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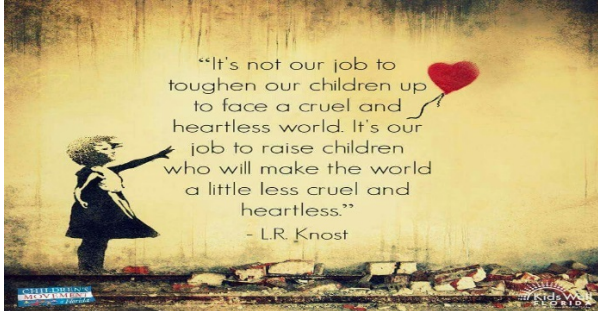
<p><b><u>Quarter 2 PTSO Meeting</u></b>          We hope you will join us for our Quarter 2 PTSO meeting on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:45pm via Zoom. This will be recorded for all parents who cannot attend. We will be sharing our successes so far this year and discussing our upcoming events and fundraisers for the year. Don't miss it! Be sure to get involved! We need YOU! ☺</p> <p><b><u>Scarecrow Competition</u></b>          Thank you to all the families who participated in our Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt. The winner will be announced on November 2<sup>nd</sup> via Class Dojo and Facebook.</p>	<p><b><u>No School-Veterans Day</u></b>  <b>11-11-20</b></p> 
<p><b><u>Quarter 2 Progress Reports</u></b>  <b>11-12-20</b></p> <p>Progress Reports will go home with students today. Please be sure to sign your report and return to your teacher immediately.</p> <p><b><u>District Board Meeting</u></b>  <b>11-17-20</b></p> <p>The November District Office board meeting will take place at 6pm. The public is invited to attend at the LHHS PAC. Social distancing will be honored and face coverings required.</p>	<p><b><u>Family Support Night</u></b>  <b>11-24-20</b></p> <p>Our family support night during November will include a virtual introduction to our school counselor. She will be taking the time to go over some of the tools that we will be using to support Social Emotional skills for our students on campus. She will also be sharing tips and tools for parents to help use at home to support your students as well. This meeting will take place via Zoom from 6-7pm on November 24<sup>th</sup> for parents to attend. More information will be shared prior to the meeting.</p>
<p><b><u>Spirit Days</u></b></p> <p>We will have a Red, White and Blue spirit day on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. On November 23<sup>rd</sup>, it will be Fall Color spirit day, and on November 24<sup>th</sup>, it will be Favorite Jersey spirit day!</p>	<p><b><u>Bus Lane</u></b></p> <p>Please remember that you cannot park in the bus lane before or after school. This lane is used for pickup for kindergarten students and students who use the bus. We also encourage parents to avoid the left turn lane during after school pickup for those during kinder pickup, as this can back up traffic at the front exit. Buses will be asked to pull forward to the front of the line of cars as they enter.</p>
<p><b><u>Parent Survey</u></b></p> <p>To all the parents who have taken the time to fill out our survey this year, we are so thankful for your feedback. Your feedback is very important to us and we hope you will take a few minutes to provide us with your valuable feedback. Survey forms are available in the office. Thank you!</p> <p><b><u>Butter Braid Pickup</u></b></p> <p>Butter braids will be available for pickup on October 17<sup>th</sup>. More information to come on times for pickup.</p>	<p><b><u>Attendance</u></b></p> <p>Every minute counts at Jamaica. Our school hours are 8:00am to 2:30pm, except for Wednesdays at 1:00pm. Starting in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, normal attendance and tardy policies will resume. Students are encouraged to be ON TIME to campus daily and attend every day as long as they are healthy. Thank you to all of our parents who have their students here on time each day. We appreciate you!</p> 

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<p align="center"><b><u>Thanksgiving Holiday</u></b></p> <p>There will be no school from November 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. We hope you are able to take this time with your family and friends to enjoy your blessings.</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Holiday Assistance</u></b></p> <p>If you are in need of holiday support in terms of food or clothing, please contact Nurse Sandoval or Ms. Lay confidentially. We have several programs which can help.</p>
<p align="center"><b><u>NEHS Inductions</u></b></p> <p>We will be inducting our new 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade National Elementary Honors Society members on November 9<sup>th</sup> after school at 3:00pm for our students. Due to restriction from our state to mitigate the spread of COVID on our campuses, we are not permitted to hold the induction in person this year. This will be shared via live feed for parents and posted on our website for parents to view after the event. Pictures will be taken for parents of students to honor their achievements.</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>NEHS Food Drive</u></b></p> <p>Our yearly food drive for our local families in need will kick off on November 19<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> this year. Please be on the lookout for more information to be distributed.</p>
	<p align="center"><b><u>Veterans Care Packages</u></b></p> <p>Our student leaders will be collecting donations to build care packages for our veterans. Between November 2<sup>nd</sup> through November 6<sup>th</sup>. Please bring in any of the following items (books, shaving cream, toothbrushes, puzzles, treats, or other appropriate necessities) to the library between 7:45am-7:55am in the morning or 2:30-2:45pm for NEHS to collect. We will distribute these items during the holiday season for our local heroes.</p>

**IN THIS SEASON OF GIVING....**

In my fifth year as principal, I want to take the time to truly give thanks to all of our parents and community members who support our school. I am very blessed to lead our Jamaica Family and to have the opportunity to work with your children, our teachers, and you as parents. This has been a challenging year for us all with our school closures and other events that have affected our families. However, we remain strong as a school community, and I am beyond grateful every day for the amazing teamwork we share together to support one another. I see so many amazing things happening at our school each year, and those changes are because of the collective efforts of this Jamaica community.

In our first quarter, we were able to start construction at the beginning of the year on our safety updates on campus. We are grateful that most will be completed in second quarter, and we look forward to even more improvements coming our way to our playgrounds and fields later in 2021. I am also thankful to those who committed their time and talents, as we were able to complete painting and updates to our gymnasium and bathrooms with added color, positivity, and our Jamaica Logo. The Serve Our Schools projects are on their way in November. So, we look forward to those projects to come, and we send a special thank you to all those on PTSO and are part of our parent community who have given so much of their time and services. As a Jamaica family, we truly can achieve anything! I hope you and your family have a relaxing and rejuvenating Thanksgiving holiday.

With Much Gratitude,

Andrea Helart

Principal

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