



# Jack Barnes Elementary School

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the second half of the 2008-2009 school year. I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and the time spent with family and friends. Now it's back to business. This is a tough, fast-paced quarter.

**Communication** – This year we are making an effort to use less paper. We will not be doing a long monthly newsletter. You will be getting a letter from me monthly with a calendar of events on the back side. Some teachers will continue to send weekly newsletters, some will begin using the website, some will continue to send grades and some intermediate teachers will start using SnapGrades. To check out SnapGrades go to [www.snapgrades.net](http://www.snapgrades.net). Teachers that are going to use this program will send a letter home next week.

**Kindergarten Registration** – we are going to begin Kindergarten registration on **Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**. Remember to bring your child's birth certificate, immunization records, proof of residency (utility bill), and your photo ID. Children entering Kindergarten **MUST** be 5 by August 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have a neighbor with a pre-kindergartener, that doesn't have other children in school receiving this newsletter, please let them know about the registration. If you have any questions, please call me.

Our **100<sup>th</sup>** day of school will be on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. The students will receive a helium filled balloon with their first name and teacher's name on an attached tag. We will go out to the playground and release our balloons after counting to 100 by 10's. Remember that daily attendance is important because this is partially how schools are funded. Please help us to have 100% attendance on this date.

**Parent Survey** – every family has an opportunity to give us some feedback. The Parent Survey this year is available on our website at [www.qcusd.org/jbe](http://www.qcusd.org/jbe) beginning next week. Please take a few minutes to complete it. If you do not have access to a computer and would like a hard copy, please let your child's teacher know or call the office. The survey will be available from Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> until January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Cafeteria Survey** – the Food Service Dept. is asking that parents complete a survey also. This is available until January 31<sup>st</sup>. You can find this survey at: [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=5OrFhZQF0XpxylvbQ22U9g\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=5OrFhZQF0XpxylvbQ22U9g_3d_3d).

**Calendar Survey** – another survey available is to request comments on the two calendar options for the next two years. Please go to [www.qcusd.org](http://www.qcusd.org) to complete this survey.

A reminder that certain **items are not allowed** at school. These include: cell phones, toys, games, sports equipment, radios, headphones, cassette players, cd players, mp3 players, skateboards, roller blades, scooters, etc. Please refer to the student handbook for more information.

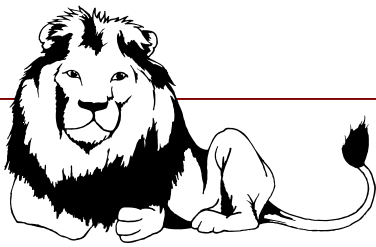
We have the most terrific kids at JBE. They are doing great. Please keep working with your child on math facts, reading nightly and completing homework. Thanks for the support you give to JBE.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Valenciano



SALE - T-Shirts for Adults and Children are on sale now. Stop by the front office to get a great deal on a new shirt.

(see other side for upcoming events)



# Upcoming Events

1/9	1:00 - Assembly for gr. 1,2,3 – Ronald McDonald “On the Inside” (Character Counts)
1/12	parent surveys available at <a href="http://www.qcusd.org/jbe">www.qcusd.org/jbe</a>
1/12 – 1/16	Galileo Testing gr. 3,4,5
1/12 – 1/23	ELP Testing Weeks
1/14	Early Release 12:25 (Prof. Dev.)
1/15	PTO meeting 6:30 PM
1/16	100 <sup>th</sup> Day – balloon release will be announced
1/19	No School – Civil Rights Day
1/20	School Board Meeting 6 PM
1/21	Author’s Visit – Michael Moorehead 8:45 – 9:30 gr. 2/3 9:45 – 10:30 gr. 4/5 11:45 – 12:30 gr. K/1
1/22	District Spelling Bee 9:30 at District office
1/22	Title I Parent Meeting 6 PM
1/23	Battle of the Books – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade at 1:00
1/23	Parent Surveys Due
1/27	11:00 - 5 <sup>th</sup> gr. to PAC for Middle School performance
1/28	Early Release 12:25 – gr. 3, 4, 5 review Galileo gr. K-2 reading in-service with Dr. Biggs
2/3	Mid-quarter ends
2/3	School Board Meeting 6 PM
2/5	District Writing Sample gr. 1-5
2/6	Progress reports home
2/9 – 2/13	Jump for Heart (during PE classes)
2/11	Early Release 12:25 – score writing sample
2/12	1 <sup>st</sup> grade performing at the PAC at 6:00 PM
2/12	PTO meeting 6:30 PM
2/16	No School – President’s Day
2/25	Early Release 12:25 – work on grades/report cards
2/27	End of the marking period
3/3	Spring Pictures
3/3	School Board Meeting 6 PM
3/4, 3/5, 3/6	Early Release 12:25– Parent Teacher Conferences
3/6	Awards Assemblies 8:30 for K/1/2 and 9:15 for 3/4/5
3/9 – 3/20	Spring Break

**Kindergarten Registration begins Monday, January 26th**  
**Early Release Wednesday, January 14th and January 28th**

**\*\*\*If your child has lost a sweater or jacket,  
please stop by and check out our lost and  
found cart.**