Partners in Education

Thank you to our Partners who joined us at the Book Spooktacular on Thursday, October 24 and contributed candy in exchange for a table:

- Kona Ice of South Palm Bay
- Space Coast Health Foundation
- MIKA, FunTown, New City Church, Launch Federal Credit Union, Florida Health Care Plans
- Melissa Mullen from National Realty of Brevard, Inc.
- Marty Ward from Confidence Eliminates Bullying.

They had a great time visiting with our families and sharing information about their business or organization.

Thank you to the Partners who contributed candy or prizes but were unable to join us that evening:

- VALIC
- Sports Chiropractic Health and Rehab
- Wawa on Malabar Road
- Community Credit Union.

We love our Partners for supporting Jupiter. For more information about the Partners in Education program, please contact Melinda Gerding at gerd-ing.melinda@brevardschools.org or Casey Wanca at wan-ca.casey@brevardschools.org.

SAC

The School Advisory Council (SAC) includes elected faculty, staff, parents and community members. They help develop Jupiter Elementary School accountability plan. SAC members also make school based decisions affecting the School Improvement Plan and attend SAC meetings monthly. This is a great way for parents to be involved in their child’s education. If you would like to become a SAC member, please fill out the form below and return to Jupiter Elementary.

Name: ____________________________
Phone Number ____________________________
E-mail: ____________________________
Student Name(s): ____________________________

FSA Field Test

Students in grades 4th—6th grade will be taking the FSA field test on November 19, 2019.

Just a friendly reminder

Electronic devices are not allowed during any testing. This includes cell phones, watches and Fitbit type devices.
Jupiter’s Morning Mile Program

**What:** A before school walking/running program designed to let students begin the day in an active, health fun way.

**When:** The Program will begin November 5th and run the rest of the school year.

**Time:** Tuesday through Thursday from 7:30 AM to 7:45 AM, weather permitting.

**Where:** The students will gather at the PE pavilion and will walk or run as many laps as they want to or can around the field.

**Why:** To promote an active healthy lifestyle starting at a young age.

**Who:** All students are invited!

**Cost:** FREE!!

The students will attempt to complete as many laps as they are comfortable with each morning. The laps will be totaled and the students will be rewarded as they accumulate miles. Providing children the opportunity to exercise in the morning not only works to fight childhood obesity, and allows students to expend youthful energy on the field leaving them more likely to sit still and focus once the school day begins. It’s a win-win for everyone involved and Jupiter Elementary is thrilled to promote fitness and all the great benefits that go with it.

Parents are welcome to participate with their children or volunteer in the program. For information on how you can get involved, email Mr. Mecum at mecum.dennis@brevardschools.org
Science

Science Club
Members of our Science Club have been having fun making LED bugs, hands-on STEM activities and Lava lamps. They also did an awesome job helping weed the main flower bed on campus and replace the soil for planting along with other campus clean-up efforts.

3rd Grade
Our 3rd graders have been exploring plants and plant structures. They recently did an experiment with leaves to understand why leaves change color in the fall.

4th Grade
Students have been exploring Life Cycles of plants and animals with Complete and Incomplete Metamorphosis. Student will be taking an annual field trip to the Indian River Lagoon to study the ecosystem, preserving the lagoon and the value the lagoon has to Brevard County.

5th Grade
Our 5th graders have been understanding the Water Cycle and Weather as well as reviewing 3rd & 4th Grade Benchmarks. During additional lab time our 5th graders have been reviewing Weathering & Erosion along with Renewable & Non-Renewable resources.

6th Grade
Our students are getting ready for their field trip to Kennedy Space Center in early November. They will be doing some preparation in class for this along with studying Mars on a huge map donated by the Buzz Aldrin Foundation.

Science & Engineering Fair
Our Brevard Science Fair is now the Science & Engineering Fair. Students can do a traditional Science Fair project or a Computer Science project or an Engineering project. Information has been provided to students through their classroom teachers. The District updated this over the summer to help our students keep up and be competitive with changing times.

All information about the requirements are located on the District website. The quickest way to get to location is for students to log into their Launchpad and go to the BPS Elementary Science App. All students have a Launchpad set up.

As a reminder, all 4th-6th grade Brevard students are required to do a project.

Feel free to contact your child’s homeroom teacher or Mrs. Macgowan at macgowan.theresa@brevardschools.org for additional information.

PTO

PTO Meeting
November 19th @ 3:30pm
Media Center

Texas Roadhouse Night
November 18th 4pm-8pm

Science

Keep Brevard Beautiful (KBB)
Our 4th & 5th Grade students learned about recycling through a presentation by KBB. They learned about proper recycling procedures, what's is recyclable and what is not. Students received recycled pencils and bookmarks.

Kilowatt Kitchen
Our 3rd - 5th Grade students were entertained by the Children’s Theater in a presentation on electricity. This interactive performance discussed how we waste energy and how to conserve it as the actors tried to open an Italian restaurant. The fast pace and comedy kept students highly engaged.
Hello all,

This week we started a new unit centered around trees and natural outdoor settings and this is one of the lovely pines that we are lucky enough to see as we walk around the beautiful green space at Jupiter. Jupiter has one of the cleanest, prettiest, greenest campus of any school in Brevard. I have worked at several schools in this district and in other districts in Florida over the past 34 years and Jupiter Elementary truly has the nicest physical plant of any of my other schools. Every day after lunch I engage the children in interesting outdoor experiences such as riding the trykes, chalk sidewalk art, playing fun games on the grass, chasing bubbles and having center time outside at least one day per week. Children learn a great deal when they are doing physical tasks outside in the fresh air and sunshine and this campus is a perfect school for outside education, so I take full advantage of this setting to create and grow their physical, emotional and developmental progress. I hope that each day you can find time to spend outside with your children, taking a walk, riding bikes, swimming, chasing butterflies or just watching the clouds float by of a day. It’s a nice way to connect with your child and family and slow the pace down.

We are done with the first grading period and it is wonderful to see how much the children have developed and grown over the past 9 weeks! Thank you for getting your children to school on time and picking them up on time each and every day, that is an important part of their education and I know well how challenging some days are to get them here and pick them up, let alone go to work, clean your house, do the shopping, the cooking, the never ending piles of laundry; it is really hard to find the balance, but enjoy this time with your little ones, these days may seem long but the months and years go by fast and all too soon they are in middle and high school, doing activities with friends and moving on to college and independent lives, enjoy this precious time!

Parent conferencing begins next week and will go on the rest of the month of October. I look forward to discussing the marvelous progress your child in making in all areas of school and hearing from you. I will send email reminders the day before, if circumstances arise where you cannot make the conference, please contact me so we can reschedule.

On Thursday, October 24th the children in P-2 participated in a Storybook Parade here at Jupiter. The book we represented was “Caps For Sale” and we made the peddler caps here at school and wore them as we walked in the parade. Also, you can check this book out at your local library and read it to your child at home to support a love of books and literacy and show a strong home to school connection to what we are doing in the classroom, in the school and at home.

As ever, contact with any concerns and have a wonderful weekend!

Carol McManus