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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/6- PTO Meeting at 6pm in the Library
- 1/19 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - No School
- 1/21 - RUSD Community Night at Green Valley Elementary School
- 1/26 - Boys & Girls Basketball @ Rescue
- 1/28 - Boys & Girls Basketball @ Lake Forest
- 1/28 - Dining for Dollars at Viscuso's
- 1/28 - Gala Tickets On Sale
- 2/3 - PTO Meeting at 6pm in the Library
- 2/4 - Boys & Girls Basketball at Lakeview
- 2/5 - PTO Family Glow Night
- 2/9 - Boys & Girls Basketball at Green Valley
- 2/11 - Boys & Girls Basketball at Rescue
- 2/13 - Lincoln's Birthday - No School
- 2/16 - Presidents' Day - No School
- 2/18 - Boys & Girls Basketball vs. Lake Forest
- 2/18 - RUSD Community Night at Rescue Elementary
- 2/20 - Trimester 2 Ends
- 2/20 - Minimum Day
- 2/23 - Boys & Girls Basketball vs. Lakeview
- 2/25 - Boys & Girls Basketball at Green Valley

Principal's Corner

Hello Jackson Families!

Welcome back! We hope everyone enjoyed a restful and joyful winter break filled with special moments and time with loved ones. As we return to school, our classrooms are once again buzzing with energy, curiosity, and smiles. We're excited to jump back into learning, reconnect with friends, and begin this new chapter of the school year together. Here's to a happy, healthy, and successful start to the new year!

As we move into the new year, we are excited to continue the traditions that make Jackson the beloved community school it is while adding new opportunities for students as well. Our PTO sponsored Giving Gala will be on Saturday, March 14th. Planning is well underway and tickets go on sale in January. This is an opportunity for parents and staff to celebrate Jackson together. We hope you can join us!

New in 2026, Jackson is welcoming the El Dorado Sheriff's Office (EDSO) onto our campus. We are fortunate to welcome Deputy Dougherty from the SHIELD program to Jackson. He specializes in working with El Dorado County youth and will be on our campus February 9th - 14th to visit with students at recess and stop by classrooms to say hello. The goal

is to foster positive relationships with EDSO and build community connections. Deputy Dougherty will also be working closely with our 5th grade students through weekly lessons.

Also beginning in 2026, Jackson's Native Plant Garden project will be getting off the ground! Our Nature Bowl student club, supported by Ms. Hadden and Mrs. Carruth, have developed plans to transform the planter area with the large oak tree near the lower blacktop into a native plant garden. Not to worry, we're keeping the beautiful tree! Renovations will begin in the planter area in January/February and continue on throughout the remainder of the school year. Thank you to Project Green, California Native Plant Society, RUSD and generous support from Jackson PTO for making this project possible! Thank you to Ms. Hadden and Mrs. Carruth for your hard work and leadership on this project!

Early in December we celebrated our December JAG-Y Gems of the Month. You can find them on page 3. Congratulations to our nominees for showing the JAG-Y way!

As always, if you have any questions, please reach and I would be happy to set up a time to meet.

Go Jaguars!
Mrs. Griffin

PTO Corner

Join us for our next **PTO meeting** on Tuesday, January 6th, at 6:00 pm in the Library.



Dining for Dollars & Gala Ticket Sale Kick-Off

Wednesday, January 28th at Viscuso's!

Mention "Jackson" between 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM so a portion of the proceeds go back to the school. Members of our PTO will be at Viscuso's from 5:00 – 7:00 PM to kick off Gala ticket sales. All those who come in person and show proof of their Gala ticket purchase can enter a raffle to win a free golden ticket (1 in 50 chance to win any live auction item at the Gala – a \$100 value!)

Calling all 1st – 5th grade science lovers! **The Science Fair** registration is officially



open. Keep a lookout in Friday Folders this week for more information on the event and how your child can participate. Key dates: Register by February 20th at this link: [Science Fair 2026 | Jackson PTO EDH](#), Official Event March 6th, with projects on display for family and friends between 2:00 – 3:00 PM in the Ruppel Center.



JAG-Y Gems of the Month

Each month teachers will nominate students who have demonstrated showing the Get JAG-Y way. These students are recognized by Mrs. Griffin and Ms. Vanessa visiting classrooms with music, dancing, and celebrating. Students were presented with certificates and received a JAG-Y prize bag! Congratulations to our **December** JAG-Y Gems of the Month:

TK:

Jacob D.
Coral A.
Isabel N.
Dillon S.

Kindergarten:

Austin L.
Gabriella N.
Blair R.
Lennon E.
Dylan M.
Kenzie H.
Alec K.
Nola B.
Ryleigh D.
Taylor P.
Carter F.
Porter E.

1st Grade:

Emma R.
Sophia R.
Liam H.
Cal A.
Autumn B.
Hallie D.
Naomi K.
Kelsey K.
Bodie L.

Capri A.

Levi F.
Henry E.
Violet F.

2nd Grade:

Skylar S.
Jashan B.
Presleigh W.
Evelyn A.
Kylan S.
Lincoln D.
Hallie P.
Caleb P.
Mazen F.

3rd Grade:

Morgan D.
Henry B.
Ruby R.
Colby T.
Mason C.
Madelyn V.
Cooper D.
Aria S.
Noah B.
Asher C.
Elena P.
Savannah V.

4th Grade:

Anders L.
Hunter M.
Hazel B.
Delaney V.
Grant W.
Natalie J.
Rhett S.
Cora W.
Antonia R.
Asher C.

5th Grade:

Rafa H.
Wyatt B.
Tiffany M.
Brooklyn D.
Dominic J.
Madelyn L.
Bailey R.
Caitlyn A.
Jeevni W.
Hudson F.
Paxton B.



Health Office Updates

The winter season brings cold and flu season. A student should stay home if they are exhibiting any of these symptoms:

- Temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Discharge from their eye(s) consistent with bacterial pink eye
- Lice

If kept home, or excluded from school due to illness, your student may return to school when:

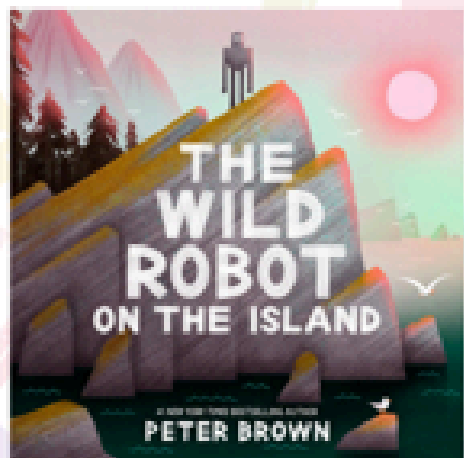
- Their fever has been gone for 24 hours without any fever-reducing medications (tylenol, motrin, ibuprofen, etc.)
- It has been 24 hours since the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea
- It has been 24 hours since they have started antibiotics for bacterial pink eye
- They are free from Lice and Nits

To keep all students safe, we also want to remind families that **cough drops** are **not permitted** at school. Because cough drops are considered an over-the-counter medication, they fall under our district medication policy and cannot be kept in backpacks, pockets, or desks, nor can they be shared with other students

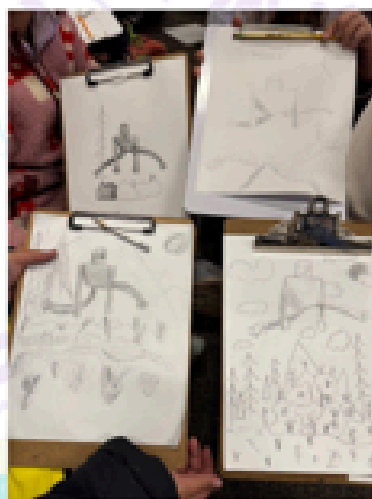
If you have any questions, please reach out to our health office at (916) 933-1828.

Library Lowdown

OPEN DAILY @ 8:40



Author/Illustrator Peter Brown visited 2nd - 5th Graders. He spoke of drawing with simple shapes and overlapping them after scanning them into his computer. The kids enjoyed a draw along of Roz the Wild Robot. Thanks to PTO for sponsoring this event.



Book Fair recap:

We raised over \$3,000 for the purchase of new books. Our best Bookfair yet! Thanks Jaguars

Congratulations to our AR Reading Rocket Millionaires as of 12/15/2025

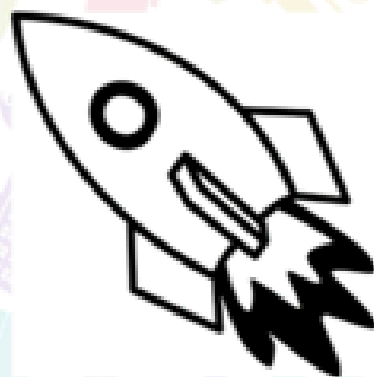
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104,170,743

2nd Graders Alvarado

Blondino

Bruch



4th Graders Langtry

Vicky L.-2.2

Harroop M.-2.5

Delaney V.-1.3

Amina B.- 1.1

Layne S.-1.3

Magallanes

Caius A.- 2.0

Barisone

Kaylie B- 1.5

3rd Graders

Britton

Lydia C.- 3.5

Pippa I.- 1.1

Henry S.-1.3

Dutton

Jonathan S.- 4.9

Emma S.- 1.3

Lily Z.-1.7

Carruth

Genevieve S.- 2.7

Hadden

Zoey V.-3.9

Savannah V. - 1.9

5th Graders

Wagoner

Kaitlyn M.- 4.7

Noah G.- 2.5

Kensley D.-1.2

Weisser

Sunny M.- 2.6

Ava W. - 1.2

Ashton R.-1.4

Maya F.- 1.0

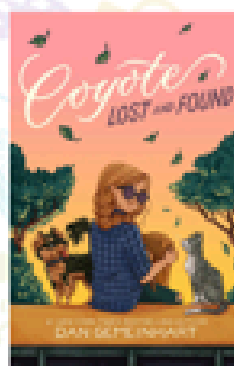
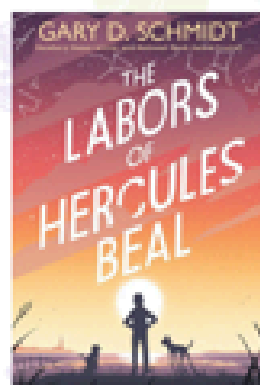
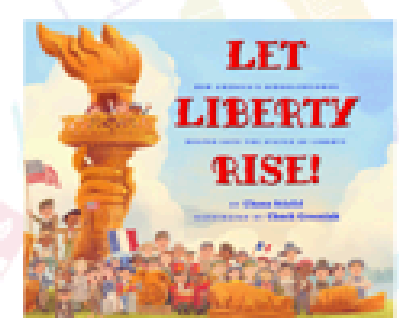
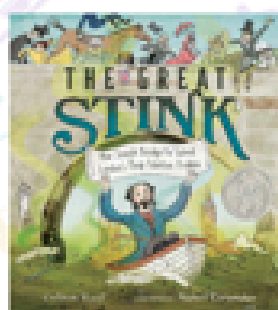
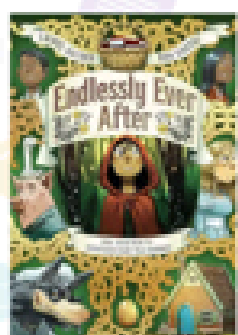
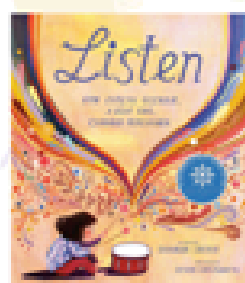
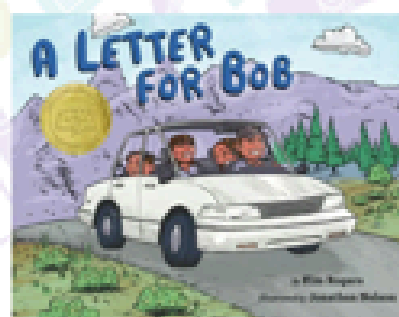
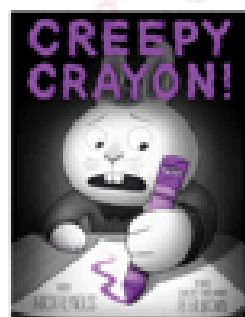
January 2026 Library

- Kinders will be choosing books from the shelves. Be sure to return books so you don't miss out.

First graders will be choosing 2 books. Be sure to return books so you don't miss out.



We will be reading books nominated by California Young Reader's Medal program. In March we will submit our votes for the favorite. Kids love to have a say in the winner of the state award. These are the best of the best, find them in your book store or library.



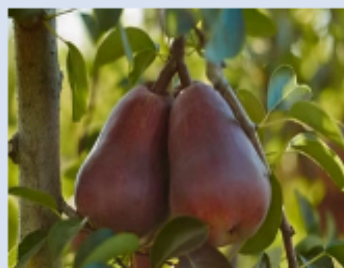


Rescue Union Food Service

Important Update: Juice Service Change

Beginning in January, juice will only be served at lunch in elementary schools. Juice will no longer be served in middle school. This change helps us comply with the USDA's Buy American provision, which requires that no more than 10% of our food purchases are products made with less than 51% U.S. grown ingredients. Limiting juice service ensures we meet these federal requirements while continuing to provide nutritious meals for all students.

Thank you for your understanding and support!



Rescue Union Food Service

Fruit of the Month: Hailey Red Pear

The Hailey Red Pear is a redder version of a Bartlett pear. And known for being extra juicy and sweet. They are high in fiber, especially the skin, helping with digestion. They are a good source of Vitamin C, Potassium and Vitamin K helping with immunity. Pears have a high water content to help with hydration.

The Hailey Red Pears that are being served in our schools are grown and harvested at Stillwater Orchards in Courtland, California. David J Elliot and Sons have been growing fruit in the Sacramento River Delta since 1860. We remain committed to supporting local farmers and serving California grown produce whenever possible.



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Time: 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Start Date: January 8

Facilitator: Jennifer Berry

Funding for The Parent Project is provided by the El Dorado Child Abuse Prevention Council



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