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# JAMERSON PTA TIMES

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Happy April!!

I can't believe we are in our final 2 months of the school year!!

We are still looking to fill VP positions, chair positions, and committee spots for the new school year. Please share this information with any incoming families you know that might be interested in joining our amazing team. We will be having an election meeting in May. If you have any question, please feel free to reach out to me, [dljpresident@gmail.com](mailto:dljpresident@gmail.com) or text 727-657-3879.

I want to thank Fancy Nancy for coming out to our meeting on March 10 and all the families who got fingerprinted that night. We plan on having her come back out for the next few events, as well as the beginning of next school year. If there is any financial hardship for becoming a level 2 volunteer or renewing your level 2, please reach out to 727-588-6405. There is support.

As always if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out!

Jessica Marinari Bishop  
Jamerson PTA President

## CONTACTS TO KNOW

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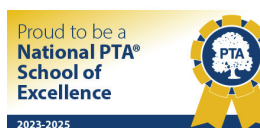
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# JOIN THE PTA BOARD

The Douglas L. Jamerson Elementary PTA is looking for those interested in a Board or Chair position for the 2026–2027 academic year. Consider becoming part of the PTA board, it's a wonderful opportunity to get involved, support school activities, and help promote the educational success of all our children. Your time and ideas can make a meaningful difference in our school community. All board members need to be a Level 2 volunteer or working towards becoming one. Below you will find the available positions for the upcoming academic year.

**President-Elect:** The President-Elect (1) works as the primary aide to the President, (2) helps lead the PTA toward specific goals consistent with PTA purposes and policies, (3) performs the President's duties in his or her absence, (4) and carries out other duties outlined in the unit bylaws and standing rules or as assigned. This is a three-year position, serving one year as President-Elect followed by two years as President. The President-Elect will be voted on during the second term of the sitting President.

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer position includes (1) weekly visits to the school to process reimbursement checks (as needed), (2) keep books up to date, (3) files PTA taxes at the end of the year, (4) help submit insurance to county, (5) attend monthly PTA meetings to provide finances updates, (6) meet with president/finance committee separately to set a proposed budget based on proposed income and proposed plan of action and teacher/staff requests. It will be preferred someone with experience in finance.

**Recording Secretary:** The Secretary (1) assists the President in preparing the meeting agenda, (2) records and retains minutes of all meetings, (3) acts as custodian of PTA records, (4) carries reference materials to each meeting, (5) and furnishes delegates with credentials when necessary.

**VP of Programs:** The Vice President of Programs (1) coordinates school-wide events and (2) encourages family engagement and participation at school-wide events.

**5th Grade Liaison:** The liaison board member (1) maintains a connection between PTA and 5th grade to ensure fundraising events for field trip do not interfere with PTA fundraisers. (2) Work with staff members to help with 5th grade fundraising events. (3) Help lead the yearbook. (4) Oversee all fundraising events for 5th grade Kennedy Science Center.

**VP of Communications (including duties of Corresponding Secretary, if applicable):** The Vice President of Communications (1) oversees and edits the PTA newsletter every month (2) seeks to obtain advertisement sponsors, (3) maintains the PTA Facebook page and website, and (4) keeps the PTA bulletin board updated with upcoming events and special notices.

**Reflections:** The reflection board member (1) coordinates a Reflections Program based on the designated theme from National PTA. Follow Pinellas County rules and distribute rules/deadlines for official school entries. (2) Exhibit artwork and award participants.

**T-Shirts:** The t-shirts board member (1) maintains a T-shirt inventory. (2) Sell T-shirts at PTA sponsored events. (3) Design T-shirts and order shirts.

If you are not ready to commit to serving as a board member, we also have several committees where you can get involved and make a meaningful contribution.



If you are interested in any of these positions, please scan the QR code for additional information and to fill out the interest form. Feel free to email Jessica Marinari Bishop at [dljptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:dljptapresident@gmail.com) with any questions.

## FROM THE EDITOR

**Lisa Grasso, VP of Communications**

I can't believe we are coming down to our last 2 issues of the Jamerson PTA Times for this school year. This year sure has flown by! I just wanted to say thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter each month. If you have any questions or suggestions for next year's issues of our newsletter or our PTA Facebook page, please contact me at [jamerson.pta.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:jamerson.pta.newsletter@gmail.com).

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### April

Autism Awareness Month

### April 13-17

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

### April 20

SAC Meeting

### April 20 - 24

Scholastic Book Fair

### April 23

Spring Engineering Day & EXPO

### April 27

NO SCHOOL for Students

### April 30

Volunteer Celebration

## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS



## BECOME A LEVEL 2 VOLUNTEER

Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, ALL Pinellas County Schools volunteers MUST undergo Level 2 background screening. If you would like to become a Level 2 volunteer and be able to volunteer at Jamerson, please visit [tinyurl.com/level2information](http://tinyurl.com/level2information)

# EVENTS

## SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION

Tuesday, May 12 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
Pinellas Park Astro Skate

Join us for a fun evening at Astro Skate as we celebrate the end of the year with our Jamerson students, families, teachers and staff! More information will be coming home in the next coming weeks, so be sure to keep a look out!

## IT'S BOOK FAIR TIME!



### THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS BACK!

Classes will be able to shop the Book Fair during school hours and families will be welcome to shop during the Spring Expo on the night of April 23rd. More information will be sent home with students prior to the start of the Fair. We look forward to seeing you there!

**FAIR DATES: April 20th - 24th**  
Visit our book fair homepage for more info:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/douglaslamersonelemschool>

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Join the fun at the DLJ Book Fair! We're looking for awesome volunteers to help make our upcoming Book Fair a success. It's happening April 20th - 24th and we need your help to create a welcoming and exciting environment for students to explore new books.

#### Volunteer Perks:

- Help kids discover their next favorite book!
- Assist with finding books that fit their interests and budget
- Restock books to keep the Fair looking nice & exciting
- Take on cashier duties, helping students check out with the new literary treasures



Whether you're a book lover or just want to be part of the fun, this is your chance to help make a difference while having a blast! Sign up today & help us spread the joy of reading!



## 2025-2026 PTA BOARD

### Executive Board

Jessica Marinari Bishop, *President*  
Tequena Akintonde, *Recording Secretary*  
Erika Sparks, *Treasurer*  
Lisa Grasso, *VP Communications*  
Taquisha Golden, *VP Membership*  
Katie Self, *VP Programs*  
Quinn Lundquist & Legna Torres-Garcia  
*VP Ways & Means*

### Board Chairs

Christine Vega, *5th Grade Liaison*  
Nina Yanchumis, *Advocacy*  
Amy Walsh, *Autism Liaison*  
Ramy Vasquez, *Awards*  
Christine Lowry, *Books 4 Kids*  
Shomira Burton, *Clothes to Kids*  
Kris Tweed, *Faculty Liaison*  
Jessica Drouin, *Grand Prix Liaison*  
Erica Cavanaugh, *Grants*  
Ajay Peckham, *Hospitality*  
Christine Vega, *Reflections*  
Jessica Drouin, *SAC Liaison*  
Joann Burnett, *Staff Appreciation*  
Elis Stewart, *T-Shirts*  
Angela Lewis, *Principal*  
Carly Bartlett, *Assistant Principal*

## ABOUT THE PTA

Our PTA is a very active and dedicated group. Our PTA helps sponsor activities, field trips, staff appreciation occasions, events for students and families and much more. We work together as a group to help connect families and the school which allows for a truly enriching experience for students, families, teachers and the staff at Jamerson. Join us for the 2025-2026 school year and help us continue our



vision of **Making Every Child's Potential a Reality!** Sign-up at [jamerson.memberhub.com](http://jamerson.memberhub.com) or scan the QR code.

## FIND US ON FACEBOOK

Stay up to date on all the things the PTA is doing. Scan the QR code and like and follow us on Facebook!

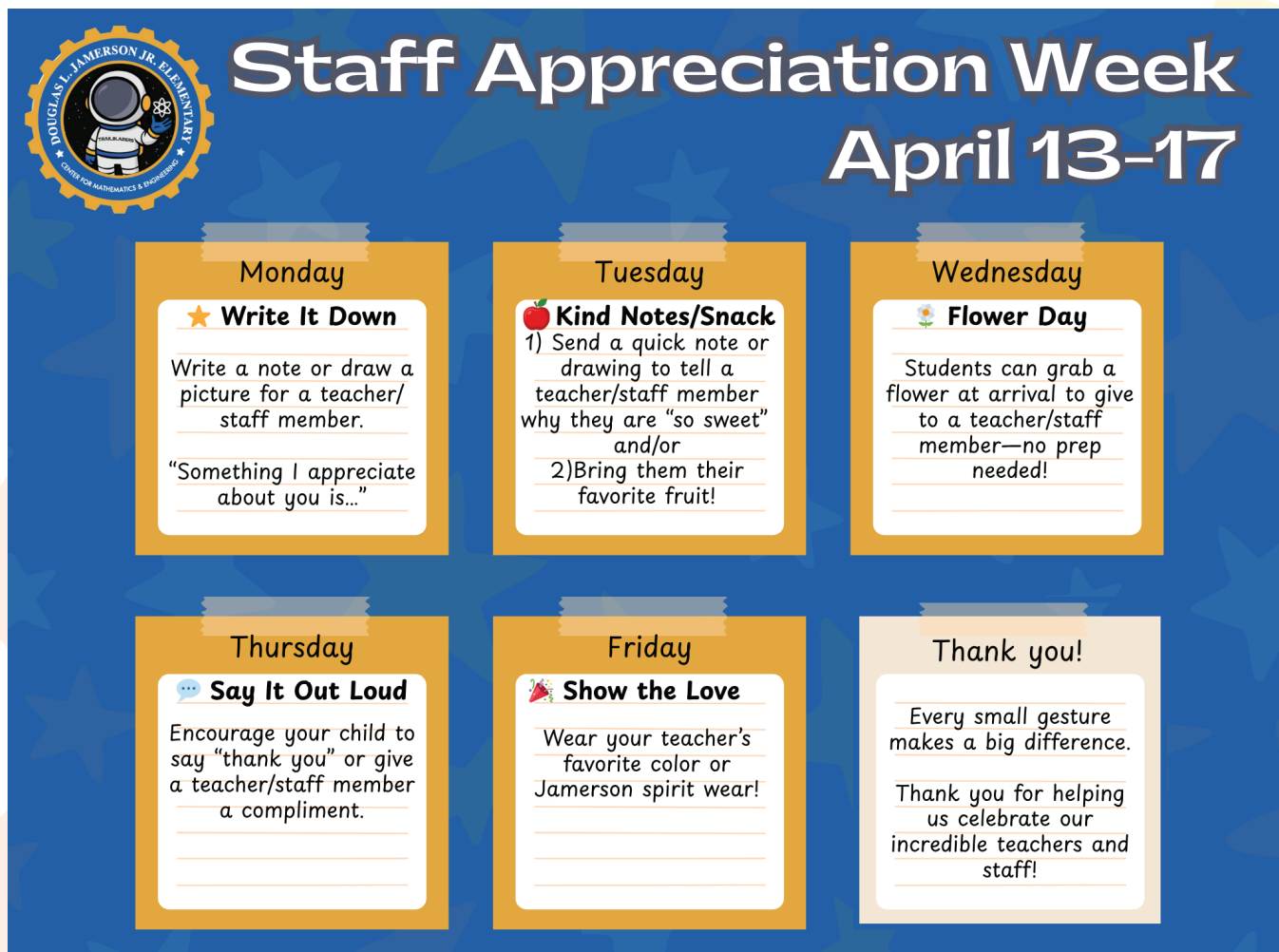


# STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK: APRIL 13-17

## HELP US CELEBRATE OUR AMAZING TEACHERS & STAFF!

This year, we are celebrating Staff Appreciation Week a little earlier—right in the middle of a busy semester—to take time to recognize all of the hard work our teachers and staff are doing every day. We've created simple, no-cost ways for students to participate. Join us for one day or all five! Thank you for helping us celebrate our amazing Jamerson Teachers and Staff.

Thank you for helping us invest in the educators who give so much to our students and school community!



**DOUGLAS L. JAMERSON JR. ELEMENTARY**  
SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS & ENGINEERING

# Staff Appreciation Week

## April 13-17

**Monday**  
★ **Write It Down**  
Write a note or draw a picture for a teacher/staff member.  
"Something I appreciate about you is..."

**Tuesday**  
🍎 **Kind Notes/Snack**  
1) Send a quick note or drawing to tell a teacher/staff member why they are "so sweet" and/or  
2) Bring them their favorite fruit!

**Wednesday**  
🌸 **Flower Day**  
Students can grab a flower at arrival to give to a teacher/staff member—no prep needed!

**Thursday**  
💬 **Say It Out Loud**  
Encourage your child to say "thank you" or give a teacher/staff member a compliment.

**Friday**  
🎨 **Show the Love**  
Wear your teacher's favorite color or Jamerson spirit wear!

**Thank you!**  
Every small gesture makes a big difference.  
Thank you for helping us celebrate our incredible teachers and staff!

## ADDITIONAL WAYS TO HELP US CELEBRATE!

We're currently collecting raffle donations and welcome support from both our Jamerson families and local businesses. Gift cards, services, experiences, or small items are all appreciated and will go directly toward celebrating our staff. If you or your business would like to contribute, please reach out to [DLJStaffAppreciation@gmail.com](mailto:DLJStaffAppreciation@gmail.com). Thank you for helping us show our teachers and staff how much they are valued.



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are excited to celebrate our teachers and staff during Staff Appreciation Week. We have created a series of small, time-specific volunteer opportunities to help support activities throughout the week. Most roles are short and straightforward, and your support will help ensure a smooth and meaningful experience for our staff. If you have any questions, please contact [DLJStaffAppreciation@gmail.com](mailto:DLJStaffAppreciation@gmail.com) or text Joann Burnett at 386-344-2542

# A Relaxing Retreat

## Help us keep the New Lounge Going

Thanks to our Jamerson community, our Teacher & Staff Lounge has been transformed into a welcoming space for our educators.

### BEFORE



### SNEAK PEAK



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E mail:  
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To purchase your yearbook go to [Treering.com](https://www.treering.com) →

## Back Again This Year!

**All About Me** I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old

**My favorite...**

Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Food: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

**I can draw:** \_\_\_\_\_

This year, I read: \_\_\_\_\_ I like to watch: \_\_\_\_\_

I am good at: \_\_\_\_\_

**All About Future Me**

My job will be: \_\_\_\_\_

I will live in: \_\_\_\_\_

I will never: \_\_\_\_\_

I will drive a: \_\_\_\_\_

My hobbies will be: \_\_\_\_\_

Places I want to see: \_\_\_\_\_

My Goals: \_\_\_\_\_

## Customize your 2 free pages

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- Answer fun memory questions to help remember the year
- The 2 custom pages are free and are printed only in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages are just \$1.99.

## "About Me" Questionnaire Included for Free!

- Orders placed by April 11<sup>th</sup> will be shipped to school for free. (Estimated Delivery: Mid-May)
- Orders placed after April 11<sup>th</sup> will include shipping fee.
- Orders placed after school year will include shipping fee and will be shipped home.

To purchase and customize your yearbook, use the QR code or:

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older

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Does not include sales tax, if applicable

**Deadline: April 11, 2026**

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