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Important Dates

Fri, May 25:	All Library Books Due
Mon, May 28:	No School: Memorial Day
Thu, May 31:	Mural Unveiling, 6:00 PM
Thu, May 31:	Beginning and Varsity Band Concert, 6:30 PM, Page Auditorium
Thu, May 31:	Concert Band Concert, 7:30 PM, Page Auditorium
Fri, Jun 1:	Yearbooks Distributed
Fri, Jun 1:	8th Grade Dance, 2-3:45 PM, Page Cafeteria
Thu, Jun 7:	8th Grade Valleyfair Field Trip
Fri, Jun 8:	8th Grade Promotion Ceremony & Reception, 9:30 AM
Fri, Jun 8:	Last Day of School

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recent Tragedy in Texas

Many students will have questions about the recent tragedy in Texas. It's normal to feel anxious and concerned after high-profile public tragedies, especially in this time of fast-paced, unvetted information. Minneapolis Public Schools does everything it can to keep our schools safe and secure. All Minneapolis Public Schools have emergency response plans. Recent events remind us of the need to keep these plans current and to regularly review them with staff and students.

We also want to help students cope in the aftermath of events like this. [Here are some tips to help families and teachers minimize stress and grief.](#)

If your student needs any extra support please feel free to reach out to our school Counselors and Social Workers.

In Peace,
Principal Rathke

End of Year Reminders from the JPS Health Office

It's that time again! Please note, if your student has an **EPI PEN** or **INHALER** in the health office, **unless you notify us that you will pick it up**, we will be sending home the medication with your student on the last day of school, Friday June 8.

For ALL 8th Grade students: Please pick up your student's medications on **Friday, June 8** before or after the Promotion Ceremony. Any medications left in the health office will be destroyed.

All other medications need to be picked up by a parent/guardian by **3:30 pm on June 8** or the medication will be destroyed.

Summer School: Parents/guardians are responsible for delivering medications to summer school if their student will attend a summer program.

All Incoming 7th Grade Students: It is time for your student to have the **meningococcal** and **Tdap** immunizations. Summer is a great time to get this done! Bring in any updated immunization forms to the JPS Health Office or have your doctor fax them to 612.668.4050.

Thank you for your cooperation. Have a safe and fun summer!!

Justice Page Health Office

[Anne Leo](#), RN

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612.668.4030

Course Registration for 2018-2019

Registration for electives is underway for incoming 6th grade students and current Justice Page 6th and 7th graders:

- Current 6th grade students listened to a presentation about 7th grade elective class options in their ELA classes with Mrs. Marr on May 16 or Mrs. Padilla on May 17. They can bring their course cards home and share with families. **Course cards are due by Friday, June 1.**
- Current 7th grade students listened to a presentation about 8th grade elective class options in their ELA classes with Ms. Burnett on May 11 or Mr. Gallagher on May 15. They can bring their course cards home and share with families. **Course cards are due by Friday, June 1.**

All course descriptions are available in our [course catalog](#) and can be viewed by both students and their parents/guardians.

Incoming sixth grade students from Burroughs, Green, and Lyndale will meet with Justice Page Middle School Counselors Carolyn Cottingham and Marie Hassell at each individual elementary school to help with course registration. Below are the course registration dates at each school. Please review the [course catalog](#) and [course card](#) before the counselors visit.

- Students at Armatage registered on Friday, May 18
- Students at Lyndale registered on Tuesday, May 22
- Students at Green Central will register on Thursday, May 24
- Students at Burroughs will register on Thursday, May 31

All other incoming students will receive a welcome letter in the US mail. Included will be a course card that should be returned to the main office by **Friday, June 8.**

Media Center Announcements



Thank you to all students who have already returned their overdue books and/or paid fines for lost books! Please continue to encourage students to return overdue books. Outstanding fines and payments for lost books can be made in the main office.

Please be aware of the following dates for the Media Center as we near the end of the school year:

Friday, May 25

All books due

Week of May 28

Paper and email overdue notices distributed (final notice)

Yearbooks

Yearbooks will be distributed in Advisory classes on **Friday, June 1**. If you forgot to order a yearbook and would still like a copy, there will be a few extras for sale in the main office on **Friday, June 1**. Yearbooks are \$7 each, cash or check payable to Justice Page PTA.

Calling All 6th and 7th Grade Parents!

The 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony and Reception are being held on **Friday, June 8**. Traditionally, 6th and 7th grade parents have volunteered to help at the reception in anticipation of when they have an 8th grader and want to be able to enjoy the event with their student. Please consider signing up for a volunteer shift—or a few! It's a lovely way to spend part of your morning and your help is very appreciated. [Sign up shifts are available here.](#)

8th Grade Dance

On **Friday, June 1**, from 2 to 3:45 pm, the 8th grade students will celebrate the end of the year with a dance. We are excited to provide time for our students to celebrate their middle school years and experiences together.

PTA is graciously hosting the event, and in order to provide a fun and unique experience for all, we are asking for \$10 per student for the food, DJ, and decorations. We know that you will provide what is reasonable for your family, and, if able, know we are also accepting donations. Please have students turn in the money to their advisors, and thank you for your willingness to provide financial support for this event.

We will have alternate activities for students observing Ramadan. Students who are not participating in the dance and observing this holiday should feel no obligation to pay.

Look for a paper copy with this information coming home with your student in the next week or so.

EVENTS

Coffee With the Principal

Our last Coffee With the Principal is this **Friday, May 25**, from 8:15 to 8:40 am. After coffee, we will go and greet our students. We would love to have you join us!

Honkapalooza!

On **Thursday, May 31**, Rhino Pride will be holding our 3rd Annual Honkapalooza event along Nicollet Avenue between 49th and 50th streets. Honkapalooza is a community outreach event to raise awareness and show support for LGBTQ+ Youth. Drive by during 6th hour, from 2 to 2:40 pm, and give us a honk to show your support!

Mural Unveiling

Join us on **Thursday, May 31** from 6 to 7 pm for the unveiling of this year's mural. Come before the band concerts to see the beautiful result painted by this year's Murals Class students!

Band Concerts

Please join us for our spring Band Concerts on **Thursday, May 31**. The Beginning and Varsity Band Concert will begin at 6:30 pm, and the Concert Band Concert will begin at 7:30 pm. Both concerts will be held in the JPS Auditorium.



TOP 20 BLOG

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

The Value of Social Emotional Learning

Trish Shaffer is the Coordinator for Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) for the Washoe County School District (WCSD) in Nevada. In [this TED Talk video](#), she discusses the practice and value of social and emotional learning.

ACCOLADES AND THANK YOUS

Special Olympics

Our Special Olympics team competed in Track and Field at Roosevelt High School. They represented Justice Page with pride and dignity. It was a beautiful day of competition and fellowship. We are so proud of these students! Please congratulate Theo R, Michael J, Edgar S-A, Reynaldo S M, Abdul O-A (Green Central), and coach Di Whipkey for a job well done.

Battle of the Bands

The 4th Annual Washburn vs. Page Battle of the Bands took place on Sunday and showcased many talented musicians from both schools! Performing as 49 & Sunny, 7th grader Charlie G. and 10th grader Gracie J. were named 'Most Promising.' Celestial Eons, consisting of 7th graders Lily R. and Julija P., were awarded 'Best Justice Page Band.' Our staff band, Staff Infection, made up of band teacher Mr. Nelson, science teacher Mr. Koupal, and choir teacher Ms. Gordhamer, also did a great job entertaining the crowd. Congratulations to our talented students—and staff—on their wonderful performances!



Spanish Debate Team Dominates Division

Congratulations to our Spanish Debate Team students on their great performance at the final Spanish Debate League tournament for 2018, hosted at Augsburg University.

Our students had an amazing performance in the Discusión division of the tournament! In "Discusión", students are asked to work collaboratively to resolve a task related to this year's topic, bilingual education reform. Students were ranked based on their leadership and helpfulness in solving the task.

Since this was their final Spanish tournament of the year, our students were motivated to bring their best and swept the top 5 places in the division! This is an amazing accomplishment! Please congratulate Diana M. M., Elisabeth V. L., Nohemi A. G., Roberto M. R., Alexa M. R., and Dallanara C. N. for their great performance at the tournament, and coach Cecilia Cosgrove for her diligent work in leading our students this season.

Felicidades a nuestros estudiantes del Equipo de Debate en español por su gran actuación en el torneo final de la Liga Española de Debate de 2018, que tuvo lugar en la Universidad de Augsburg.

¡Nuestros estudiantes tuvieron una actuación increíble en la división Discusión del torneo! En "Discusión", se les pide a los estudiantes que trabajen en colaboración para resolver una tarea relacionada con el tema de este año, la reforma de educación bilingüe. Los estudiantes se clasificaron en función de su liderazgo y su ayuda para resolver la tarea.

Como este era su último torneo en español del año, ¡nuestros estudiantes se motivaron para dar lo mejor de sí mismos y se llevaron los primeros 5 lugares en la división! ¡Este es un logro increíble! Feliciten a Diana M. M., Elisabeth V. L., Nohemi A. G., Roberto M. R., Alexa M. R. y Dallanara C. N. por su gran actuación en el torneo, y la entrenadora Cecilia Cosgrove por su diligente trabajo al dirigir a nuestros alumnos esta temporada.

MELA for Ms. Elissa

Congratulations to art teacher Ms. Elissa Cedarleaf Dahl on her recent Minneapolis Educator Leadership Award for Arts Integration and JPS Collaborative Mural!

Driven by colleague nominations, MELA awards recognize MPS teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, and support staff for leadership outside of their defined job duties, and award up to \$10,000 for creative projects designed to improve their schools.

MELA Awards are directed and funded by the John & Denise Graves Foundation in collaboration with AchieveMpls and [Educators for Excellence](http://www.mplsela.org). Learn more at <http://www.mplsela.org>.

PTA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tangletown Fundraiser Continues



We can safely say the spring weather is here to stay! After a rocky start to the season, Tangletown Gardens is extending its fundraiser with JPMS through **June 1**. Now that you can safely plant new flowers, trees, fruits, and veggies, you may want to think about picking up a Tangletown Gardens gift certificate so you can spruce up your garden! Or if you didn't get a chance to sign up for a CSA, why are you waiting? Tangletown Gardens is estimating the first CSA produce will be distributed around the third week of June. Check out their [online shoppe](#) to see more information on CSA shares as well as all the other items available for purchase. Remember, 10% of your online purchase will be donated to JPMS if you use the **promo code PAGE**.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS WANTED

Thread and Buttons and Tennis Balls!

Our art classes are running low on thread and buttons to finish up their sewing projects. If you have any extra thread or buttons, please bring them in to Ms. Elissa or Mr. Schmitz in room 212.

Also, Ms. Elissa is looking for tennis balls to cover the feet of the stools in the murals room. These do not need to be new; old, worn tennis balls will work just fine!



Staff Week Breakfast

Mark your calendar now for the Staff Week Breakfast on **August 21** at 9 am. We'd love to have a few parents help host a PTA breakfast to kick off the new school year as our staff return to the building. Please [sign up to bring a breakfast item or help at the event](#). Parents are invited to socialize with staff and stay for Principal Rathke's welcome address to the staff. Email the PTA with questions: justicepagepta@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Summer High School Gymnastics Camp

If your student is considering joining the Washburn High School Girls Gymnastics Team as a 7th, 8th, or 9th grader next year, or would just like to join a great group of girls for an intense summer workout, this is the camp for you!

High School Girls Gymnastics Camp runs from June 11 through July 31, Monday through Thursday, from 9 am to 1 pm (no camp the week of July 4). Come for one day, or come every day! Camp is \$10 per day, and is held at North Star Elementary School, 2410 Girard Ave N. Every day, we will warm up, stretch, do lines, and hit all 4 events: vault, bars, beam, and floor. Plus, conditioning, games, and fun!!



[Registration information can be found here](#). Questions? Email coach Cassie Guzmán Meyering at batman11guzman@hotmail.com for class information, or Kelly Taschler at ktaschler@gmail.com for parent insight.
