

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to John Adams Middle School! We hope both you and your child's transition to the school will be an easy one and can help the PTO make this year as successful and enjoyable as those in the past for our children and families. Please take the time to read all of the papers that are being sent home or through the parent portal from the school and/or district and return any forms required as soon as possible.

We encourage you to join the PTO and become involved in the activities and events that benefit all of our children. We do not only need monetary donations; we need donations of your time. Researches have proven that, "When parents are involved with their children's education at home, they do better in school. And when parents are involved in school, children go farther in school and the school they go to are better." Volunteering does not mean a huge time commitment. Whatever your schedule and interests are, we have a need of you. Please feel free to send us an email to jamspto@gmail.com if you can volunteer your time to assist us in any way, in addition, please plan to attend our first PTO meeting on Tuesday, October 8th at 6:00pm.

Our PTO is about parents, teachers, and administrators working together toward a common goal creating a better school and a better educational experience for our children. We strive to create an atmosphere where teachers and administrators can do their best work- and so can our children. We provide support for teachers in and out of the classroom along with the resources they need. The PTO sponsors many activities for students such as school assemblies, class trips, field day, dance events, memory book, student recognition, book fair, and numerous other events throughout the school year.

To better provide information to parents about events and deadlines and to reduce paper consumption, we encourage parents to sign up for our weekly JAMS Google emails. Please remember to accept the invitation sent to you in order to receive our weekly email. If you are already receiving our emails, you do not have to sign up again. Or you can log in to your Google account and subscribe to the JAMS PTO Google Group. Please also visit www.edison.k12.nj.us/Domain/11 for information on school and PTO events.

We also encourage all parents to join the PTO and attend the meetings to share your vision and ideas. The dates and times of the meetings are posted on the website as well as included in the weekly emails that will be sent. Our meetings are informal and informative, allowing for everyone's views to be heard. We will be sending home a list of new fundraisers soon and approximate dates of when they will be coming home.

If you are interested in any of our fundraisers, consider the Opt-out program. Our Opt-out program begins on the first day of school and continues throughout the entire school year. This program allows parents to make a direct tax-deductible donation to the PTO in lieu of fundraising. Contributions also qualify for company-matching programs; just send in the paperwork and we'll take care of the rest.

Wishing everyone a fantastic school year!

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