Principal's Pen

Dear Jupiter Mariner Family,

As we "March" to the end of this school year in the middle of "March Madness," I want to encourage us all to finish strong.

For teachers, that means helping our students fill in any gaps in standards or skills so they can approach testing season with confidence.

For students, that means keeping their focus on academic achievement, getting the most out of every lesson, completing homework and classwork assignments so they can end the year with pride and a sense of accomplishment.

For parents and family members, that means supporting our students by ensuring they honor appropriate boundaries and limits on social media and screen time, get enough sleep and exercise, and balance their studies with other interests that make them the special people they are!

In order for us to finish strong, whole, and healthy, we must show our students how to be there for each other, how to listen with compassion, and how to balance our school and home lives. That's a tall order, but working together, I know we can do it.

Thank you for all you do to make Jupiter Middle such a special community.

Sincerely, Lisa Hastey

Save the Dates

March 31	Track Tryouts for Girls
April 1	Track Tryouts for Boys
April 2	Track Tryout Make Ups for both
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	be on file in order to try out.
April 8	Track Practice Begins
	Contact Coach Sarah Nouis
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	information

May 15	8th Grade Dance
May 26	8th Grade Take Over Day
May 27	8th Grade Trip to Islands of Adventure
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May 28	. 6th Grade Trip to Rapids Water Park
	7th Grade Trip to Blizzard Beach
	8th Grade Awards Night

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#TeamESOL welcomes its newest member to the JMS faculty: Ms. Gloria Pinzon-Valenti. She comes to us with so much experience helping new Spanish-speaking students learn English while they acclimate to middle school.

Last February, thirty immigrant ELL students, along with Mr. Rivera from 6th grade social studies, went on a special three-day field trip through the Closeup organization. The "Rally to Tally" trip taught our students about civics and the role of government. They also toured Florida State University. Jupiter Middle was the first middle school in the entire district to be chosen for this exciting opportunity.

Also in February, Jupiter High School's ESOL guidance counselor came to JMS to help Spanish-speaking 8th graders register for 9th grade classes.

ACCESS testing wraps up later in March. This annual test of English speaking, reading, writing, and listening helps us see how much our ELL students are growing in their English language learning.

ELL tutoring with Ms. Baker is currently taking place on Thursdays after school in the media center. Students also have the time to complete work that is computer-driven. The students can take the activity bus home. Please contact Ms. Baker, if you have any further questions.

The Unique and Powerful Girls Book Club is reading "Esperanza Rising". The girls do more than just read. They practice language arts objectives to enhance their reading skills. Once a month, an author comes and guides them in a journaling session, which is proven to be therapeutic. All are still welcome to join. The club is planning a field trip with the help of El Sol to the Norton Museum of Art. The field trip ties in with the first book they read this year.

FSA testing is coming up soon after Spring Break. The writing test is in April and the math, 7th grade civics, 8th grade science, and language arts tests are in May.

IMPORTANT: Please note the change to the district calendar due to upcoming elections. There is **NO SCHOOL** for students on March 17th. However, students return to school from Spring Break on Monday, March 30th.

Also on March 30th at 7pm, Palm Beach State College is presenting a FREE ballet at their Eissey Campus Theater, located across the street from the Gardens Mall on PGA Blvd. It is also directly across from the Gardens Library. The ballet highlights the role of Mexican women in wartime.

Parents: Do you know that your student can get FREE breakfast every morning at school? No forms are necessary. Just go through the breakfast line and enjoy!

Coming up: Our spring Parent Leadership Council meeting (ELL Parent Night) will be held sometime before state testing begins. There will be announcements and a recorded phone message to let you know more about this event.

Lacrosse Is In The Air

By: TJ Kelly

The Mariners took victory over Stuart Middle School with a score of 9 to 5 in the first Boy's Lacrosse game on Feb. 19th. Gavin Meyers, Landon Rasmus, David Druhot, Christian Kerrigan, and Mathew Sofarelli all scored goals. The team is undefeated after six games, including a victory over IMS with a score of 8-5.

8th grader, Matt Sofarelli, an attackman, informed us about a new competitor, St. Edwards, they didn't lose a lot of people in 8th grade, and they have some good upcoming 6th graders from Vero Beach, Florida. We might have a lot of competition this year, but this year's team shows a lot of potential under



the coaching skills of James Hacket, and Paul Rasmus. Coaches Paul and James both have sons that attend Jupiter Middle school, and Coach Chip volunteers his time for the love of the game. Practices are after school and they involve passing and shooting followed by game-like situations. Practice ends daily with some conditioning, sprints and laps.

The commitment to the Lacrosse team continues off the field as coaches care not just about the sport but also have grade and behavior checks every week. This helps coaches stay up to date on the team's academic and behavioral life. The goal of the program is to produce well rounded players.

Some players who look to be JMS top scorers are 8th grader, Mathew Soffarell; 7th grader, Landon Rasmus; and 6th graders, Gavin Meyers and David Druhot. Some of the big defensive players to take notice of in 2020 are 8th grader, Nolan Hacket; 6th grader, Dylan Crepps, and 8th grade goalie, Caden Crepps. The team has 22 skilled players.



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El equipo de Esol le da la bienvenida a su nuevo miembro a la facultad de JMS: Ms. Gloria Pinzon-Valenti. Ella viene a nosotros con mucha experiencia ayudando a nuevos estudiantes de habla hispana a aprender inglés mientras se acostumbran a la escuela intermedia.

En febrero, treinta estudiantes inmigrantes ELL, junto con el Sr. Rivera de estudios sociales de sexto grado, realizaron una excursión especial de tres días a través de la organización Closeup. El viaje "Rally to Tally" enseñó a nuestros estudiantes sobre la educación cívica y el papel del gobierno. También recorrieron la Universidad Estatal de Florida. Júpiter Middle fue la primera escuela intermedia en todo el distrito elegida para esta emocionante oportunidad.

También en febrero, la consejera de ESOL de Júpiter High School, vino a JMS para ayudar a los alumnos de octavo grado de habla hispana a inscribirse en las clases de noveno grado.

Las pruebas de ACCESS concluyen en marzo. Esta prueba anual de hablar inglés, leer, escribir y escuchar nos ayuda a ver cuánto están creciendo nuestros estudiantes ELL en su aprendizaje del idioma inglés.

La tutoría de ELL con la Sra. Baker se lleva a cabo actualmente los jueves después de la escuela en el centro de medios. Los estudiantes también tienen tiempo para completar el trabajo por computadora. Los estudiantes pueden tomar el autobús de actividades a casa. Por favor, póngase en contacto con la Sra. Baker, si tiene más preguntas.

El exclusivo y poderoso club de lectura de chicas está leyendo "Esperanza Rising". Las chicas hacen más que solo leer. Practican objetivos de artes del lenguaje para mejorar sus habilidades de lectura. Una vez al mes, llega un autor y los guía en una sesión de diario, que ha demostrado ser terapéutica. Todas son bienvenidas a unirse. El club está planeando una excursión con la ayuda de El Sol al Museo de Arte Norton. La excursión se vincula con el primer libro que leveron este año.

Las pruebas de la FSA se realizarán poco después de las vacaciones de primavera. La prueba de escritura es en abril y las pruebas de matemáticas, educación cívica de séptimo grado, ciencias de octavo grado y artes del lenguaje son en mayo.

IMPORTANTE: Tenga en cuenta el cambio en el calendario del distrito debido a las próximas elecciones. NO HAY ESCUELA para estudiantes el 17 de marzo. Sin embargo, los estudiantes regresan a la escuela desde las vacaciones de primavera el lunes 30 de marzo.

También el 30 de marzo a las 7pm, Palm Beach State College presentará un ballet GRATUITO en el Eissey Campus Theatre, ubicado frente al Gardens Mall en PGA Blvd. También está directamente enfrente de la Biblioteca de los Jardines. El ballet destaca el papel de las mujeres mexicanas en tiempos de guerra.

Padres: ¿Saben que su hijo puede recibir desayuno GRATIS todas las mañanas en la escuela? No se necesitan formularios. ¡Solo pasa por la línea de desayuno y disfruta!

Próximamente: nuestra reunión de primavera del Consejo de Liderazgo para Padres (ELL Parent Night) se llevará a cabo un tiempo antes de que comiencen las pruebas estatales. Habrá anuncios y un mensaje telefónico grabado para informarle más sobre este evento.

A Night In For Fun! By: Isabella Sodomin

For 12 hours in the darkest of night Jan.7 into Jan.8 Officer Stevens patrolled Jupiter Middle School, outside it was quiet but inside music filled the school, beaming lights hit the cafeteria ceiling and laughter filled the hallways as sixth grade Mariners were "Locked-In." The JMST Lock-in has been an annual event for six years to not only entertain 6th graders but to raise money for JMS programs. This year the money went to the AVID program. The AVID program encourages students to prepare for college.

Assistant Principal Patti Pramuk and ELA teacher Jennifer Cullity organized this year's lock-in. They ordered pizza, hired a DJ and planned activities. AVID Director Bandon Hawkins, ELA teacher, Mrs.Carr and Mr.Costello stopped by the lock-in and helped out as well. "The lock-in is a great way to socialize and meet different kids" Pramuk says.

6th grade students Madison Merman and Emma Staley both attended and their "favorite

activity was playing dodgeball because it was boys vs girls." The students watched Disney+ and did activities like a wheeling race around the school. Students also enjoyed candy, pizza, popcorn, soda, and water. Merman said, "Most of us went to sleep at 5 am, a lot of us were tired out but I'm glad I went". Staley said, "I wanted to go to the Lock-in because it was fun to hang out with friends and to pull an all-nighter". The Lock-in was definitely a night in for fun!

FSA Testing Dates

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April 1 6t	h Writing & 8th Writing	
April 27t	h Writing	
May 5 & 6 6t	h Reading & 8th Reading	
May 7 & 87t	h Reading	
May 12 & 13 6t	h Math & 8th Alg/Geo	
May 14 & 157t	h Math	
May 19 7t	h Civics & 8th Science	



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Jupiter Techno Builders

On February 1st the Jupiter Techno Builders participated in the First Lego® League Regional Championship event at Palm Beach Gardens High School. The event hosted over 40 teams from all of south Florida. Our JMS students competed in several different events. They presented a team research project on rehabilitating old abandoned structures into an animal sanctuary. They were also judged on their robot design and the First Lego® League core values. Their final competition event was the robot game. The robot game displayed how they programmed a Lego® EV3 robot to complete autonomous robot missions. This year's team members, as shown in the picture from left to right, are as follows: 7th Grade Evelyn Simmons, Coach Matthew Leavy, 6th Grade Ailani Filipone, 7th Grade Aidan Gatt, 6th Grade James Cunjak, 7th Grade John Lacy, 7th Grade Austin Galbreath, 6th Grade Adam Clark, Mentor Brenda Joyce, and 6th Grade Roman Cairo. The team would like to thank Ms. Kathy





Davis the After School Director, Ms. Brenda Joyce, and their coach Mr. Matthew Leavy for their contributions and support this season. The team's motto this year was, "What we learn is more important *than* what we win." We look forward to next season! 3...2...1...Lego®!

See above for the team picture and a picture of the robot.



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Jumanji 2 Takes It To The Next Level!

By: Allison Schneider

The original Jumanji debuted in 1995 starring the late Robin Williams. The franchise got a reboot in 2017 when four teenagers met in detention and got stuck in the video game version Jumanji. They overcame challenges to save the game including staying alive. If they run out of their three lives its game over and the characters die in real life. "Jumanji: The Next Level" was released on December 4, 2019 starring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Kevin Hart, Karen Gillian, and Jack Black. The Rock, Dany Garcia, Jake Kasdan, and Matt Tolmach produced and Jake Kasdan also directed this third installment of the Jumanji.

In the sequel one of the original teenagers goes back into the game and the three others go in to save him. Hilarity ensues

when the character's Grandparents end up as players and work together to overcome all the challenges they are faced to save Jumanji for a third (and final?) time!

According to Social Studies teacher, Sean Lauer, the movie is a good entertaining action movie. He wanted to watch "Jumanji: The Next Level" because he enjoyed the first one although he said the first one was better and he also likes "The Rock" because he likes his tattoos. Lauer said he was "highly entertained" during the movie.

Sixth grader, Lindzey Vargas, likes both The Rock and Kevin Hart because she says they are funny. Vargas said the movie is great overall and recommends fellow Mariners watch "Jumanji: The Next Level".

8th Grade: Get Your Tickets

Universal's Islands Of Adventure Awaits!

JMS 8th grade will host a trip to Universal's Islands of Adventure on Wednesday, May 27. Students will leave school promptly at 6:30 am and return at 7pm. The cost is \$145 and includes, transportation, park admission, one bottle of water, lunch and t-shirt. **Deadline for purchasing tickets is Friday, April 17.** If you have questions/concerns, contact 8th grade Assistant Principal Revetta Lowe or Mrs. Herring-Nance the trip sponsor at (561)745-7200.





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Student Council Creating Future Leaders

By: Marrin Rotonda

The Student Council is developing leaders at Jupiter Middle School as students gather on the first Thursday of the month to organize events under the advisement of Social Studies teacher Kim Herring-Nance. She has been the supervisor of the Student Council for the past two years to help the community and prepare students for high school. By developing powerful and independent students, the Student Council is making a difference in the Jupiter Middle School environment and behavior.

Student Council's most recent event "Pennies for Patients" was a fundraiser organized to help raise money for Leukemia and Lymphoma patients. 2nd period classes competed with one another to win the prize of a pasta party sponsored by Olive Garden. Students raised over \$1,300, nearly achieving their \$1,500 goal.

The classes that raised the most money were:

1st PlaceELA Te	eacher Christine
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Mc Alexander

2nd Place.....Math Teacher Kaitlyn Coffman

3rd PlaceESOL Teacher Ali Mori

Honorable Mention Social Sciences Teacher

Jennie Mergens



Student Council Vice President Madiline McCarthy says she enjoys the club and is happy she is able to start making a bigger, better, and more positive impact on JMS. McCarthy is attempting to change the school dress code. She is working on relaxing the rules to appeal to more JMS students. McCarthy has approached Principal Lisa Hastey about possible small dress code changes and is also going to SAC, the Student Advisory Council, meetings to further her cause. She hopes to change the shirt rules so that kids can have more school days to wear regular shirts such as non JMS t-shirts and collared shirts while still honoring rules to not include crop-tops, inappropriate language, or drug or alcohol references on clothing.

The Student Council is split into committees and each of the committees work on different things to improve the school. Sixth grader Alysha Kennedy is on the Beautification committee and is working on plans to beautify the butterfly garden by the end of the school year. The team wants to add more flowers and butterfly plants to the garden and get teams to pull weeds and rake the ground. They also want to add more benches and maybe even add a garden. The committee also is planning a campus cleanup this spring.

The Student Council collaborates with the Positive Behavior Support team. PBS is led by ELA teacher Carlie Springhetti and works on incentives for students including lunch line passes and STARR Ticket drawings. Student Council members are helping PBS on making behavior videos for the beginning of the school year and how to improve school behavior.

Autism Speaks Walk By: Sheila Gaspar

This year Jupiter Middle School participated in the Autism Speaks Walk led by October Teacher of the Month Lacey Barrow and accompanied by Counselors Brian Albano and Christine Miller on Sunday, March 1, 2020 at 10:00. The autism walk is the world's largest autism fundraising event, dedicated to improving the lives of people with autism. These events have raised nearly

\$150 million for innovative research and critical lifelong support.



Autism is a disorder that refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication. Barrow believes that the "Autism Speaks Walk" is one of the most influential ways to bring and help fund important research. One of the things unique about this disorder is that several factors influence the development of autism. Autism affects 1 in 59 children in the United States including students at JMS.



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Ms. Strein's students have been volunteering in the Abacoa Community Garden every Saturday during the month of March. This opportunity was one of five project options at the end of their study on global hunger and poverty. As a global education ELA class, Strein's students have investigated the problems of poverty and hunger in the world and now have the choice to take action or communicate their learning through various projects. 45 Students have chosen to work in the community garden. During their work, they complete tasks such as pulling weeds, harvesting vegetables and herbs, planting seeds, laying mulch, and stirring the compost pile. The Abacoa Community Garden is open to all community members on Saturdays from 8-12. It is located at 1022 Community Drive.













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The Boy Soccer Team Ends the Year on Top

Bv: Brvnn Catasus



The wind was mellow, the crowds were loud and the JMS 2019-2020 boys soccer team placed second in the Palm Beach County playoffs after a season of 10 wins, 3 loses and 1 tie.

Their team motto was "One Team, One Dream" and the team united under this theme. The first-year coaches Chandra Benson and Lacey Barrow couldn't have been more proud as the boys advanced to the playoffs and also defeated their rival Independence. Team Captain Jackson Kaupii said "Ms. Benson and Ms. Barrow have done

a wonderful job this year and our team probably would not be anywhere without them." Coaches Barrow and Benson sacrificed their time to give the Mariner Soccer team the opportunity to grow as a team and this, in turn, brought excitement to the halls of Jupiter Middle School. Sixthgrade striker Erick Garcia-Cordero said, "This was exactly what I expected of the season and the team was excellent!" The team is very thankful for Coaches Chandra Benson and Lacey Barrow and all of the parents who donate their time and efforts to make the season a success.

2020 JMS Boys Soccer Team

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Jack Taylor	10
Colin Snowney	28
Juan Rodriguez	23
Cody Abbass	5
Daniel Murphy	2
Kenneth Domingo Mendoza	21
Gio Hernandez	14
Juan Quinteros	24
Jilmer Cax Escalante	11
Brandol Cifuentes	31
Carlos Silvestre	20
Alex Barrera	16

Jackson Kauppi	13
Brain Ramirez Perez	9
Rylan Dooley	Gł
Brandon Leibovich	22
Joseph Reyes	18
Dylan Bruns	32
Nester Garcia	12
Brogan Woeber	8
Erik Garcia Condero	7
Carter Hughes	19
Yandel Lopez Martinez	15

Mariner Ladies Kick Off 2020

By: Morgan Berger and Ashley Flores

This year the Jupiter Middle Girls Soccer Team is undefeated after eight games, they won games against Duncan 3-0, John F. Kennedy 8-0, Hawkins 8-0 and Bak 3-0; and the Mariners tied Independence 0-0. The tie to IMS came as no surprise to Coach Brian Albano who indicated they would be the Mariner's hardest competition. The team is led by 8th Goalie Drew Ricardi. The team is hoping to be Palm Beach County Champions.

- Grace Yessman
- Allie Drew
- Shaelinn Mcgovern
- Rachel Rodriguez
- Kaitlyn Marcoulier
- Maddie Kridge
- Melissa Mann
- Molly Glidea
- Logan Oliver
- Daniela Mesa
- Natalie Dresser
- Lily Penny



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hoop Dreams

By: Allyssa Drumm

The sound of the buzzer was drowned by the shouts of the audience led by the Mariner cheerleaders. Coach Brandon Hawkins is leading this year's Jupiter Middle School Girls' Basketball Team as he has for the past five years. He has a record of 52 wins and 8 losses for JMS. Hawkins' goal this season is the Palm Beach 'county championship.'



Coaching isn't just a hobby for Hawkins, he owns his own basketball training business and he coaches year round. Hawkins says his coaching style is "player friendly." According to Hawkins' his coaching style is based on the skills and the talents of his players, "that's the way I coach. I don't have any design method of what's right and what's wrong, my focus is what my players are doing." Hawkins reiterated that his players give him the confidence he needs to lead them into every game. "The players play the game, I coach the game. It's as simple as that."

After the first seven games on the schedule, the team is undefeated with wins over Watkins twice, Duncan twice, Independence, Conservatory, and Bak. The team is led by a group of 8th graders who have participated in big games over the past 3 years, and are looking to capture a county championship for JMS. The lady Mariners basketball program has a history of winning, but the last county championship was a decade ago. The lady Mariners have a great future ahead of them with Hawkins as head coach.

JMS Girls Basketball Team

Stella Rinehimer	6
Johanna Overbeck	13
Tessa Grimm	4
Audrey Libkie	5
Lilly Gumson	11
Amy Manzano	8
Elena Oberst	10
Jenesis Spence	23
Taylor Gale	34
Sophia Drumm	33

Grace Geck	31
Mia Barrows	32
Morgan Berger	0
Kyla Gibbons	24
Jayila Stallworth	12
Kacey Edwards	35
Adrevona Smith	1

Team Managers:Guery Estil
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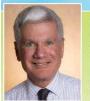
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One Continent, Many Cultures, One Pan African Festival

By: Scarlette Dettloff and Nina Olano

As students walked closer to the drum circle they could feel the powerful drums beat inside their chests. The ladies in the beautiful flowy dresses danced in sync with the beat while still looking like fragile tissue in the wind. Jupiter Middle School believes it is important to learn about other cultures so Mariners were very excited when the 8th grade Social Studies teachers, led by the vision of Donalda "Miss Donni" McCarthy, decided to host the Inaugural Pan African Festival on Feb. 24, 2020.

In preparation for the festival the 8th grade Social Studies students learned the 54 nations that make up the continent of Africa. Each student was assigned one of the 54 nations and they created door signs that included a map of the continent with their particular nation highlighted and surrounded by facts about that countries contributions to the world. These signs were hung on teacher's doors to help educate all of the students at JMS.

At the festival the students rotated through activities, including African style dance, hair wrapping and braiding techniques, authentic foods, mathematics and participated in a drum circle. Ms.Donni's class lead the dancing while some Mariners found themselves under

trees facing a wall of mirrors as they entered an outdoor hair salon. Students & teachers were instructed how to wrap their hair in a traditional way and learned several different hair braiding techniques. The Culinary students provided samples of a traditional rice dish from Senegal and students learned Ethiopian mathematics.

At the bracelet station, Art Teacher Sandy Carbone gave each student a plastic bag containing 6 beads, 2 leather strings and a stamped 2024 washer. 2024 is the year the 8th graders will graduate from high school. Carbone explained step by step how to complete the bracelets as parent volunteers helped pass out items and assisted students in the assembly process.

Students did not just attend the festival, they created their own drums, and they had to develop a google slideshow explaining why and how they designed their drum. Students used recyclable materials such as old Clorox wipe containers and ribbons to create their percussion instruments. They played their personalized creations in a drum circle that completed the day's activities. The Pan African Festival was an exciting way to learn and will become an annual tradition students look forward to attending.







