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Important Dates

Apr 18 - Apr 24: 8th Grade Math MCA Tests

Thu, Apr 19: ELL Family Night, 5 - 6:30 PM

Thu, Apr 19: AVID Info Night, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

- Sat, Apr 21:** Spring Campus Cleanup, 12:30 - 1:30 PM
Wed, Apr 25: Early Release Day
Wed, Apr 25: *Angst* Movie Viewing, 6:30 PM, JPS Auditorium
Apr 26 - May 1: 6th Grade Math MCA Tests
Fri, Apr 27: Twins Game, 7:10 PM
Sat, Apr 28: [State History Day Competition](#), University of MN
May 8 - May 9: 8th Grade Science MCA Tests
Tue, May 8: Site Council Meeting, 5 PM
Tue, May 8: PTA Meeting, 6:30 PM, Page Media Center
Wed, May 9: Spring Bike/Walk to School Day
Wed, May 16: Early Release Day

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Release Day Reminder

Next Wednesday, April 25, is our first [early release day](#) in 4th quarter. School will end at 12:45, and buses will arrive at 12:50 to pick up students. As always, we appreciate your support and flexibility.

Party Planners Wanted

Plans are underway for the 8th grade end-of-year celebrations, but we need your help! If you have any interest in helping plan the 8th grade dance and/or recognition ceremony, please reach out to Sara Knee at sara.knee@mpls.k12.mn.us. These events will not happen without parent help, so please get in touch and get involved!

Battle of the Bands Rescheduled

Due to an unprecedented amount of April snow, the 4th Annual Washburn vs. Page Battle of the Bands has been rescheduled to Sunday, May 20, 2018 from 3 to 6 pm at the [Uptown VFW](#). Come cheer on Justice Page Middle School and Washburn High School student and staff bands as they play for prizes and awards, plus an amazing traveling guitar trophy.

Donations at the door benefit programs at both Justice Page and Washburn, and a drawing will be held for a Fender guitar (pictured at right) donated by Twin Town Guitars. Battle of the Bands T's will be on sale, and the VFW has a full menu for this family-friendly event.



EVENTS

ELL Family Night

Our English Language Learners staff will be hosting an ELL Family Night on Thursday, April 19, from 5 to 6:30 pm, in the JPS Cafeteria. This is an opportunity for families to get to know things about the school and the community that they don't have time for at conferences, or otherwise might not know. We will have resources available regarding Parent Portal (and even getting an email address), grades, public library cards, Summer School, etc. Contact Mr. Rengstorf at Ben.Rengstorf@mpls.k12.mn.us with any questions.

AVID Night

Join us to see the work of our AVID students and learn about the AVID program for next year! AVID Night will be held on Thursday, April 19, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the JPS Media Center.

Explore a gallery of student work, learn about AVID for next year, apply for the program, and enjoy treats!

AVID is a literacy class that works on reading, writing, collaboration, inquiry, and organization. AVID works to help students who are the first in their family to attend college and/or are underrepresented in colleges to be prepared for high school and college.

8th Grade Moms' Brunch

Calling all 8th grade moms from Justice Page ~ Our students have endured the turbulent years of middle school. Let's celebrate their graduation up to high school! Please join us for brunch and bubbly this Sunday from 10:00 am to Noon. [Buy tickets for this fundraising event here](#). We hope to see you there!

Your Hosts - Beth Gyllstrom, Ann Prentice, Ellen Walthour & Kelly Bent

Spring Campus Cleanup

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 21 from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm!

Do your part in honor of Earth Day... Join us on the east lawn at Justice Page Middle School as we pick up trash, garden, weed, trim, edge, and generally beautify the grounds.

Students, adults, parents, grandparents, friends, and neighbors are all welcome to help. Please bring your own gardening tools and gloves. PTA will provide garbage bags, yard waste bags, twine, and refreshments.



Stay for as little or as long as you like, but please join us that day. Contact Evan Hermodson at evanandjimhermodson@edinarealty.com with any questions!

Mental Health Awareness Opportunities for Families

The Justice Page PTA and the Washburn Parent Council present two special screenings of the film, [Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety](#). The film interviews teens who share stories about anxiety and its impact on their lives, as well as how they've found solutions and hope. This film is 55 minutes long and is appropriate for fifth grade and older. The film will be followed by a Q&A session, and helpful resources will be distributed. Justice Page eighth-grade students will be watching and discussing the film in their advisory classes. Admission is free, but donations at the door are welcome to help defer the cost. Families and community members are invited to attend any of these events:

Tuesday, April 24: Viewing of "Angst" and after-film Q&A with Washburn counselors. **Washburn Auditorium, 6:30 pm**

Wednesday, April 25: Viewing of “Angst” and after-film Q&A with Justice Page therapist and social workers. **Justice Page Auditorium, 6:30 pm**

Monday, May 7: “Brave Parenting: How to Help Your Teen Cope with Anxiety and Stress” presentation with psychologist Kathryn Hecht. Learn what anxiety is, red flags to look for in teens, and parenting strategies that foster healthy coping behavior. **Washburn Auditorium, 6:30 pm**

Coffee With the Principal

This month’s Coffee with the Principal is Friday, April 27, from **8:00 am to 8:40 am in the Media Center** with our guests, Mayor Frey, Justice Page, and Diane Page. Friday Morning Greeters will follow at 8:45 am. Please note the change in the time and location for April. We would love to have our JPS families join us!

Volunteer Thank You Reception

The Justice Page Staff would like to invite our JPS PTA and volunteers to a thank you reception on **Wednesday, May 9, from 4:15 - 5:30 pm** in the JPS Media Center. We want to acknowledge your kindness in sharing your time and talents with us! We greatly appreciate your energies and all that you have done here at JPS! We are excited to see you on May 9!

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS WANTED

7th Grade Service Learning Project

Dear Justice Page Community,

For our 7th grade service learning project, Mr. Johnson's advisory will be packing drawstring bags full of simple need items for the homeless. We will be collecting donations in Mr. Johnson's room (031) as well as the lunchroom and main office. We will be delivering the bags on Wednesday, May 16. We would appreciate any help you would be willing to give to help us collect donation items. Here is a list of some of the types of items we are looking for:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Toothbrushes● Toothpaste (travel size)● Deodorant● Soap● Socks● Towels	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Combs● Lotion● Chapstick● Non-perishable food items● Other necessity items you may think of or are willing to donate
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Thank you for any donations—they are going to a good cause. If you have any further questions please contact Mr. Johnson at Joseph.Johnson@mpls.k12.mn.us.

Thank you!!

Mr. Johnson's Advisory Students

JPMS Maker’s Space 3.0 Fundraiser

Our BIG fundraiser is in full swing! We are looking to raise over \$6000 by May 4 to bring our Maker’s Space into the 21st century by purchasing three to four 3D printers, computer programming and coding materials, and LOTS of other cool stuff! [Check out the full wish list and make a donation today!](#)

There are rewards for donations over \$5, and the more you give, the greater the rewards!

We only have \$700 left to go to reach our \$6000 goal. Please donate today! Corporate and business donations also accepted. Email Mr. Koupal at travis.koupal@mpls.k12.mn.us for details.

PTA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Get Involved at JPS!

Parents play a key role in the success of Justice Page Middle School. We're looking for someone to take on the role of **Spirit Wear Chair**. No design experience necessary! The outgoing chair will provide existing graphic files and current vendors to you. You will manage existing Spirit Wear inventory and place re-orders as necessary. You will also recruit and train volunteers to help sell merchandise on key days (Open House, Spirit Week, School Concerts, School Play, etc.). You'll work closely with the Treasurer to make deposits and pay invoices. Email Victor Sanchez at latino.artist.victor@gmail.com for more information.

AFTER SCHOOL

Bird Club Registration Open

Spring is here and that means lots of migratory birds are flying back to MN. If your student loves birds or just loves exploring nature, give Bird Club a try. Every interested kid is welcome to join us.

MYBirdClub spring session meets on Thursdays, from 3:45 to 5:15 pm, starting April 26 and running for 6 weeks. All binoculars and materials are provided, and each birder gets a laminated field guide to keep.

Info and registration can be found on the [Active Solutions for Kids website](#). Please send your questions to Amy Simso Dean at MYBirdClubInfo@gmail.com.

Swim Team Prep

Southwest Community Education is offering a swim team prep and diving class in April. These classes are for anyone thinking about joining their own school's athletic swim teams. Swimmers will experience in-depth coaching of competitive strokes, competitive turns, and diving off starting blocks. Swimmers must have completed Level 5 with our Community Education Swim Program or be able to swim at least 50 yards of freestyle and backstroke without any difficulty and understand the basic movements of butterfly and breaststroke, specifically the dolphin kick and breaststroke kick. Classes are Wednesday nights, from April 18 - May 23. More information and registration can be found on the [Community Education website](#).

Summer Opportunities for Youth

- Summer Session at Barton – academics for students entering grades 6-8.
- GEMS/GISE STEM Academy at Northeast Middle School – Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math for students entering grades 6-8.
- Fast Track Scholars at South HS – academic preparation for High School for students entering grade 9.

Information and links to registration forms can be found on the [Minneapolis Public Schools website](#). Registration forms are also available in the office or from Community Education. Call 612-668-4051 if you have questions.

In addition to academic offerings from the district, Minneapolis Community Education will have enrichment activities for elementary and middle school youth. There are a variety of activities right here at Justice Page from 7:30 am until 5:00 pm. Download an [informational flyer here](#) or visit the [Community Education website](#) to browse classes and register.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Car Wash and Rummage Sale for Space Camp

Two Justice Page students are among 30 children attending Space Camp this summer in Huntsville, Alabama with support from Reach for the Stars, a nonprofit organization that promotes STEM education.

To support this effort, the students and their families are hosting a car wash & rummage sale at Justice Page school on **Saturday, April 28 from 8 am - 3 pm.**

Please join us for food, fun, and loads of great rummage sale finds from 30+ families!

Do You Have News to Share?

Send all stories, ideas, and comments to the *Around the Horn* editors at JPMSCommunications@gmail.com.

Deadline for submission is Friday the week before publication at 5:00 pm.

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