredients makes an appearance! Each week, work in teams to create a dish from surprise ingredients, plus our "pantry" basics. Judges will test the results and declare a winner of this friendly competition. Taught by Chef Jen. \$45

Register for these and other Winter/Spring after school Community Education classes on the [MPS Community Education website](#).

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS WANTED

Old Electronics Needed

Do you have any old electronics cluttering up your home? We are always looking for things like:

- VCRs
- DVD players
- DVRs
- Old computers (PC desktops most needed/useful)
- Coffee makers (Keurig especially!)
- Old remote control cars or other toys
- Boom boxes/stereos

Bring them to Mr. Koupal in room 312! Items will be used in the STEM MakerSpace.

Things I cannot use include:

- Old cell phones/iPads or tablets (too small to find useful parts)
- Old televisions and/or computer monitors (dangerous stuff in those things)

But wait, there's more! We also need:

- Lumber (plywood, 1x2, 1x3, 1x6, 2x4, other?); nothing smaller than 12"
- Conduit pieces (metal or plastic)
- Holiday light strands
- Wood blocks (like the ones your kids may have grown out of)
- Hot Wheels/Mattel cars
- LEGO! LEGO! LEGO! LEGO! LEGO!

...and many other items you may have lying around your home! [See the full list here](#). Again, materials can be dropped off with Mr. Koupal in Room 312.

Questions? Contact Mr. Koupal at travis.koupal@mpls.k12.mn.us.

AAA Battery Donations Needed

The Math department is seeking donations of AAA batteries for use in the school graphing calculators. Much like the rest of us, these batteries tend to run out of steam at this point in the school year.

Please send in packs of new AAA batteries with your students to drop off in Room 111 (Ms. Krasean's classroom), from March 1 to March 31. Our goal is to collect at least 1,000 batteries.



Let's keep our Justice Page students CHARGED UP about MATH!

Buttons and More Buttons!

JPS art classes are working on a sewing unit, and are in need of buttons of all colors and sizes for use by our creative students! If you have any buttons to donate, please bring them in to Miss Elissa or Mr. Schmitz in room 212.

PTA ANNOUNCEMENTS

PTA Needs You!

Parents play a key role in the success of Justice Page Middle School. We're looking for a few parents to take on some open leadership roles for the 2018-19 school year. If you are interested, please email the parents who currently hold the positions. They'd be happy to answer any questions. If these positions aren't the right fit for you, email PTA president Robin Langevin at langevinrobin@gmail.com. We have many opportunities, big and small, for parent participation. We'd love to have you on our team!

Treasurer

No accounting experience necessary! The outgoing Treasurer will teach you what you need to know. The Treasurer should like numbers and have basic spreadsheet skills. You will make deposits and pay expenses on behalf of the PTA, and maintain the PTA financial records in Quickbooks Online. You will also summarize monthly activity in Google Sheets for the Executive Committee and attend monthly PTA meetings. Most work can be done remotely, with occasional visits to the school and bank. Email Angie North at justicepagetreasurer@gmail.com for more information.

Fundraising Co-Chair/Page Party Lead

Do you love a good party and have a knack for organization and bringing people together? The Page Party Lead/Fundraising Co-Chair recruits parent hosts and helps them work through the details of their events. You will provide that information to the PTA webmaster, who creates the online sales events. In addition, you'll work with the Fundraising Chair to ensure that the Page Parties fit within the larger fundraising plan. The outgoing chair will provide electronic files related to the previous years of parties. We'd love to double or triple our party-planning power by having one chair from each feeder school! Email Stephanie Willingham at stephanieawillingham@icloud.com for more information.

Spirit Wear Chair

No design experience necessary! The outgoing chair will provide existing graphic files and current vendors to you. You will manage existing Spirit Wear inventory and place re-orders as necessary. You will also recruit and train volunteers to help sell merchandise on key days (Open House, Spirit Week, School Concerts, School Play, etc.). You'll work closely with the Treasurer to make deposits and pay invoices. Email Victor Sanchez at latino.artist.victor@gmail.com for more information.

Picture Day Chair

Duties include finding approximately 8 volunteers for picture day and 3 volunteers for retake day who will keep students on task and hand out identification cards to students. The chair will also hang Lifetouch posters for picture day and retake day, as well as distribute order forms and reminder forms to advisory teachers. Email Stephanie Willingham at stephanieawillingham@icloud.com for more information.

Yearbook Co-Chair

Duties for this role include working with the chair to coordinate the design, formatting, and publication of the school yearbook. You will recruit volunteers to help with taking pictures of school events, laying out pages for the yearbook, and producing student and staff pages using pictures provided by Lifetouch. Additional responsibilities include distributing the yearbook order form, working with the PTA webmaster to manage online orders, and distributing yearbooks once they're received. The current chair will provide plenty of information and resources for putting the yearbook together. Photoshop Elements experience is useful but not necessary. Email Kelly Taschler at ktaschler@gmail.com for more information.

Next PTA Meeting: Washburn Q & A

Want to know what lies ahead when your kids leave JPS for the halls of Washburn? We'll help get parents prepared for the transition by offering up an expert panel of people who can answer your biggest questions about taking the next step in the education journey. Join us in the Media Center on Tuesday, March 13 at 6:30 pm. Bring your questions to the meeting or send them in advance to Lisa Thiels at lthiels@goldengate.net.

If you are interested in attending, please [sign up here](#) so we can be sure to have enough seats available!

Twins Game April 27

Join the Justice Page, Burroughs, Green Central, and Lyndale school communities in cheering on the Minnesota Twins vs. the Cincinnati Reds on **Friday, April 27 at 7:10 pm**. Your entire family is invited to join us for fun and baseball. It's a great opportunity to meet new families and new friends outside of the classroom. Seats are limited, buy yours now!

Ticket sales close on Wednesday, March 28 (prior to Spring Break). Tickets will be available for pickup in the school office prior to game day. Contact Angie North at justicepagetreasurer@gmail.com with questions.

Two options to purchase tickets:

- [Buy seats online](#) with credit card. Online purchases include an extra \$1.54 fee to cover credit card processing costs (total cost \$11.54 per ticket).
 - Buy seats with a check made out to Justice Page Middle School PTA. Tickets are \$10 each via check. Leave your check in the office with Mary Jackson or mail your check to Justice Page Middle School PTA, 1 W. 49th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55419.
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80s Dance Party

Dig out those tubular neon shades and feather your hair to the max! Let's get "Into the Groove" and listen to "Every Breath you Take" while we go back in time at this adults-only party on March 23. Just like our high school dances, but this time you get to drink what you want and munch on yummy snacks. "Let's Dance", sing, request your faves, and raise money for our favorite Justice Page Middle School. Bonus points for wearing 80s fashion. It'll be, like, totally rad! [Purchase tickets here](#).

Tangletown Gardens CSA

Purchase a Tangletown Gardens CSA to benefit you and JPMS! Starting in mid-June, families receive 18 weeks of in-season, freshly picked, flavorful vegetables, herbs, and fruits grown without chemically-based fertilizers or pesticides, direct from the Tangletown Gardens farm just 40 miles from Minneapolis.



The Tangletown folks are the ones sowing the seeds and nurturing the plants in the morning, then delivering that harvest fresh each week to the Wise Acre parking lot for you to pick up on Thursdays between 3 and 7 pm. It just doesn't get any more local than that! There are 4 share sizes available to choose from: <https://www.tangletowngardens.com/tangletown-gardens/csa/>.

Please use promo code **PAGE** to ensure 10% of your purchase goes back to Justice Page Middle School. Questions? Contact Stephanie Willingham at stephanieawillingham@icloud.com.

TOP 20 BLOG

An occasional series of Top 20-related articles from Principal Rathke

Social Emotional Learning Vision Statement

At Justice Page School, students and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Egyptian Dinner to Benefit Washburn

Mark your calendars for the 2nd annual Egyptian dinner at Washburn on Saturday, March 10 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. This is a fundraiser for the Parent Council while also being a beautiful cultural experience. You won't be disappointed! Washburn parent Abir Ismail and her family prepare the authentic meal (Abir is also a MPS Math teacher at Lake Harriet). Only \$15 per person for a buffet-style dinner. This event usually sells out. This dinner is right before the Musical "Hairspray." Eat first, then come enjoy the show. It's a win-win!

[Purchase Tickets Here.](#)

PERFORMING ARTS

Last Chance to See *Hairspray* at Washburn



Welcome to the '60s! Tracy Turnblad achieves her dream of performing on a TV dance show in the early '60s in Baltimore and works to help integrate the show in the process in this musical version of the John Waters film. Save the

date and don't miss this upbeat and uplifting show!

Performance Schedule:

At 7 pm on March 8-10

At 2 pm on 11

[Tickets are available here.](#)

Rent at SWHS

Tickets are on sale now for Southwest High School's spotlight musical, *Rent*.

Rent follows a year in the life of a group of bohemian artists in the East Village of New York City as they struggle with addiction, poverty, and love under the shadow of HIV/AIDS. Based on Puccini's "La Boheme," this passionate, pop cultural phenomenon won a Tony Award for Best Musical and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

Performance Schedule:

At 7 pm on March 15-17 and 22-24

At 2 pm on March 18 and 25

[Tickets are available here.](#)

Do You Have News to Share?

Send all stories, ideas, and comments to the *Around the Horn* editors at

JPMSCommunications@gmail.com.

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

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