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- 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
- Tue, Apr 17:** Site Council Meeting, 5 PM
- Tue, Apr 17:** PTA Meeting, 6:30 PM, Page Media Center
- Apr 18 - Apr 24:** 8th Grade Math MCA Tests
- Thu, Apr 19:** ELL Family Night, 5 - 6:30 PM
- Thu, Apr 19:** AVID Info Night, 6:30 - 7:30 PM
- Sat, Apr 21:** Spring Campus Cleanup, 12:30 - 1:30 PM
- Wed, Apr 25:** Early Release Day
- Wed, Apr 25:** *Angst* Movie Viewing, 6:30 PM, JPS Auditorium
- Apr 26 - May 1:** 6th Grade Math MCA Tests
- Fri, Apr 27:** Twins Game, 7:10 PM
- Sat, Apr 28:** [State History Day Competition](#), University of MN
- May 8 - May 9:** 8th Grade Science MCA Tests
- Tue, May 8:** Site Council Meeting, 5 PM
- Tue, May 8:** PTA Meeting, 6:30 PM, Page Media Center
- Wed, May 9:** Spring Bike/Walk to School Day

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last Chance to Order a Yearbook!

It's the last week 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.

Yearbooks will be delivered to students in their Advisory classes in mid- to late-May.

Rhino Pride Officers for 2018-2019

Rhino Pride is currently taking applications for officers for next year! We will need a President, 2-3 Vice Presidents, and a Webmaster/Photographer. If your student is interested, they can apply on our [Rhino Pride web page](#). Applications will be accepted through April 13, and elections will take place mid- to late-April.

Early Release Days

There are two [early release days](#) remaining in this school year: April 25 and May 16. On these days, school will end at 12:45 pm, and buses will arrive at 12:50 pm to pick up students. As always, we appreciate your support and flexibility.

Please refer to the updated [4th quarter calendar](#) for other upcoming important dates.

April PTA Meeting: Update from Principal Rathke

Join us for the next JPS PTA meeting on Tuesday, April 17 at 6:30 pm in the Media Center for a presentation from Principal Rathke. We look forward to seeing you there!

Party Planners Wanted

Plans are underway for the 8th grade end-of-year celebrations, but we need your help! If you have any interest in helping plan the 8th grade dance and/or recognition ceremony, please reach out to Sara Knee at sara.knee@mpls.k12.mn.us. These events will not happen without parent help, so please get in touch and get involved!

EVENTS

Viva City Visual Arts

Viva City is an annual arts festival sponsored by Minneapolis Public Schools. Viva City's mission is to showcase the artistic achievement of MPS students across the district. Several JPS students' artwork will be included in this exhibition.

There is an opening reception at the [Davis Center](#) tomorrow, April 12, from 6 to 8 pm, with a recognition ceremony at 7 PM.

The exhibition is free and open to the public, and will run from April 9 through May 29. Updated information can be found on the [MPS Arts website](#).

Calling All Student Chefs!

MPS Culinary & Wellness Services' annual Jr. Iron Chef competition is back. Student chefs will be paired with local chefs to compete top-chef style for a panel of judges. [Jr. Iron Chef applications](#) are due **Friday, April 13**. Everyone is welcome to join us for the event on Thursday, May 10, from 5:30-7:30 PM at Solar Arts by Chowgirls (711 NE 15th Ave., Minneapolis).

Battle of the Bands

Don't miss the 4th Annual Battle of the Bands, Sunday, April 15, 2018 from 3 to 6 pm at the [Uptown VFW](#). Cheer on Justice Page Middle School and Washburn High School student and staff bands as they play for prizes and awards plus an amazing traveling guitar trophy. Donations at the door benefit programs at both Justice Page and Washburn, and a drawing will be held for a Fender guitar (pictured at right) donated by Twin Town Guitars. Battle of the Bands T's will be on sale, and the VFW has a full menu for this family-friendly event.



AVID Night

Join us to see the work of our AVID students and learn about the AVID program for next year! AVID Night will be held on Thursday, April 19, 2018, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the JPS Media Center.

Explore a gallery of student work, learn about AVID for next year, apply for the program, and enjoy treats!

AVID is a literacy class that works on reading, writing, collaboration, inquiry, and organization. AVID works to help students who are the first in their family to attend college and/or are underrepresented in colleges to be prepared for high school and college.

ELL Family Night

Our English Language Learners staff will be hosting an ELL Family Night on Thursday, April 19, from 5 to 6:30 pm, in the JPS Cafeteria. This is an opportunity for families to get to know things about the school and the community that they don't have time for at conferences, or otherwise might not know. We will have resources available regarding Parent Portal (and even getting an email address), grades, public library cards, Summer School, etc. Contact Mr. Rengstorf at Ben.Rengstorf@mpls.k12.mn.us with any questions.

Spring Campus Cleanup

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 21 from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm!

Do your part in honor of Earth Day... Join us on the east lawn at Justice Page Middle School as we pick up trash, garden, weed, trim, edge and generally beautify the grounds.

Students, adults, parents, grandparents, friends, and neighbors are all welcome to help. Please bring your own gardening tools and gloves. PTA will provide garbage bags, yard waste bags, twine, and refreshments.



Stay for as little or as long as you like, but please join us that day. Contact Evan Hermodson at evanandjimhermodson@edinarealty.com with any questions!

Mental Health Awareness Opportunities for Families

The Justice Page PTA and the Washburn Parent Council present two special screenings of the film, [**Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety**](#). The film interviews teens who share stories about anxiety and its impact on their lives, as well as how they've found solutions and hope. This film is 55 minutes long and is appropriate for fifth grade and older. The film will be followed by a Q&A session, and helpful resources will be distributed. Justice Page eighth-grade students will be watching and discussing the film in their advisory classes. Admission is free, but donations at the door are welcome to help defer the cost. Families and community members are invited to attend any of these April events:

Monday, April 16: "Brave Parenting: How to Help Your Teen Cope with Anxiety and Stress" presentation with psychologist Kathryn Hecht. Learn what anxiety is, red flags to look for in teens, and parenting strategies that foster healthy coping behavior. **Washburn Auditorium, 6:30 pm**

Tuesday, April 24: Viewing of “Angst” and after-film Q&A with Washburn counselors. **Washburn Auditorium, 6:30 pm**

Wednesday, April 25: Viewing of “Angst” and after-film Q&A with Justice Page therapist and social workers. **Justice Page Auditorium, 6:30 pm**

Coffee With the Principal

This month’s Coffee with the Principal is Friday, April 27, from **8:00 am to 8:40 am in the Media Center** with our guest, Mayor Frey. Friday Morning Greeters will follow at 8:45 am. Please note the change in the time and location for April. We would love to have our JPS families join us!

ACCOLADES AND THANK YOUS

Battery Drive a Huge Success

Thank you to all who generously donated AAA batteries for the math class calculators. **We surpassed our goal!**

A total of **1,428 batteries were collected!** Every battery is needed. If you still have some to send in, please do.

Thank you for keeping our Justice Page students **CHARGED UP** about MATH.



TOP 20 BLOG

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

The Power of Talk

I am currently reading the book “Reclaiming Conversations: The Power of Talk in a Digital Age,” by Sherry Turkle. Here’s an excerpt that resonated with me:

“It is not enough to ask your children to put away their phones. You have to model this behavior and put away your phone. If children don’t learn to listen, to stand up for themselves and negotiate with others in classrooms or at family dinners, when will they learn the give and take that is necessary for good relationships or, for that matter, for the debate of citizens in a democracy? Reclaiming conversation begins with the acknowledgement that speaking and listening with attention are skills. They can be taught. They take practice and that practice can start now. In your home, in the classroom and at your job.”

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS WANTED

7th Grade Service Learning Project

Dear Justice Page Community,

For our 7th grade service learning project, Mr. Johnson’s advisory will be packing drawstring bags full of simple need items for the homeless. We will be collecting donations in Mr. Johnson’s room (031) as well as the lunchroom and main office. We will be delivering the bags on Wednesday, May 16. We would appreciate any help you would be willing to give to help us collect donation items. Here is a list of some of the types of items we are looking for:

• Toothbrushes	• Combs
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- Toothpaste (travel size)
- Deodorant
- Soap
- Socks
- Towels

- Lotion
- Chapstick
- Non-perishable food items
- Other necessity items you may think of or are willing to donate

Thank you for any donations—they are going to a good cause. If you have any further questions please contact Mr. Johnson at Joseph.Johnson@mpls.k12.mn.us.

Thank you!!

Mr. Johnson's Advisory Students

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!

We only have \$900 to go, to reach our \$6000 goal. Please donate today! Corporate and business donations also accepted. Email Mr. Koupal at travis.koupal@mpls.k12.mn.us for details.

School Safety Fundraiser

Kasie Tverberg, Administrative Teacher on Special Assignment, started this fundraiser to buy a hinge sleeve (interior door block) for every room in our building. It would allow teachers to quickly close their door during a lockdown and secure it from the inside rather than go into the hallway and fiddle with a key. This is a step in helping to increase our school safety. [Follow this link to donate](#) if you are willing/able. Contact Kasie at kasie.tverberg@mpls.k12.mn.us with questions or for further information.

PTA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Page Parties

There are several fun events happening in the next few weeks, all of which go to support Justice Page! Some of these fill up quickly, so make sure to check out what's available and check back, as we have additional parties pending. For a full list of all events, check out the [Justice Page PTA website](#) for details and ticket information. Upcoming events include:

- [6th Grade Moms' Brunch](#), April 14
- [8th Grade Moms' Brunch](#), April 22

Have an idea for a 7th grade event? Contact Beth Gyllstrom at bethgyllstrom@yahoo.com and she'll help you get started.

Note: all events listed are adults only.

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.

AFTER SCHOOL

Bird Club Registration Open

Spring is here and that means lots of migratory birds are flying back to MN. If your student loves birds or just loves exploring nature, give Bird Club a try. Every interested kid is welcome to join us.

MYBirdClub spring session meets on Thursdays, from 3:45 to 5:15 pm, starting April 26 and running for 6 weeks. All binoculars and materials are provided, and each birder gets a laminated field guide to keep.

Info and registration can be found on the [Active Solutions for Kids website](#). Please send your questions to Amy Simso Dean at MYBirdClubInfo@gmail.com.

Swim Team Prep

Southwest Community Education is offering a swim team prep and diving class in April. These classes are for anyone thinking about joining their own school's athletic swim teams. Swimmers will experience in-depth coaching of competitive strokes, competitive turns, and diving off starting blocks. Swimmers must have completed Level 5 with our Community Education Swim Program or be able to swim at least 50 yards of freestyle and backstroke without any difficulty and understand the basic movements of butterfly and breaststroke, specifically the dolphin kick and breaststroke kick. Classes are Wednesday nights, from April 18 - May 23. More information and registration can be found on the [Community Education website](#).

Summer Opportunities for Youth

- Summer Session at Barton – academics for students entering grades 6-8.
- GEMS/GISE STEM Academy at Northeast Middle School – Science, Technology Engineering and Math for students entering grades 6-8.
- Fast Track Scholars at South HS – academic preparation for High School for students entering grade 9.

Information and links to registration forms can be found on the [Minneapolis Public Schools website](#). Registration forms are also available in the office or from Community Education. Call 612-668-4051 if you have questions.

In addition to academic offerings from the district, Minneapolis Community Education will have enrichment activities for elementary and middle school youth. There are a variety of activities right here at Justice Page from 7:30 am until 5:00 pm. Download an [informational flyer here](#) or visit the [Community Education website](#) to browse classes and register.

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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