

# Jackson Eco Club

## 2019-2020 Permission Slip

Thanks for your interest in Jackson's Eco Club! Eco Club is open to all Jackson students who want to learn about the environment and what they can do to help protect it. Activities at our meetings will include listening and learning from me or an outside instructor, and sharing with each other. In past years, our big projects have included adopting animals at Brookfield Zoo, collecting plastic caps for the benches in front of school, and selling reusable straws to raise money for the Jackson garden.

Eco Club is an informal group aimed at learning and having fun so kids can come as often as they like. While informal, there are a few expectations - I ask that you help me in reminding the kids of these:

- 1) We meet in the gym, but it is not a time for the kids to be running around. There is often gym equipment set up and the kids absolutely cannot touch or climb on the equipment.
- 2) I do my best to find topics/activities that can appeal to the wide age group. But, I ask the kids that if the topic or activity isn't interesting to them, they just hang out quietly. They don't have to participate, but can't get up and start running around.

We will meet on one late arrival day a month at 9. ***We will only meet once a month so we won't meet every late arrival day. Please mark your calendar with these meeting dates:***

***September 25***

***December 11***

***March 18***

***October 23***

***January 15***

***April 22***

***November 20***

***February 19***

***May 6***

Kids should enter the main door of the school and head straight into the gym. Teachers will be having meetings so kids should move quietly through the hallways. After Eco Club, I will make sure the kids get to line up.

If your Jaguar is interested in Eco Club, please fill out the information below and return to me at [bridgetbutterly@mac.com](mailto:bridgetbutterly@mac.com), send it through Emily (5th Grade; Ms. Germanos), or just bring it to the first meeting. If you have any questions, feel free to call or text me at 815-451-1166.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give permission for my Jackson student, \_\_\_\_\_, to participate in the Jackson PTA sponsored Eco Club for the 2019-2020 school year.

Parent email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent cell number (for last minute changes on meeting days via text): \_\_\_\_\_

*A little about me...I grew up in Elmhurst and we now live just around the corner from Jackson. I have a fifth grader (Emily) and second grader (Jack) and a Jackson grad who is now at Bryan. I have a degree in Biology and work for an environmental consulting firm so I get to think about science and the environment as part of my job and hope to pass some of that along to the kids. This is my fifth year of coordinating Eco Club and it has been a great experience so far – I am looking forward to this year! - Bridget*

