

# JLE News Flash

Notes from the principal # 4

October 15, 2009

## Frost is in the Air!

The prediction for the next several days is for unseasonably cool temperatures. Children do wait outside in the morning and are out for 20 minutes at recess time. I'd like to feel confident that we will have our "Indian Summer," but for now, please dress your children appropriately. This weather is expected to continue for the next week or so. Children should also be dressed in layers, as classroom temperatures tend to fluctuate.

## Arts Walk Continues

This will be the last weekend for Arts Walk. There are still many activities to choose from.

### Saturday Kids' Events:

*Hudson Area Library*, 9 am - 1 pm  
Arts and crafts, entertainment, books for the whole family

*Pocket Park next to Mexican Radio*, noon - 4 pm  
Area school children, weather permitting, will paint sidewalk portraits

*First Presbyterian Church*, 1:15 - 2:15 pm and 2:30 - 3:30 pm  
Book reading "The Adventures of Henry the Patchwork Whale" by Loki, coloring and drawing of Henry the Patchwork Whale

*Cannonball Factory*, 359 Columbia St.

2 - 4 pm

Students in various community youth groups will perform the first hour, followed by an hour of round robin workshops - for all ages

### Sunday Kids' Events

*Pocket Park next to Mexican Radio*, noon - 4 pm  
Area school children, weather permitting, will paint sidewalk portraits

*Place Mark Hudson*, 73 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., 1pm - 4 pm  
Impromptu orchestra

## Community Open House Next Saturday

Next Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, from 1 - 3 pm, the new Hudson Jr. Sr. High School and JLE will be open for community tours. We send a special invitation to area residents who have put up with all the construction the past year and a half. We hope you find the finished project to your liking! The new Jr. Sr. High is state of the art and has some of the latest in technology, to say nothing of terrific views from the west side of the building.

Here at JLE, we will have our new library media center open and our new

wing. Volunteers will be on hand to direct you in a self guided tour. Mark your calendar!

## NYU Dental Program Coming to Hudson

For the past two years, Columbia Memorial Hospital's Dental Van has come to JLE to provide preliminary screenings and restorative care to our students. For the next two years, a similar service will be provided by New York University. The program will operate a bit differently but will provide the same quality service as CMH. It will be available to all students pre-k through grade 6 and will be offered to JLE students the week of February 8, 2010.

We will have a parent information session prior to that time, however, the program will be in Hudson next week to service Head Start children. An information session will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday evening, October 18<sup>th</sup>, here at JLE for Head Start parents and for anyone else who is interested. Please feel free to drop by.

## Staff Development Day Wednesday pm

Students will dismiss at 11:15 on this Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, so that staff may attend "school." Many of our teachers will be participating in a workshop for our Beyond Paper and Pencil project, which helps students use music and movement to explore language arts, math and science. You will hear more about this project as the

year goes on. Other staff will work on curriculum specific to their teaching area. The after school program will not take place, so please be sure to make arrangements for your child's after school care and to notify your child's teacher. A bag lunch will be served that day.

## Ghostly Gallup - October 25<sup>th</sup>

The Hudson Area Association Library will hold its annual Ghostly Gallup on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. The 5k run or walk begins at 9 am. A 1 mile kids' race will begin about 9:45 am. This is an annual fund raiser for the library, is loads of fun, and often the place where we get to see future Hudson track stars. The registration form is available at [www.hudson.lib.ny.us](http://www.hudson.lib.ny.us) or at the library. Registration the day of the race is from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Be good to yourself, your heart and your waistline! RUN, JOG, or STROLL. There is room for everyone.

## Operation Pumpkin Next Saturday

COARC, Greenport Rescue Squad and the Hudson Department of Youth will host the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Operation Pumpkin haunted house on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Doors will be open from 6 to 8 pm at Promenade Hill Center, 11 Warren St. The event is free and open to the public. Operation pumpkin provides eerie fun for families, including a haunted alley,

Dracula's pub, a mad scientist's laboratory, the dungeon, a spider's den and other breath catching surprises. Younger children can visit the Pumpkin Patch, a less scary stop for little ghosts and goblins. Costume judging will be at 6:15 p.m.

## PTA Meeting, School Board Recognition

Our next PTA meeting will be Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. At 7:00 pm, district parent groups will officially recognize the Board of Education as part of School Board Appreciation Week.