

Jamaica Village School

347 Depot Street, Jamaica, VT 05343

www.jamaicavillageschool.org 802-874-4822

Dear JVS Families,

The circus is coming! The circus is coming! And boy are we excited!!! The show will begin at 6:30pm on Friday; doors will open at 6pm. Our 5th/6th grade will be selling yummy circus themed foods and circus novelties will be on sale with 15% of the profit going to our School Club. We look forward to entertaining you!

Did you know that January is School Board Appreciation Month? On January 15, the Vermont legislature passed a resolution declaring January as School Board Recognition Month. "This is a time to promote awareness and understanding of the important work performed by school board members," said Nicole Mace, Executive Director of the Vermont School Boards Association. The key work of school boards is to raise student achievement by:

- Creating a shared vision for the future of education
- Setting the direction of the school district to achieve the highest student performance
- Providing accountability for student achievement results
- Developing a budget that aligns district resources to improve achievement
- Supporting a healthy school district culture in which to work and to learn

School board members give citizens of Jamaica a voice in education decision making. Even though we make a special effort to show our appreciation in January, their contribution is a year-round commitment. *Thank you to Jennifer Dorta-Duque, Stephanie Amyot, Christina Robinson, Syna Stevenson, Janet Hamilton and Drew Hazelton!* Vermont's own Darn Tough Socks is helping honor these committed volunteers by providing each board member around the state a free pair of socks. "I'm glad we can show some appreciation for those who donate so much time to educating our kids. After all," said General Manager Brent Blevins, "they have a 'darn tough' job."

Enclosed you will find a **notice about our drinking water**. On December 11, 2018, a sanitary survey of our water system was conducted by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division. On January 15, 2019 I received an email stating that during this survey it was found that the mixing system for the soda ash was broken and the pH had not been measured and recorded on a daily basis when water was used. It is important to know that we have taken steps to address the issues, including ordering a new mixer and recording the pH daily when water is used. The notice is a requirement of the state, and is not an emergency, but you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation. *It is very important to know that our monthly lead and copper water samples have been, and currently are, within normal limits whereby passing all requirements.* If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I would like to extend **an invitation to Jamaica families who have opted to participate in school choice** for next year: simply, I would love the opportunity to meet with you to discuss your experience at JVS and reasons for choosing to leave. We are always striving to make JVS better, and this would allow us to develop a better understanding of how to do just that. Please do reach out; thank you for your consideration.

Lastly, **report cards** will go home on Friday, February 1st. Please contact your child's teacher/s with any questions and/or to set up a meeting. Thank you for your involvement.

See you at the circus!

Your partner in education,
Laura Hazard



Upcoming Events

Wed, Thurs & Fri 1/23-25: Circus Residency

Fri 1/25: Circus Performance @ 6:30PM, doors open @ 6:00PM

Tues 1/29: JISP - thin socks are best!

Thurs 1/31: 4th Grade NAEP Testing

Fri 2/1: Report Cards going home – make sure to look in your child/ren's folder

Tues 2/5: No JISP – Stratton Demo Days, there will be a FULL day of school.

Tues 2/12 - JISP

Mon-Fri 2/18-22/19: Winter Break, no school

Tues 2/26: JISP

Mon 3/4: No School – Teacher In-Service Day

Tues 3/5: No School – Town Meeting Day

Hello Rebel Nation!

Below is the link to our 2nd L&G Apparel Store. We have provided some popular items for this time of year!

The store will be open for orders until February 11th, 2019!

Please support L&G Athletics and the Booster Club!

<https://lelandandgrayhs2019.itemorder.com/>

Marty
Rebel Nation!
Marty Testo
Athletic and Activities Director
Varsity Baseball Coach
603-313-2626 (c)