

Dear Jacob Wismer Families,

This issue of the PTO E-blast contains:

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- What does no parent volunteers mean for JW?
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Sincerely,

Your Jacob Wismer PTO Board

Note from the Board

Dear JW families,

This is a new and challenging situation for all of us. Amidst the confusion and social distancing, we want to remind you all that we are still a community. If you have important news for the community, please continue to let us know so that we can all share it. And if you need help, please don't hesitate to contact us for support. We wish you all the best. May we all emerge safe and healthy from this crisis!

Sincerely,

Your JW PTO Board

April 2nd & 3rd now regular school days, NOT conference days

Our principal Ms. McFadden would like to get the word out that due to the change in school schedule this week and the cancellation of parent-teacher conferences, April 2nd & April 3rd are now regular school days with students attending school (NOT off days for conferences, as previously scheduled).

What no volunteers means for JW in April

When school resumes April 1st, the parent volunteer exclusion and the canceling of nonessential events will still apply until further notice. We wanted to clarify this as it applies to JW programs and events:

- Film plastic drive suspended until further notice
- All parent volunteering (in-class and clerical) cancelled until further notice
- Passport Club suspended until further notice
- Art Literacy cancelled until further notice
- Junior Achievement suspended until further notice
- Walking School Bus cancelled until further notice
- March 31st 5th grade parent planning meeting cancelled
- April 7th PTO meeting cancelled
- Science Fun Competition (early May) may be subject to changes—see below for registration changes

Science Fun Competition changes

As all are aware, the rapid escalation in the Covid-19 outbreak and the consequent rapid developments have led to school closures till (at least) 1st April 2020 and the announcement to curtail non-essential events and activities in our schools for about 1 month into April 2020. In this context, the Jacob Wismer PTO Science Fun Committee has consulted with the JW PTO about the fate of this year's Science Fun competition. Per inputs from the PTO, since the scheduled date of the competition (7th May 2020) is beyond the 1 month wait-and-watch period, it has been decided to continue with the plans for the competition for now. However, in view of the early school closure, the committee has decided to extend the pre-registration window to Friday, 3rd April 2020 and the registration fee drop-off date to Wednesday, 8th April 2020.

During this extended pre-registration period, we will continue to monitor any further developments and possible progress in the Covid-19 situation and take further actions/decisions – including cancellation of the competition, if necessary – based on the situation at that time, considering any concerns of our JW community.

We wish all of you are well and safe as we go through all of this.

Plastic Drive update

The plastic drive is currently suspended, but our most recent running total is:

144 lbs plastic!

Way to go, Eagles!! Even if we are not able to resume the drive before the competition ends on April 15th, we have one last batch of plastic already collected and waiting to be weighed.