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## SUBJECT: Jefferson Elementary PTA Declaration Newsletter - December 6, 2021



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### ***SAVE THE DATE!***

- Square One Art orders to arrive the week of December 14th.
- Next PTA meeting 1/11/2022 at 9:30 AM in JES Cafeteria
- 1/26/22 - First Annual JES STEAM night (more info. to come)

[Click here](#) for a list of our building calendar events for the 2021-2022 school year.



Orders should arrive at JES the week of December 14th, 2021.

Contact Katie Jones at [katie.trail@gmail.com](mailto:katie.trail@gmail.com) with questions.



### **Lunch clubs are back!**

The PTA is still looking for parent and teacher volunteers to host weekly club meetings during the lunch hour in January and/or February. Meetings will be held in JES classrooms and an allowance for supplies will be provided by the PTA.

For more details and to sign up to host a club, check out the form here: <https://forms.gle/ARpTMzdmBgbampMX6> .

Contact Katie Jones at [katie.trail@gmail.com](mailto:katie.trail@gmail.com) with questions.

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## Pretzel Days Are Here!

Please complete the form (paper copy at the office) and drop in the "PTA Pretzel Sales" bin located just outside of the JES office doors. A [form](#) must be completed and submitted by the Friday prior to receive a pretzel on Wednesday.

**PRICE:** \$1.50 per pretzel. Please pay via Paypal, cash (exact change) or checks payable to: JES PTA.

Proceeds support the FIFTH GRADE farewell activities. Thanks for your support! Questions? Contact Nicole Lust at [nicolelust@mac.com](mailto:nicolelust@mac.com).

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## SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

### JEFFERSON COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM!

We are partnering with Jefferson family owned and local businesses to bring savings to YOU while also giving back to the JES PTA. A portion of sales will be donated back to our school.

Paper Reign (Jefferson family owned and operated) - 58 Overlook Dr. (just off of Beverly Road)

Shop online at [www.paper-reign.printswell.com](http://www.paper-reign.printswell.com) for any items and 15% will go back to the Jefferson PTA! Enter JIMMIES in the "Special Instructions" section and you can still take advantage of promo codes for special savings!

## Join the PTA TODAY!

**HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF 140 Members!!! To date, we have 111 Family Members and 25 Faculty Members. Thank you to everyone who has joined so far.**

THE **JES PTA** has been hard at work preparing for many of our amazing events to return to Jefferson! Our primary goal remains to support our school and enrich the lives of every student.

**What does the PTA do?** The PTA provides a multitude of fun events for our students & families; supplements field trips; brings schoolwide assemblies; purchases supplies for teachers & staff; buys extra items for our school building & playground; pays for t-shirts & memory books for our fifth

graders leaving JES every year; offers school clubs such as Environmental Gardening, Girls on the Run, winter lunch clubs; and so much more!

**What is Membership Toolkit?** The PTA uses a software program called [Membership Toolkit](#) (MTK) to communicate to our school community. We ask that all families create an account and/or update their family's information through this site. MTK will allow you to join the PTA, receive our biweekly newsletter, purchase a yearbook (\$15), participate in school fundraisers, select your volunteer preferences, etc. Only PTA members have access to our online directory and class lists. It is so important that even if you are a returning family that you log into MTK and update your student's information to be current for this school year. The school administration cannot provide the PTA with contact information, so the only way we connect with you is through this site.

**How much does it cost to become a member?** A family membership to our PTA costs \$20 annually. Also, we always welcome any donation on top of the \$20 membership fee that you feel comfortable contributing. Our PTA is a charitable, tax exempt organization with the IRS.

**How do I join the PTA?** Simply visit the "store" once you are logged in to your [Membership Toolkit](#) account. You will see all options available to purchase - a family membership, optional donation, yearbook, special forms for fifth grade students, etc. Payment options include PayPal (a PayPal account is not required to use this option) or check. The PayPal option is always our preferred way to pay, but you can also choose the check option. If you choose the check option, you will place your payment in an envelope marked "PTA Membership" and deliver to the school office. Please make sure to include your family name in the check's memo line.

The **JES PTA** appreciates your support!

Elizabeth Smith - Membership Chair



## Help the PTA earn money while you shop on Amazon!

### How to turn on AmazonSmile in the mobile app

#### STEP 1:

Get the Amazon App - You must Download or update to the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app on your phone. You can find it in the App store for iOS or Google Play or Android.

#### STEP 2:

Join AmazonSmile!

If you are not already an AmazonSmile member, simply sign up at [this link](#) and select your favorite charity to start generating donations, at no cost to you. You will SELECT – Thomas Jefferson Elem School PTA Inc as your charity. Make sure the location is Pittsburgh, PA.

#### STEP 3:

Turn on AmazonSmile!

Open the app on your phone and find 'Settings' in the main menu (☰). Tap on 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.

**\*\* please note: If you do not use the app to shop on Amazon, you must always go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) on your device before you checkout.**



Thank you to Marisa Hupe for coordinating our wonderful "Holiday Shoppe" this year. Our JES Jimmies had a ton of fun selecting gifts for their families and friends.

Thank you to Jeff Iovino of IO Deli for graciously donating 20% of all sales during our JES Restaurant night on 12/1.



### **Community Flyer and Resources**

PTA Council maintains a Community Flyers and Resource page on the MTLSD website. For information about local events, programs, and resources available to students and families, please visit [this link](#). This website is updated as information is submitted, so please check back regularly!

~ Bonnie Dougherty,  
*President - Mt. Lebanon City Council of PTAs*

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