



The 100% Honest Weekly Bugle

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Meet the writer-

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Dear JMCA Family:

It is hard to believe, but we are only one month away from the end of the first quarter. As a reminder to new families, JMCA does not grade on the traditional A to F system. The school instead grades students on a beginning, developing, and secure scale. The philosophical belief is that JMCA teachers teach students skills and does not take an average of assignments. I always use the example of auto-mechanics. My father was a mechanic, and I don't know how many times he tried to teach me car maintenance growing up. For some reason auto-mechanics was not my forte. It is a skill that I had to work at in order to gain some competency in it. As a young man, I was brand new to it, so I would deem myself a beginning. As a 34-year-old adult, I still have a lot of room to grow, but I am more competent than I was before at the skill, so I am a developing. Meanwhile, my father who spent over forty years working on cars is a secure.

The same analogy works with grading at JMCA. If it is a skill that a student struggles with, they are a beginning in that concept. If it is a skill that they have some understanding of, they have a developing in that area. Meanwhile, if it is a skill that they have mastered, they are a secure. A beginning or developing does not equate to failing. They simply mean a student is still developing competency in that area. Please feel free to contact me with questions.

Coming Attractions-

- September 22-
SAAC Committee
meeting @ 4:30
P.M.
- September 28-
Board of Education
meeting @ 6:00
P.M.
- October 12 to 16-
Fall Break
- October 15 and 16-
Parent-Teacher
Conferences
- Wednesday is early
release at **1:00
P.M.**
- Wednesday is
formal dress.

Shout-Outs

Thank you to the **Andrew family** for donating the new kindergarten playground equipment and for purchasing water bottles for JMCA students. We are sure that the kindergarten students will love the new playground!

Thank you to **Emily Watson** for purchasing water bottles for JMCA students. You are helping curb the thirst of students in need!

Be Weather Aware

As anyone who has lived in Colorado for an extensive period of time will tell you, Colorado weather is unpredictable. Weather can go from hot and sunny to cold and snowy in the matter of days. Therefore, please help your child dress for the weather. Bring your child to school with their JMCA sweater or sweatshirt to wear in the classroom. If your child wears snow boots to school, they are expected to have a pair of tennis shoes or dress shoes to change into for the school day. Thank you!

Water Bottles-

Remember that due to the pandemic, the school drinking fountains are turned off. Please send your child/children with multiple water bottles each day.

SAAC

The Student Accountability Advisory Committee (SAAC) meets every month on the third Tuesday. The committee acts in an advisory capacity to the principal. Parents are welcome to attend. The next meeting is September 15 at 4:30 P.M. If interested in attending, please email me, and I will send you a Zoom link. Thank you!

Inspirational Quote

Every week, I will share two inspirational quotes with families. One quote geared towards middle school families, and one quote geared towards primary families. Pick one quote to discuss as a family. Then send me an email at morinkyle@wsd3.org with your interpretation of the quote. The child/children of the family who discussed the most quotes will earn a special lunch with Mr. Morin.

“Complaining about a problem without proposing a solution is called whining.” -Teddy Roosevelt

“I maybe small, but I got friends that make me feel 10 feet tall.”- Mickey Mouse

JMCA Mission Statement-

"JMCA inspires children to pursue personal growth and navigate a diverse world."

School Fundraiser

Show your school spirit by purchasing a JMCA mask! These custom-made masks are unique to the JMCA community. Kid masks are available for \$10.00. Adult masks are available for \$12.00. The fundraiser runs from **September 8 to September 18**. Put in your order soon, because masks are limited! Please contact Mr. Morin at morinkyle@wsd3.org if you have any questions.



Check us out online at www.jmccolorado.net
The website is updated weekly!

School Taskforces-

We are looking for parent volunteers to serve on one of three JMCA taskforces. We are looking for support in reviewing K to 3 reading practice, including diverse voices in the school curriculum, and advertising the school. If interested in serving on a taskforce, please contact Mr. Morin at morinkyle@wsd3.org.

Reminders

- You receive 10 volunteer hours for referring a student or family to JMCA.
- When your child is going to be absent, please call 391-3977 before 9:00 a.m. This allows us to verify absences efficiently. If you know your child will be absent in advance, please fill out an Excused Absence Request Form at the front office.

