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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/3 - PTO Meeting at 6pm in the Library
- 2/4 - Global School Play Day
- 2/4 - Boys & Girls Basketball at Lakeview
- 2/5 - Neon Spirit Day
- 2/5 - PTO Family Glow Night 6pm in the Ruppel Center
- 2/9 - Boys & Girls Basketball at Green Valley
- 2/11 - Boys & Girls Basketball at Rescue
- 2/13 - Lincoln's Birthday - No School
- 2/13 - Last Day to Purchase Giving Gala Tickets
- 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!

The Great Kindness Challenge was a great way for Jackson School to start 2026! Our students spent time in class talking about the kindness theme of the day and completed kindness activities on their Kindness Bingo Card! A huge thank you to Ms. Vanessa, the Jackson PBIS team, and staff for supporting this cause.

Many of our classrooms will be participating in Global School Play Day on February 4th. This is an opportunity for students to enjoy games and free play that don't include screens or electronic devices. The idea is to let children explore their creativity, problem-solving skills, and social interactions in an unstructured and supportive environment.

The Jackson PTO has been hard at work planning the annual Giving Gala event that will take place on March 14th. This is our largest school fundraiser of the year. A huge thank you to the PTO and all those who help organize this event. We hope you can join us for a memorable evening!

In other PTO news, we have the first ever Family Glow

Dance on Thursday, February 6th. I want to thank our PTO for creating another fun event for our Jackson community. We hope families can come enjoy all things glowy with us!

Lastly, I am thrilled to share that we have an update on our shade structure project that has been two years in the making. The Jackson PTO has collaborated with Rescue Union School District on the design and planning of the shade structure. The final approvals have been made and starting in August 2026, five new shade structures will be placed throughout the all abilities playground! Thank you to this amazing Jackson community and our PTO for your time and generous donations to make this project happen.

Lastly, we celebrated our January JAG-Y Gems of the Month who demonstrate the JAG-Y traits: J – Just Be Kind, A – Act Responsibly, G – Go Safely, Y – Your Manners Matter. We spend a lot of time throughout the year talking with students about demonstrating the JAG-Y way. Congratulations to our nominees for showing the JAG-Y way! You can find them on page 3.

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, February 3rd, at 6:00 pm in the Library.



Gala tickets are officially on sale and going fast! The Jackson Gala is a long standing school tradition and an important way our community connects, celebrates, and supports our students together. If you are new to Jackson, or have been at the school for years and are on the fence about going, I would ask you to read this letter to learn more about the event and the impact your attendance will have. We would love to have every family attend!

[2026 Gala Tradition: Invitation](#)

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 **January** JAG-Y Gems of the Month:

TK:

Kennedy B.
Kiralily P.
Teagan C.
Simon V.

Kindergarten:

Jackson M.
Ellia B.
Riley P.
Cole S.
Mireya B.
Beckham D.
Penny R.
Rowan D.
Grant M.
Aryan W.
Harper F.
Tristan W.

1st Grade:

Jean G.
Molly S.
Tiago D.
Adrianna S.
Cecily B.
Tucker A.
Caleb C.

Allie T.

Ashton R.
Maisyn H.
Rio P.

2nd Grade:

Hank E.
Liam C
Madelyn F.
Ashleigh N.
Eli B.
Maverick R.
Miles S.
Emmerson H.
Peyton D.

3rd Grade:

Charlie C.
Brady M.
Maddie T.
Darby M.
River W.
Jackson B.
Tymofii S.
Zoey V.
Kiptyn J.
Jayden M.
Tessa A.

4th Grade:

Lucas P.
Athea D.
Mirabella M.
Haven F.
George B.
Victoria L.
Lucas C.
Anderes P.
Mason A.

5th Grade:

Emma F.
Brynnley B.
Kaley U.
June M.
Annie J.
Sydney R.
Edward D.
June M.
Kensley D.
Kamron C.
Penelope R.



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.

Counselor's Corner



EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE

Emotional resilience allows children to recognize, understand, and manage their emotions in healthy ways when they face challenges. Through Social Emotional Learning Lessons, students learn skills such as self-regulation, empathy, and problem-solving, which support positive behavior and reduce emotional frustration. Resilient children are better able to cope with stress, build strong peer relationships, and stay engaged in learning, creating a foundation for academic success and lifelong emotional well-being.



Library Lowdown

February 2026

Bookelicious Event

Jarrett and Jerome Pumphrey, will be visiting our 1st-3rd graders via Zoom on February 10. They are known as "The Pumphrey Brothers," and are Caldecott Honor winning authors and illustrators. Give them a try!



**Jackson Elementary School
Science Fair 2026
Friday, March 6, 2026**



Sign up for science fair at <https://www.jacksonedhpto.org/sciencefair>. Start your Science Fair project at the library. Lots of great experiment ideas and information.

reading rocket millionaires

Report Date: 1/22/2026
Total words read at Jackson:

126,360,683

3rd Graders

Britton

Lydia C.- 4,262,492

Pippa I.- 1,539,472

Henry S.- 2,209,487

Dutton

Jonathan S.- 5,794,899

Emma S.- 1,592,281

Lily Z.- 2,119,225

Carruth

Genevieve S.- 3,105,192

Hadden

Zoey V.- 4,854,960

Savannah V.- 2,171,688

*Poppy G.- 1,074,577

4th Graders

Langtry

Vicky L.- 2,264,363

Harroop M.- 3,679,186

Delaney V.- 1,512,113

Amina B.- 1,360,225

Layne S.- 1,590,993

Magallanes

Caius A.- 2,041,427

Savannah V.- 1,076,348

*Beckett M.- 1,041,600

Barisone

Kaylie B.- 1,879,023

5th Graders

Wagoner

Kaitlyn M.- 6,483,751

Noah G.- 2,550,779

Kensley D.- 1,559,782

*Nathan M.- 1,002,328

Weisser

Sunny M.- 2,774,002

Ava W.- 1,406,054

Ashton R.- 1,860,516

Maya F.- 1,361,765



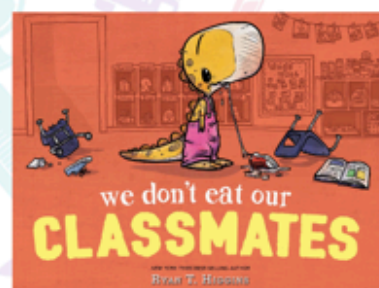


February Recommended Reads



This month we will be reading books nominated by California Young Reader's Medal program. In March, we will submit our votes for the favorite. I've been sharing past CYRM winning books with the kids.

Picture Books for Everyone



Picture Books for Older Readers



Chapter Books





Cal Expo Garden & Art Exhibit

Gina Johnston

Lead Garden Coordinator, RUSD

To all of our families in the
Rescue Union School District

We'd like to share some exciting news on behalf of Project Green, a local nonprofit and district partner that helps provide support, guidance and funding for our school gardens. In fact, Project Green contributed over \$12,000 to RUSD gardens in 2024-2025 purchasing gazebos, shade structures, green houses, picnic tables, soil, plants, and more!

Project Green and Project Luma will be exhibiting at the Northern California Home & Landscape Expo, the Big Show at Cal Expo this month! This is a wonderful opportunity to see Project Green and Project Luma's missions in action, help paint the next school mural, connect with our team, and discover new ways to bring more gardens, green space, and outdoor art to our outstanding RUSD community.

projectgreencommunity.org
projectluma.com

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HomeandLandscapeExpo.com



Project Green would be honored to have you join them and stop by their booth in the Pavilion Building to say hello. Your support helps make their work possible, and we hope to see you there!

Follow Project Green on
Instagram and Facebook
for news and updates!



FREE ENTRY!



Rescue Union Food Service

Veggie of the Month: *Purple Dragon Carrots*

Purple carrots are ancient...they date back before the 16th century. They taste a little sweet with a hint of spice. Their color comes from anthocyanins, powerful antioxidants, also found in blueberries and red cabbage. The antioxidants fight cellular damage, help reduce inflammation and improve heart health. They also contain carotenoids which are beneficial to eye health.

We are sourcing our Purple Dragon Carrots from Alemaya Farms in Guinda, CA (just north of Lake Berryessa). Where they practice regenerative/biodynamic farming. Using Certified Organic Seed and no GMO's (genetically modified organisms) We remain committed to supporting local farmers and serving California grown produce whenever possible.



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