# Robinson G. Jones

# News From The Launchpad



## Important Dates

- Nov 4Don't forget to set your<br/>clocks back one hour!Nov 6Election Day NO<br/>SCHOOL FOR<br/>STUDENTS
- Nov 12 Veterans Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- Nov 16 Chat & Chew Parent Meeting, 8:30 a.m.
- Nov 21-23 Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS



# A Message from Principal Watts

We are often asked how parents can support their school's leadership initiative. Each time we are asked we give the same answer "Use the 7 Habits language at home."

Below is a summary of each of the habits: Habit 1: Be Proactive (You're in Charge) Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind (Have a Plan) Habit 3: Put First Things First (Work First, Then Play) Habit 4: Think Win-Win (Everyone Can Win) Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood (Listen Before You Talk) Habit 6: Synergize (Together Is Better) Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw (Balance Feels Best

As the school year unfolds, the children are learning the language and meaning of the 7 Habits. By hearing the same language at home and at school, you send the children a strong message of what you believe is important and that we are all on the same team—the team that wants to help succeed. When parents and schools support one another, the sky is the limit!

# Leaderin Me

#### Habit 3: Put First Things First®

I spend my time on things that are most important. This means I say no to things I know I should not do. I set priorities, make a schedule, and follow my plan. I am disciplined and organized.

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# School News

### October Recap: Kindness Campaign Launch, Neighborhood Summit, Parent Teacher Conferences and more!

October brought many exciting programs and events to RGJ.

K-8<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in NED's Kindness Adventure, an interactive assembly performance promoting kindness and cultural awareness. From there, kindness began to spread. Eighth-graders distributed kind notes to staff and we introduced our #kindisthenewcool bulletin board in the main hallway.

We opened our doors to the

community for the 2018 Neighborhood Summit and Community Meeting sponsored by Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation. Community partners, agencies, residents, and families gathered for a night of networking and celebration. Kelly Hatgas, RGJ's new Site Coordinator, gave an update on the impact of the Wraparound Strategy being implemented in the building, Councilman Brian Kazy gave a brief update on Ward 16, and

Executive Director of BPDC Bryan Gillooly unveiled the agencies new strategic focus.

Parents and families showed out for Parent Teacher Conferences and enjoyed free books courtesy of the Cleveland Book Bank.

Lastly, the First Energy "Energized Guyz" visited to teach K-5 scholars about energy and energy conservation and families are able to request free kits to keep their homes energy efficient!

### Rocket Pride: October Students of the Month

Each month, our teachers have the opportunity to recognize scholars for exemplary behavior, academic progress and/or demonstrated effort in academics.

In October, a total of 20 students were awarded "Student of the Month" status. These students are: Rooj Adhikari, Alanyah Ansel, Isaiah Boyd, Madisyn Deloach, Natalie Dorenkoff, Jordyn Harris, Sinelis Lugo, Imari Maloy, Yomaris Mangual, Kaylin Maynor, Annabelle Mullen, Isis Parks, Celimar Santana, Ishan Sharma, Manuel Torres, Jaslynn Vazquez, Catriona Wagner, Nicholas Williams, Ra'Nahla Williams and Roselynn Williamson.



#### Newsletter for parents and families of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District



A Free Thanksgiving Meal will be offered Thanksgiving Day - November 22, from 1-3 p.m. at Gateway Fellowship Ministries at the corner of 4628 W. 130<sup>th</sup> and Kirton. All are welcome! For more information, please contact woss52@ymail.com or cagjiesmother@gmail.com.

**The Glengar Neighborhood Association** meets the first Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Hungarian Reformed Church at 15300 Puritas Avenue. Connect with neighbors, discuss important issues. All are welcome! For more information, call BPDC @ 216-671-2710 x219

**The Hope Center** is located at 15135 Triskett Road and is a great resource for immigrant and refugee support. They offer ESL and citizenship classes, tutoring for refugee children, and legal help. For more information, please contact Eileen Wilson at 216-241-9400

MyCom is offering a free Sewing Workshop for youth ages 8 and up (boys and girls welcome!) on Mondays, beginning Nov 26 from 4-5:30 p.m. at the West Park Library. To register, contact Vanessa @ BPDC 216-671-2710 or v.lange@bpdc.org

# The Coordinator's Corner

Please join us on November 16 at the next Chat & Chew Parent Meeting from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the Media Center.

This meeting is open to all parents topics of discussion will include school safety, bullying, results of the parent survey, and parent leadership opportunities.

\*\*Parents who attend will also receive a "golden ticket" for a future dress down day for their child!



Bring a Grown Up Day will be held Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

**Details to come!** 

### Strategies for Success

The internet has a wealth of resources for parents looking to help their child learn at home. Check out **www.internet4classrooms.com**. This popular website has many child-focused online games and activities. They have a specific page called "The Parent Zone" on their site including links to these activities as well as other links for topics including:

\* Homework help \* Internet safety \* Reading & mathematics help \* Discipline \* Family life & planning for the future \* Time management help for your child \* Character education \* How to get involved at your child's school \* ADHD, special needs, gifted and other resources \* Summer learning activities \* Reviews of great educational, free apps for iPad, iPod and iPhone. There are also great pages on the site for children to explore like arts, crafts, games, activities and newspapers for kids.



# Bus tracking app goes live

A free app that allows parents to track the travels of their children's school bus went live Oct. 22.

Using GPS technology, the Edulog Parent Portal app allows parents to monitor progress of the bus in real time and can notify them of the vehicle's distance from their stop or school. Android users can receive notifications when the bus is within a customized radius of up to 2 miles.

The app will track only CMSD's yellow buses, not RTA buses or vans that transport students. It is similar to a webbased option that the District introduced last year.

To use the app, parents will need the student's first and last names, District ID number, school and birthdate.

The app can be downloaded through Google Play or the App Store.

For further information go to ClevelandMetroSchools.org/bustracker or call 216.838.4BUS (4287).

# Parent U. offers college bus tours

CMSD is taking students and their parents on free campus tours to give them a better understanding of what's involved in attending college.

Parent University bus tours include Nov. 1, Kent State University (full, waiting list being formed) Nov. 10, Hiram College; and Nov. 15, University of Cincinnati. The District's Office of Family and Community Engagement is co-sponsoring the tours with College Now Greater Cleveland.

Families can meet with admissions representatives, take a walking tour of the campus and speak with current students. They will learn about financial aid, the admissions process and supports that help students succeed.

Students in the eighth through 12th grades may participate but must be accompanied by a parent. Lunch will be provided.

To register, call 216.838.3223 or go to ClevelandMetroSchools.org/Parent University.





# Community welcomes work on new JFK

A cluster of John F. Kennedy High School alumni cheered heartily Oct. 11 as CMSD celebrated construction of a new building for their alma mater.

"I'm very happy to see this day come," said 1970 graduate Bill Curry, one of the first guests to arrive at a groundbreaking for the new John F. Kennedy Campus. "This is going to help the community."

The groundbreaking was purely ceremonial. The building, scheduled for completion in 2020, is already going up in the 15100 block of Miles Ave., about one and a half miles from the existing JFK.

The comprehensive high school that Curry attended has evolved into two separate small high schools – JFK PACT and JFK E<sup>3</sup>agle – that share the current building.

The community has taken keen interest in the project, right down to the color scheme. Councilman Joseph Jones and others successfully pushed for a combination of blond and JFK blue.

Construction is only Phase 1, District CEO Eric Gordon told the gathering. Planning for academic programming will begin in November, he said.

The community has expressed interest in career programs but also wants challenging academic offerings like Advanced Placement courses, said Michelle Oliver, head of community outreach and engagement for the Harvard Community Services Center.

Helping adults turn over the dirt were students from Adlai E. Stevenson and Robert H. Jamison schools who might go on to attend classes at the new campus. Ortez, a student at Adlai Stevenson, said he looks forward to updated technology and "a lot of books in the library."

JFK PACT Principal Theodore Robinson expects excitement to grow as the building rises. He said the project has been under discussion for a long time, leading some people to wonder if it would ever materialize.

"Now it's a matter of publicizing it," he said. "It's not an urban myth. It's under way."

The campus is part of an ongoing modernization program funded by the state and local taxpayers. The District has built and substantially renovated more than 40 buildings since the program began in 2002.

A new PreK-8 building, William Rainey Harper, just opened and six more are to be finished during the school year. In addition to the JFK Campus, the District is building a new high school on the West Side.





## Executive Grille schedules holiday buffet, pie sale

The Executive Grille at Jane Addams Business Careers Center will hold its annual Thanksgiving buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8 and Friday, Nov. 9.

Cost is \$17. No reservations will be accepted, and takeout orders are available.

The student-run restaurant also is taking orders for its annual pie sale.

Orders must be placed by 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 14, with pickup the following Monday and Tuesday at the school.

Place orders with a credit card by calling 216.838.CHEF (2433) from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Menus for both the pie sale and buffet can be found at ClevelandMetroSchools.org/PieSale and ClevelandMetroSchools.org/Buffet.

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