

Meet the writer-

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The 100% Honest Weekly Bugle

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Dear JMCA Family:

November 2, 2020

First off, thank you to Ashley Harvest, Xenia Andrew and the other parent volunteers for making Trunk or Treat a successful event. With all the challenges that we are facing in 2020, it is refreshing when we can give our students a small glimpse of normalcy.

Second, remember that progress reports will go home on Wednesday. Progress reports are designed to give families a quick snapshot into how your child is doing at JMCA and a list of strategies you can use at home to supplement their education. As a school community, we adamantly believe that education is a partnership between home and school. Children learn best when their parents are actively involved in their education.

JMCA Challenge

Kuddos to our friends who completed our riddle challenge last week. As of right now, there are two students who have completed the riddle both weeks. Meanwhile, another fourteen students have completed the riddle one of the two weeks.

Please remember to email me at morinkyle@wsd3.org the answer to the riddle each week and earn **one** volunteer hour for your family. The **K to 3** student and the **4 to 8** student who answers the most riddles correctly will earn a lunch with me at the end of the quarter.

K to 3 Riddle- What has four legs but can't walk?

4 to 8 Riddle- What belongs to you but is used more by others?

ALICE at JMCA

Over the past several years, America has unfortunately seen a dramatic increase in school violence and school shootings. Traditionally, schools have used an approach to school shootings called "lockdown." Students and staff are instructed to turn off the lights and hide in place. However, research has shown that this is no longer the best method for keeping a school safe. Therefore, JMCA made the decision a couple years ago to switch to the ALICE program. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. In essence, it equips JMCA's staff with the ability to make the best decision for their students instead of solely relying on lockdown.

I completed the ALICE trainer certification in early October. On Thursday, we will complete our first ALICE drill: lockdown. Teachers have instructed their students that when they hear the phrase: "sheep, shepherd, wolf," to drop everything and to listen to their teacher. Once the students are listening, the teacher will provide students with instruction for executing the appropriate drill. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at morinkyle@wsd3.org. The most important responsibility of a school is to provide students with a safe learning environment, and it is JMCA's believe that ALICE helps the school achieve this goal.

Coming Attractions-

- November 2- Picture retakes
- November 4- Progress Reports go home
- November 11- Veterans Day (No school)
- November 13- Online family pick up day
- Wednesday is early release at **1:00 P.M.**
- Wednesday is formal dress.

Please remember to share with Ms. K your volunteer hours!

