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8TH GRADE PROMOTION APPROACHES AT JRMS

BY JOHN MARTINEZ

As promotion is coming up, JRMS students can read what they can expect and happen on May 29.

According to our Principal Mr. Johnson, the promotion ceremony recognizes the effort students have put into their education. He explained, "The event is a culmination of 2 years of hard work and achievement. Plus teachers and staff can gather to acknowledge their students as they walk across the stage."

Students must meet certain academic and behavioral expectations in order to participate in the ceremony. Mr. Johnson explained that students cannot have a suspension during the fourth quarter, unpaid library fines, missing books, or have more than one failing grade.

In addition, Mr. Johnson said

students will have promotion practice where they can earn 5 tickets after completing their practice. These tickets will allow families to be seated quickly, and those without tickets will have to wait patiently till the families with tickets are served. Plus students are expected to dress appropriately and arrive prepared on promotion day. Mr. Johnson states, "Teachers and staff will be there to help guide students during the ceremony, and have students and parents show up by 7:30 a.m sharp. Due to needing the rest of the school day for the 7th graders.

Vien Nguyen, an 8th-grade student at JRMS, shared that he feels pretty great about promotion, but is sad as the school year is ending. He explained that it has been an amazing year, mak-

ing it difficult to say goodbye to middle school memories. Vien also said he plans to become more productive and stay more focused to succeed in high school and college.

Another student, An Ny Pham, an 8th-grade student at JRMS, described feeling both happiness and dread as promotion approaches. She explained that while summer break is exciting, she is also sad to leave behind the teachers who helped her throughout middle school. An Ny also said she hopes to improve her patience and avoid procrastination as she moves into high school.

As May 29 approaches, 8th grade students can feel great knowing they did well and are ready to move onto the next part of their life.

STUDENT JOBS IN MS. JAMERO'S CLASS

BY ENZO DAVIS

Students have jobs in Ms. Jamero's class. To choose jobs, we spin the wheel with name. We get to do our jobs when we do our class work. We switch jobs every quarter. Some

examples of our class jobs are start line leader and lunch crew.

Sedra Sediqi said, "my favorite job in class is line leader because I'm in

front".

jah' osh rassberry cross likes to be substitute so he can take other people's jobs.

CATCH THE LEPRECHAUN, IF YOU CAN!

BY UYEN LE

A hidden leprechaun hunt is turning James Rutter into a game as students search the school for prizes.

The hidden leprechaun activity organized by 7th grade leadership has become a fun tradition. Small leprechaun dolls are hidden around the school campus for students to find, with prizes like candy and gold themed rewards. Ms.

Potter says, "Ideally, we start planning a month before so we have time to order everything and it normally lasts a couple of weeks".

Ms. Potter said that this year, she hid 22 leprechauns and has been doing this activity for 3 years now. She also explained that it doesn't take long to set up and is very easy to do. Stacy Yin, a student at JRMS, doesn't try to find them but

she does think they are easy to find. Alexa Rivera, another student at JRMS, mentioned that the leprechauns might be hard to find instead because they are small and easy to miss.

Some students shared guesses about where the leprechauns might be hidden, including places like trees or cabinets. Even those who haven't participated yet said these kinds of events should happen because it makes school more

enjoyable. Alexa said, "It's a good way to make school more fun."

SPRING INTO SPIRIT AT THE SPRING RALLY!

BY ALEXA RIVERA

James Rutter's annual spring rally was held on April 24th

The spring rally was led by LD Dickerson, Lesly Morales, Jalilah Moua, Zoe Garcia, and Jocelyn Acaylar. Jocelyn says leadership made this a fun rally by adding lots of games and interacting with the crowd to spread positivity at the rally.

The special guest we had was Savi Gabos . 8th grader Jose Reyes, says his favorite part about having Savi was when he handed out the merch. Jose thinks he should be brought back for next year because it was a fun experience and a good way to be introduced to different genres of music. He was able to get the merch that

was given out and now it's "His most prized possession".

The spring rally was held in the gym during the 7th period. It was separated into 2 groups. each rally was about an hour long

Julani Fletcher, a student at James Rutter Middle School says his favorite part about the spring rally is, "When I participated and lost in the

head shoulders, knees and ball game." He also said the rally did meet his expectations. One thing Julani would change is adding more games and more activities the students could participate in.

The main goal for the rally was to celebrate students and highlight the good things on campus.

PERFECT PRESENCE

BY BRI- ELOISE FONG

The perfect attendance celebration was established in March with Ms. Sandy and Ms. Potter. The perfect attendance celebration was a one time thing.

The perfect attendance celebration is for roadrunners who have perfect attendance. One of the counslers, Ms. Sandy said, "they started this idea be-

cause the leadership students suggested it". The perfect attendance celebration shows how much roadrunners have been here everyday.

The roadrunners got snacks from the library. One of the students, Mayrose Agcaoili said, "you can give the teachers who were at the celebration your pass to get a

free meal". Another student, Rosemary Xiong said, "she loved the perfect attendance celebration because she got to skip the advisory".

The teachers wanted to make something memorable for the roadrunners who were able to earn their prizes with their perfect attendance. Ms. Sandy said, "we might do it again next year because some

of the roadrunners like the event a lot". It was held at the library during an advisory. Mayrose said "the celebration was fun and I would try it again."

Ms. Sandy hopes they can collaborate or reach out to McDonalds again for the students here at James Rutter Middle School.

ATTENDING SPRING ASES CAMP DURING SPRING BREAK

BY CALISTA HER

Spring ASES Camp was officially introduced during spring break.

Spring ASES Camp was announced in February, opened to all students of James Rutter Middle School and confirmed by the superintendent, Mr. Reilly, at the district office. Spring ASES Camp provided activities for the kids, such as robotics, sports, puzzles, and games. To be able to join Spring ASES Camp, you need a filled out paperwork, signed by a parent.

Mr. Harrison says, "There is no limit to how many students can attend Spring ASES Camp." He states that "They opened up Spring ASES Camp with the money to support students." Mr. Harrison also says, "The main thing about the Spring ASES Camp is that it's an opportunity for students to be a part of something."

Many students enjoyed the Spring ASES Camp and found the activities fun. One of the students who attended, Maliyah Rose, said the Spring ASES

Camp was fun and her favorite activity was being in the computer lab and learning about robotics. Before she had attended, she had said she was bored during her Spring break and the Spring ASES Camp entertained her and she had a lot of fun.

Another student, Jaxon Royster, had also attended the Spring ASES Camp. He said, "It was fun", and he had also learned about robotics. He also said, "all the activities were fun and if he had to choose one, he wouldn't be able to." The reason why Jax-

on decided to go to the Spring ASES Camp was because he had nothing else to do during his spring break, and had thought that Spring ASES Camp could entertain him for a while until break was over.

There will not be another Spring ASES Camp held next year because Mr. Harrison said "It was paid with the school funds. they no longer have the money to provide another Spring ASES Camp."

A GUIDE TO EXAM SEASON

BY CAMILA REYES

The SBAC, formally known as the "Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium", is a test that students take annually in the spring at JRMS.

"It is a test that California wants to give all students in the state an overall idea of their level in subjects such as math, reading, and science," Mr. Harrison, a vice principal at James Rutter, stated. He also added that the purpose of the SBAC is to see where students land in all of their subjects that they test on, and it helps them improve their skills for the next test.

Mr. Harrison said the

SBAC test usually takes around one to two hours for every test. It starts on April 24th and ends on May 8th. He advises students to make sure to get good sleep, eat well, and come to school on time. The schedule is different with students now getting out of school at 1:10. "Classes will be split into two per day on Tuesday through Thursday," Mr. Harrison informed.

The way James Rutter will support their students throughout state testing is by providing a quiet environment and enough time to concentrate properly

on the test.

It is important to do well on this test because, "Teachers use SBAC results to know how to improve their teaching or knowing where to place students." Mr. Harrison commented. The scoring on SBAC means that 1 is standard not met, 2 is standard nearly met, 3 is standard met, and 4 is above the standard, Mr. Harrison had explained.

Khojista Adilpoor shared her opinion on the SBAC: "Getting ready for high school and knowing what classes you get is the

best thing." She also added that her favorite test was science, and that even if it was long, she knew what to do.

Another 8th grader, Elizabeth Chebukin, tells strategies for the SBAC testing, "You should read the questions carefully."

The SBAC results will come into the mail or StudentVUE for students and families.

TRADING INFO ABOUT TEACHER TRADING CARDS

BY ELI OM R. WILLIAMS

JRMS leadership teacher, Ms. Potter, announces their new teacher trading cards.

The cards came out on the 24th of April. Ms.Potter said she came up with the idea 2 years ago. "I thought it would be cool to have a yearly set of trading cards for the staff at our school. I have been here a long time, 11 years, so it would be awesome to have a little collection of all the teachers I have known while

working here."

When asked how many teachers will get their own cards Ms.Potter said "I gave every teacher a couple of free packs for joining in on the cards, but they will have to collect more on their own if they hope to get all the people they know!" The cards themselves use bitmoji characters on the front with a little description of the teachers.

Ms.Potter said to make them she would go into canva make out the layout

then type up the description, print and laminate them before putting them in the packs. According to Ms. Potter, the amount of cards that will be made is just going to depend on how many people order them.

When asked how long it takes to make them, Jocelyn Acaylar and Davy Pham both said not that long, around a week with Ms. Potter saying it took 3 to 5 days to make a set of packs. The cards can now be purchased at the student store for the red rutter bucks or \$5

during lunch.

Someone who bought the packs, Ms.Le said she bought 2 in total getting 3 per pack. "In my most recent pack I got Ms.Minge, Ms. Conway and Dr.Ramos. My favorite cards were probaly all the ones of the english department. Also, a complaint, these cards should all be cut to the same size. Just saying."

ART IN Ms. JAMERO'S CLASS

BY SEDRA SEDDIQI

We do arts and crafts in Ms Jamero's class. One craft we made was st patricks 4 leaf clovers. We made a second craft which was sticky slime. But we put too much activator and so it

became sticky we, and separated. We also made playdough by mixing powder and water with our hands. Then we put a couple drops of strawberry scent. We mushed it with

our hands and it stained our hands. Another craft is water colors. First we just wet the paper side to side but not too wet or puddly. Then we color the top darker and keep going until it's lighter.

Laura likes arts and crafts. She likes arts and crafts because she loves art and colors.

Chieu likes arts and crafts because he likes color matching.

SECURITY TEAM TO THE RESCUE AT JRMS!

BY ELIZABETH CHEBUKIN

The security team protects the students and staff at James Rutter Middle School! Another year flew by safely thanks to them.

James Rutter has 3 campus supervisors and their names are Mr. Eli, Ms. T, and Ms. V. Mr. Calderon, one of the vice principals, describes them as being patient, safe, and understanding. They all say they absolutely love their

job, and enjoy getting to know students. "The security team is what makes our school a safe atmosphere," says Mr. Johnson, the principal.

"Some skills that make me and my team qualified for this job are hardworking, good attendance, and dependability," states Ms.T, the head of the security team. It's clear that they are all determined to keep James Rutter safe. "The number 1 thing is definitely keeping all of the

staff and students safe," acknowledged Ms. V.

Mr. Eli was actually a student at James Rutter Middle School and says " I know how junior high students can be." He also says that probably the biggest reason why he wanted to work for James Rutter was because he used to go there.

Mr. Pauly voluntarily helps the security and is always there when needed. He says, " I volunteer because I

love working with students and staff. I also like helping out with the staff members, and making sure students are safe and where they are supposed to be."

The security team enjoys having this job and being there for people who are in need.

FAST & FUN: OUR ROADRUNNERS RACE INTO SPRING CARNIVAL EXCITEMENT!

BY ISABELLA AQUILAR

The spring carnival was on May 22 at James Rutter Middle School.

The spring carnival was during 7th period from 1:12pm-3:00pm. The carnival was for both 7th and 8th grade. There were around 5-10 activities and a bounce house. There was also a water section on the black-top. Jocelyn Acaylar, the ASB president says we have this carnival to celebrate all the hard work stu-

dents put in all year.

You would buy tickets and with those tickets you could purchase popcorn, snowcones, and snacks at the carnival. There were two new additions to the spring carnival this year, a mini dance in the library and 2 karaoke rooms. Leadership had been thinking about different activities throughout the year but the activities were teacher ran. Erica Le, an 8th grade student at JRMS said, "The water area

was my favorite part both years and I think they should continue having a water area." There were also wristbands for the students who had a waiver signed to be able to get on the inflatables. Karen Tino-co, a student at JRMS said the inflatables were her favorite part of the carnival and thinks they should get a bigger inflatable water slide next year.

Ms. Potter says,

"We re-use many of the same activities and only create new and fun carnival games. I spend a lot of time thinking about how to make the activities fun for everyone." She also says they spent the most money on renting the inflatables which were \$1,700. The rest of the money was spent on prizes and food but those are only a few hundred dollars. We get this money from teacher training profits.

ENGLISH LEARNER PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENT OF CALIFORNIA

BY ISAIAH RODRIGUEZ-LOPEZ

Students who are English learners have to take the ELPAC test.

The struggles organizing the ELPAC was constantly checking if everyone is on task and doing well. Ms. Maguire states, "The ELPAC stands for The English Learner Proficiency Assessment Of California". It's required for K-12 students whose home language is not English.

According to the internet it replaced the older CELDT test in 2018. It helps schools decide if a student needs more help with English, how much progress they're making, and if they're considered "fluent" in English.

The ELPAC has 2 main parts, listening and speaking. Students either take it in their EL class, or in their EL elective class.

The reason that 283 students have to take the ELPAC test is to measure students who are in the English learner program, performances, and to check if they are learning enough, at a constant rate that is good enough.

English Learners start practicing in January and take the ELPAC test at the end of February. This is to make sure students do well on

the test, don't struggle, and make it simple enough for them.

Ms. Maguire says that "Information that students should know is that the ELPAC supports students' listening, reading, and writing skills. The ELPAC shows what you are struggling with in English, and to improve your English". This test plays a big role in your education.

WATCHING TV!

BY JAH'OSH RASSBERRY-CROSS

I like watching TV.

I like watching "Martin" because it is funny. It makes me laugh and makes me feel good. Martin has a lot of best friends that make the show funny. I like it

because they show lots of reruns.

Sedra Sediqi and Enzo Davis both like watching Ninjago. Sedra said, "It's really fun and it's my childhood show." Enzo said, "I

like Lloyd because of his spin-jitsu, which is his elemental power."

Watching TV helps me relax. I watch TV in my living room on my human dog bed. While I watch TV, I like to

eat Takis and drink a cold Coke.

SPRING COMES AND GOES, AND SO HAVE FLOWER GRAMS

BY JENNY LA

Asian Club's spring fundraiser, Flower Grams, were eternal ribbon flowers available for purchase from March 25th to April 3rd during lunch on the outside stage.

Flower Grams were a way for Asian Club to fundraise for their field trip to the Asian Art Culture Museum and necessities, like performance props and outfits. A single flower cost \$2, 3 flowers \$5, and a half dozen flowers cost \$10. The ribbon flowers were handcrafted by Asian Club members and advisors who worked after school in Ms.

Lee's room. Shina Vang, Asian Club's president, says that, "We didn't calculate how many orders there were so we were short on flowers and that delayed delivery." Once Flower Grams were complete, students went around delivering flowers to everyone during 7th period on April 14th. Ms. Jessica received a bouquet of flowers from Ms. Conway and she said, "I like it! The flowers are very creative and pretty."

Kataleya Huerta, an Asian Club member, says that the process of making the flowers was divided into

3 parts: making the flower, wrapping the flower, and attaching the card. She states, "It was fun, but it was torture." Another Asian Club member, Rainie Cha, said that she sold flowers and helped make them. "I had so much fun because I made the flowers with my friends so we could hang out together and learn new things."

Flower Grams is Asian Club's last fundraiser before Ms. Lee leaves James Rutter. In total, Asian Club made 150+ flowers and they made about \$300. Unfortunately,

Asian Club could not use the money they raised for the field trip. When asked about Ms. Lee leaving, Kataleya says, "I'm very devastated that Ms. Lee is leaving and hope Asian Club will happen next year. It inspired me to dance in front of many people during the Multicultural Show. I learned more about cultures and the Asian community. Asian Club was a welcoming community and I hope others continue this club."

JRMS HOSTS A BOOK FAIR FOR ROADRUNNERS IN THE LIBRARY

BY JONAS RODRIGUEZ

JRMS hosted an annual Book Fair for all Roadrunners to be able to attend and buy fun toys and even books. For about 18 years now, James Rutter Middle School has had an annual Book Fair. Mrs. Conway stated that the tradition of having an annual book fair was started by the librarian that was here before her.

Although the Book Fair may be loved by

many, our librarian Mrs. Conway has decided that next year there will NOT be any Book Fair. This year's Book Fair was the last one that James Rutter will ever be hosting. Due to unfairful distribution of money made there will not be any more Book Fairs for our Roadrunners.

Even when it seems that the school may make a lot of money, this year we only made a total of \$3,800. Not all this money

goes to our school, money still has to be distributed and at the end the school only ends up with roughly about \$ 1,400 to \$1,500. Every year more non-book items have been sold, few books are sold but not as much as toys, and posters combined. All products that aren't sold don't get kept, they get sent back to Scholastic which is the company that provides the items for our Book Fair.

A student, Eli Om R. Williams was recently inter-

viewed on whether or not he liked the book fair. He said he has bought a "big pencil that surprisingly works." He was happy with the items that he had bought from our Book Fair.

Another student, Yin Han Chen was also interviewed on his thoughts about the Book Fair and whether or not he enjoyed looking at the things that were for sale. He said "I liked looking at everything because I found something I liked so I bought it."

BOYS VOLLEYBALL HAS COME TO AN END

BY JEWEL VANG

Boy's Volleyball has recently ended at JRMS.

James Rutter Middle School had its Boys Volleyball tryouts from March 23rd to the 25th. After tryouts, 16 boys joined the team. Each team has 8 students for the 7th and 8th Grade teams. Everyday since tryouts, their practices are on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 3:15pm to 5:15pm.

Their coaches are Mrs. Frankina and Mr.

Mclaughin. They have captains for each team, for 7th Grade they have Eric Zhong and Matthew Saelee, and for 8th Grade they have Zachary Thao and Emery Yang. Although there is a lot of fun when doing volleyball, it's not just playing games. They go through cardio, warmups, and preparation for their upcoming games. The coaches train our players in receives, spikes, and bumps. Even though they've been

training, they struggle with some things. Zachary has said that cardio is a lot of work

for him. Eric Zhong has said that the hardest thing is "Learning how to play my position". Luckily they've been able to power through and work hard in games.

Many of the players agree, they've made many new friends on the team. One of the captains, Zachary, said "Playing with friends" is his

favorite thing about being in volleyball. Mr. Mclaughin said the best part about being a coach for Boy's Volleyball is being able to work with students outside of school.

To sum up, Boy's Volleyball finished their season with 8th Grade not winning any and 7th Grade winning 4 games.

HOPPING AROUND FOR THE EGG HUNT

BY KATALEYA HUERTA

Students from JRMS went on an egg hunt for prizes in classes and across campus during the end of April.

7th Grade Leadership hid 30 eggs, 3 in each classroom and around campus for students to find. Om Williams, an 8th Grader who found an egg, mentioned that Easter is a celebrated holiday by many and

is important. He also said, "You get candy when you find them," which makes students want them more.

Ashley Avalos, a Leadership student said, "They were pretty easy to hide." She thought it was a good idea to do the egg hunt because it was very competitive and entertaining.

Jewel Vang said the egg hunt was fun and

competitive. Said by Jewel "Some kids stopped doing Easter when they were younger and this brought fun into Middle School." This event has been around for a long time and is more of a tradition for Rutter. Though 7th Grade Leadership did plan it all out.

The eggs were all scattered around. Some were hidden up high and others were hidden down low. Om

found 4 in Ms. Jamora's room, and Jewel found 2 in the library which were hard to find.

Inside the eggs were little trolls and some had squishies but they had no candy. If you gave your empty egg to the Student Store you would receive a lollipop back. The egg hunt will be hosted by the Leadership Students next year.

HONOR ROLL LUNCH AT JRMS

BY YAVELIN HERNANDEZ

The Honor Roll lunch was on April 10th, 2026 at James Rutter Middle School.

The lunch happened during both 7th and 8th grade lunches. Leadership gave out ice cream and cookies in the student store.

The leadership team decides what they are going to give for the honor roll lunch based on what they can afford because it comes out of their

budget. Ms. Potter, the leadership teacher says, "The food usually provided at the lunch has to be packaged individually with labels for kids with allergies."

When asked how long it takes for the whole leadership team to agree on what to give at the lunch. Jocelyn Acaylar, leadership president said, "It takes up to a week at most."

Everyone in leader-

ship has a position when organizing the lunch. Jocelyn says the main responsibilities leadership kids have when helping with the lunch is making sure people without honor roll don't try to sneak in.

The Honor Roll lunch takes up a whole class period to set everything up, said Jocelyn. Ms. Potter said if a student's grades drop before the lunch, they are still invited only if they qualify. Ms. Potter also

said it's important to recognize students with events like this because she wants students to be passing their classes in High school.

Both Ms. Potter and Jocelyn say that their favorite part of the lunch is celebrating the kids and seeing all the friends who earned honor roll.

APRIL FOOLS NEWSPAPER PRANKS JRMS!

BY KHOJO ADILPOOR

The April Fools Newspaper is a tradition at James Rutter Middle School that the Yearbook students do every year to prank other students.

According to Ms Conway, the Yearbook teacher, the April Fools newspaper is the only paper Yearbook students hand out to other students, and it was made to prank kids making them believe something might change that they don't like. And to make it more like a prank, the

Yearbook students "Spill the beans" that it is fake at the back of the newspaper. "The newspaper article was full of stories to trick our students into believing the newspaper," said Ms. Conway.

To make this possible students from Yearbook class wrote articles all together to prank the students. Some people believed it, some didn't. Destiny Gallardo from 8th grade said "I thought it was pretty funny seeing my friends getting

shocked because of the newspaper." Some other students said they didn't believe it because they didn't read it correctly.

Reactions from the students were very funny and many students asked teachers if it was true or not. Some other students thought it was creative. "I thought it was nice because you could see students' creativity to make the newspaper more believable," said Camila Reyes from yearbook class.

Ms. Conway noted that the April Fools newspaper tradition was by a teacher who taught this class before her so she thought it would be great if she did it every year. She says students from her class are very excited to show creativity and find ideas to make the newspaper look believable. Ms. Conway loves the idea of continuing the April Fools Newspaper next year or in the future.

YAP PROGRAM

BY KYRAN JOHNSON

YAP is a student-based program that helps students make changes around the school. In YAP, students work together to figure out problems on campus and think of ways to fix them. It gives students a chance to share their ideas and make the school a better place for everyone.

One thing that makes YAP important is that students get to work with other students instead of

always depending on adults. High school students from James Rutter Middle School meet with kids from James Rutter Middle School and talk about problems they see at school. They discuss ideas and decide what changes could help students the most. This helps students learn teamwork, leadership, and communication skills.

YAP can also benefit the school because it helps improve the school's environment. Students know what

other students care about, so they can come up with ideas that really matter. Programs like YAP can help students feel more included and comfortable at school.

Ms. Potter, the sponsor of YAP, said YAP has been around for about four years and believes it helps people. She also said she would recommend YAP to students who want to make a difference at school. Saira thinks YAP is helpful because it gives them an

opportunity to speak up and help others.

Overall, YAP is a positive program that encourages students to work together and improve their school. It helps students become more responsible and teaches them how important teamwork can be. YAP is a good example of students helping students and making their school community stronger.

GATE FIELD TRIP

BY BIANCA JULIETT CARRILLO

Our Gifted and Talented Education club also known as Gate club. Went to San Francisco Pier 39. Thirty students participated in the field trip, The field trip was free. This is only one of the field trips they have had but this was one of their favorites. They

went to see the museum, in order to get in the club you have to get invited by Ms. Wang there field trip was April 9th, 2026

Now some feedback from a member of the club, Vy Nguen, says "I enjoyed the field trip. My favorite part of the field trip was going to

Pier 39 and taking pictures with friends. She would go again because it was very fun and a good experience. She enjoys the club because she gets to make new friends and enjoys the field trips

Another Rutter Student, Alex Nguen, "I enjoyed the field trip because I got to

spend time with my friends and talk to new people. My favorite place to go on the field trip was the Fisherman's Wharf and walking around the museum taking pictures.

PROMOTION, DON'T MISS IT!

BY MALIAH EASTER

Go to the James Rutter Middle School, promotion for 8th graders that's on May 29!!!

Promotion is coming up and there are some rules and requirements for it. Mr. Johnson said the requirements for promotion is no 4th quarter suspensions, no more than 1 F in grades, and no library fines. When students walk the stage, the rules are to wear appropriate clothing and you must shake hands

with the district people.

Mr. Johnson said, "We will have around 1,500 chairs and 5 tickets per 8th grade student". Promotion will be on May 29 for the last day of school at 7:30 -8:30am. Ms. Sandi said that the promotion is a big celebration so that parents, teachers, and students can celebrate the past two years and get people excited about something.

Ms. Sandi said all 8th grade students will be

promoting but walking the stage depends on your grades. There will be different rules next year, Ms. Sandi said; "I believe students will have an accumulated GPA and no F's instead of one". Ms. Sandi has said, "Students can find out as early as May 20th."

Many students are excited to promote. An 8th grade student named Nijah Barker said, "I am happy that I can go to high

school and I can celebrate." Nijah said that if she could say something to the future 8th graders she would say, "Keep a great reputation and to try your best in school".

If you are an 8th grader be sure if you want to walk the stage follow all requirements and rules and have fun! So make sure you turn in any missing books. Don't miss it, it only happens once!

8TH GRADERS GO TO SIX FLAGS

BY MALIK QUINDES

Eighth grade students at JRMS were able to attend a field trip to Six Flags Discovery Kingdom.

On Saturday April 18, 2026, a variety of the 8th graders went on a field trip to Six Flags. They left at 9:15 AM and came back at 7:00 PM. Before the field trip, students had to pay \$90 for the trip. It would include tickets to Six Flags, a bus ride, and an unlimited 2 hour picnic lunch.

This field trip was made for students to come

and enjoy the end of middle school with a trip to Six Flags Discovery Kingdom.

The Activity Director at JRMS, Ms. Potter states, "We plan this field trip for the end of the year because of tradition". Ms. Potter says that her favorite ride is the Batman. A hundred people went to the Six Flags field trip. This field trip has been a tradition at this school for eleven years. Ms. Potter states, "I don't like doing this and I would want to change it

to something else that is different".

A student at James Rutter Middle School, Yin Han Chen, went to Six Flags this year and his favorite thing to do at Six Flags is to go on the rides. He states, "The ride I want to go on badly is the Medusa". He wanted to go on six to seven rides. Whatever food spots are at Six Flags are the ones that he is looking forward to. He plans to sing "Wheels on the bus" while he is on the bus ride to and home from Six Flags.

Another student at JRMS, Carter Coleman, states, "My favorite thing to do is to hang around with friends and go on rides". Any ride that interests him are the ones he will ride. He will be looking forward to any food spots that are there.

Ms. Potter would rate this trip two out of ten because it is too far away and it costs too much money.

POSITIVE LANGUAGE INTERVENTION

BY ARIK KIRKPATRICK

Positive language intervention is a program led by Ms. Potter at jrms. Helping students reduce bad language.

You might ask what the program is about. Its about reducing the cursing in school and 4 people are in this program and the

reason Ms. Potter likes this program is because she likes rewarding her students and to stop the bad language.

Meetings are during

class and the club was started this year.

RUTTER'S OPEN HOUSE WELCOMES ALL

BY MAY ROSE AGCAOILI

Open House is a celebration of what students have done throughout the year, and is JRMS diversity. This event is also to let families see the accomplishment of their children at our school and is mostly about interactions with everyone. According to the principal at James Rutter Middle School, Mr. Johnson, in this event everybody is involved because we open our school to everyone. This school year, 2025-2026, Open House happened on February 4th, 2026 at 5:30-7:00 P.M. To

add, Open House has been an annual event at James Rutter Middle School, "Since the school started," Mr. Johnson said.

This celebration includes a program. Mr. Johnson explained, it starts off at the gym and greeting families, introducing teachers and locations, clubs and performances such as Filipino Tinkling Dance, Lion Dance, Vietnamese Fan Dance, and Hmong Dance presented by Asian Club. According to the Leadership president at

James Rutter Middle School, Jocelynn Acaylar, this event was helpful for her because it's an opportunity to talk to your teachers and a way for your parents to hear about what you've accomplished during the year.

Open House is also an event that JRMS has looked forward to. According to a teacher at James Rutter Middle School, Mr. Young, his favorite part of this event is interacting with students outside of class. In addition, Jocelyn Acaylar says she

looks forward to talking to her current and past teachers, seeing her peers perform and what her past teachers' class are working on and how it would relate to what she's done in their class. "I love meeting and talking to families in a different setting!" Mr. Johnson stated. Overall, Open House has been an experience for Roadrunners. According to Jocelyn Acaylar, she found her experience at Open House fun and enjoyable.

BAY AREA BEACH PARTY ROCKS RUTTER

BY MIEKO THAO

Students from James Rutter Middle School attend the Bay Area Beach Party school dance. Students come to the dance to have fun or hangout with their friends after school.

According to our James Rutter Middle School leadership teacher, Mrs. Potter, the Bay Area Beach Party school dance, was supposed to be named Lotus Dance. Mrs. Potter and her 7th grade leadership class thought that the dance was still named Lotus dance, until Mrs. Potter found out last minute that the 8th grade leadership class changed the name of

the dance to Bay Area Beach Party.

At James Rutter Middle School, they've had 2 school dances this year. The first school dance at James Rutter Middle School was named Glow Dance and it happened on November 14, 2025. The second school dance at James Rutter Middle School was named Bay Area Dance Party and it began on the day of April 3, 2026.

Two students from James Rutter Middle School, La 'daveon Dickerson and Jalilah Moua, both said that 7th grade and 8th grade leadership helped decorate the

dance.

La 'daveon Dickerson and Jalilah Moua both say "The music at the dance was more bay area than any other music." Jalilah Moua had also mentioned that La 'daveon Dickerson was in charge of the music then Arius Joseph, a 7th grade leadership student, became in charge of the music after.

Both La 'daveon Dickerson and Jalilah Moua say that there were way more 7th graders than 8th graders at the dance. They both agreed that there were way more 8th graders at the Glow Dance than the Bay Area Beach Party dance.

According to Mrs. Potter, La 'daveon Dickerson and

Jalilah Moua, the Bay Area Beach Party dance was ONLY for James Rutter Middle School students, no other students from the Elk Grove District could go to the dance. According to Mrs. Potter, if Rutter students did not have any time to buy their tickets at lunch, they were able to buy their dance ticket at the MP room door. School dances started at James Rutter Middle School in 1971 with a James Rutter Middle School homecoming.

RUN, SPRINT, AND DASH

BY NIJAH BARKER

Have you ever wanted to join a track team? Do you think you are fast enough? Are you ready? Have you ever wanted to be the fastest in your class? Join track n field. Mr Mclaughin teaches track but how did he start to love track and become a track coach, Mr Mclaughin started running on his own it became like a lifestyle to him. He decided that he wanted to help others who liked running, so he became a track coach. He believes that running is a good outlet to reduce stress so he always pushes his students with this one line "Do your best."

Someone he really looks up to when it comes to running is his co-workers that like to run like

Ms. Conway. Everyone should have someone they look up to when it comes to any sport, it's a source of motivation! Mr. McLaughlin has been teaching track for quite awhile and had got familiar with the James Rutter students because this was the only school he taught track at.

Track and field is really good for growth and building on your muscular endurance, cardio, and stamina, but in order to grow you have to stretch because you can accidentally pull a muscle and cause an injury. Have you ever wondered how practice is before a race is at James Rutter? First they start with their warm up which is said by Mr McLaughlin "jogging for 10 - 15 minutes, stretching for

about 5 minutes, and running the same run they are preparing for several times." Mr McLaughlin is someone you would want to talk to if you feel a lack of motivation to not go to track anymore. Why? He is going to remind you of the importance of track and why you joined track in the first place, he is also willing to join you on your runs as a source of encouragement and stamina growth.

Let's hear about what his students had to say, Ra' ziah that was on the track team had said she wanted join track because she loved track ever since she was little and is most likely to make track her career but for now it's her side hobby, Her opinion on Mr. McLaughlin as her track

coach is that he's a very good teacher because he helps them with their form, and never has negative thoughts to say, her inspiration to not just run for fun but to join track is Shacari Richardson. Another student on the track team had said he joined track because he was inspired, and he said "I will probably make this my career" but him as well it's just a side hobby. He also had said that Mr. Mclaughlin was an excellent coach that helps them with their form, teaches them right from wrong and is not afraid to tell them what they need to work on better, his inspiration was his cousin. This track and field team had 27 kids, 4 meets, 10 events, and many students improved and 3 got up to top 5. Are you really ready for track and field now!?

MS. POTTER, SHARING THE NEWS WITH MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

BY RAINIE CHA

Morning announcements at James Rutter Middle School happen almost everyday and starts the first 5 minutes of first period.

James Rutter Middle School's activities director, Ms. Potter started morning announcements for the school because there was no system in place that was working to give announcements to the students and administrators. She also wanted people to know what's going around on campus. Ms. Potter uses the in-

tercom in the office to do the morning announcements while everyone settles in their classes.

Ms. Conway, one of the school's librarians, has had her announcements about books and computers on the morning announcements. She says she fills out a Google form for Ms. Potter then tells her how long she wants it to run.

Ms. Potter says that students can take part in morning announcements, but they have to be ready and practice. Only then would

she, "be willing to share the glory of the morning announcements."

Ms Potter loves doing the morning announcements, and she finds it very fun and enjoyable. For now, no one helps Ms. Potter do the announcements. She is still trying to figure out who'll do the morning announcements when she's not present.

A student, Bri-Eloise Fong, says she likes the morning announcements. She likes how it gives her more time to take her stuff out during first period and how Ms. Potter lets

everyone know what's going on around campus.

Both Ms. Conway and Bri would like Ms. Potter to continue doing morning announcements. Ms. Conway wants Ms. Potter to keep doing the morning announcements because "they aren't personal and everyone has to hear them and I think it starts the school day on a good note," and Bri says, "I think she does a good job because she has a positive attitude."

ASIAN CLUB PERFORMS IN MC SHOW

BY ANNE LISE MOUA

The Asian club of James Rutter Middle School performs for the Multicultural Show.

Multicultural Shows are often planned during the beginning of the school year. So then when Asian Club comes closer, practice will usually begin on the first day of October.

If you were to join the Asian Club in the Multicultural Show; then practice throughout the week would be on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday which is listed to be there three times a week.

If a student has missed 2 or more days of practice, they could be removed. It is important to be there for practice because the Multicultural Show is just steps away.

Many students can be in MORE THAN ONE dance as long as they are able to provide each daily practice. Although, if there are too many students in one dance; some are able to take turns in case an occasion comes up late.

Asian Club students can be waited in the multipurpose room waiting for their

supervisor, Mrs. Lee, to get them. Once they are picked up, they go to their spot to get started on practice.

According to the Asian club, meetings are a part of the club procedures. It helps them find ways to set goals and even get fundraisers to get more clothes for students. Ms. Lee says "Outfits are usually purchased with the money we fundraise, sometimes I am actually able to donate some as well." This helps students get a turn to try on outfits and earn it as they wear it. She also states how students can be in many

Multicultural Shows as long as they show effort to practice.

A student from the Asian Club, Shina Vang, says that she is always there for practice days. She explains how she is able to practice at home because the dance is very fast and easy to learn. This can show students strength to learn and fix their mistakes.

Starting in the new school year, be sure to join the Asian Club to build the courage to show your amazing talent in the Multicultural Show.

THE ANNUAL BOOKMARK CONTEST

BY KEI ANNA VALLIER

In February, Ms. Conway hosted a bookmark contest for students in the library to showcase their talents.

Ms. Conway wanted to start this contest because she stated, "It's for library branding, and it's also to involve students in a culture where reading is a fun

thing." She also stated that she wanted to encourage creativity and school pride with the contest.

Rocio Ortiz the winner of this contest did two bookmarks but the one that won was styled like the anime Death Note showing the character Light and Ryuk together on the book mark she said that she did this design be-

cause the main character has a notebook that he carries with him, the reason for her doing the contest is "I thought that my art would get noticed more and also because i enjoy people seeing my artwork."

Ms. Jesicca says that the way the bookmark contest helps showcase the diverse talents of students is that when they get someone whos shy

they get to show their artwork when they probably wouldn't be able to.

The bookmark contest was fun for many people and it happens every year so next year you should sign up and participate to see if you can be next years winner.

PE MAKE-UPS

BY CHRISTOPHER ESCOTO

P.E teachers are hosting make-ups on Thursday mornings in the gym before school.

When going to these make-ups, one of the P.E teachers will be there to assist students. For these make-ups,

students will be able to make up any assignment you've missed. It could be a run, push ups, and even the all school run. Even if you don't have any missing work, yet have missed a few days of school, you are still able to

make up and earn those missing points.

Ms. Schellenger stated, "Gates for make ups open at 7:55 sharp, and close at 8:00", so make sure to be there on time. Mr Payuyao also stated, "When coming to do make-

ups, make sure to know what you're making up." 7th grade P.E teacher, Mr Z, also explains how important it is to come to make ups if you have a bad grade.