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JAMERSON PTA TIMES

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Happy October,

I want to thank everybody who made it out to our first general membership meeting and our first evening program with the Read-a-thon kickoff and family game night. It was great to see everyone and meet new students and families.

And the next few months, we will be supporting the school with different programs, Boo Grams and Howl-o-fun help as well as our own holiday shop program that we will get more information out to you as soon as we have it.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with you and we are always here if you have any questions or need any help.

Jessica Marinari Bishop
Jamerson PTA President



READ-A-THON UPDATE

As Read-A-Thon comes to an end we wanted to take the time to THANK everyone who donated, read and helped make this fundraiser a SUCCESS! Because of you we were able to raise funds that allow the PTA to continue supporting Jamerson with important school programs, events for students and families as well as services for the school throughout the year.

Be sure to log any last minute reading minutes before **October 9th at midnight**. Prizes will be awarded for specific funds raised and reading goals met! Check out the full list below!

TOP CLASSES PRIZES

- **Highest % Students Registered by 10/9** - Popsicle party for class
- **Most \$ Donations by 10/9** - Donut party for class
- **Top Donation Earner Each Grade** - Pizza party for class
- **Top Donation Earner Each Grade** - Family climb pass to Vertical Ventures
- **\$20,000 Goal Reached** - Mrs. Lewis & Ms. Bartlett will dress up in costumes

TOP STUDENTS PRIZES

- **1st Place Donation Earner** - \$450 gift card for Universal Islands of Adventure
- **2nd Place Donation Earner** - 4 vouchers to iFly Tampa
- **3rd Place Donation Earner** - Family membership to The Florida Aquarium
- **1st Place Reader** - 10 visit punch pass to Vertical Ventures
- **2nd & 3rd Place Readers** - 5 visit punch pass to Vertical Ventures

PRIZES FOR DONATIONS RAISED

- **Raise \$20** - Pick a toy from the treasure chest
- **Raise \$30** - Bendable book light
- **Raise \$40** - Free Kona Ice
- **Raise \$50** - Pick a Book from the PBIS Book Store
- **Raise \$100** - Single visit pass to Vertical Ventures
- **Raise \$125** - Superhero training with St. Pete Fight Team
- **Raise \$150** - Free laser tag, go-karts or golf at Celebration Station
- **Raise \$200** - Lunch with Mrs. Lewis or Ms. Bartlett
- **Raise \$300** - Limo ride
- **Raise \$350** - Create your own comic book kit
- **Raise \$500** - Pie Mrs. Lewis or Ms. Bartlett in the Face

PRIZES FOR MINUTES READ

- **Read 400 Minutes** - Giving Tree Drum Circle performance
- **Read 500 Minutes** - Lunch with a friend
- **Read 600 Minutes** - Mad Science of Tampa Bay show
- **Read 650 Minutes** - Free ice cream at Wildflower Ice Cream
- **Read 700 Minutes** - Free book from The Story Garden
- **Read 800 Minutes** - Free 2-hour jump pass to Catapult Adventure Park

Prizes subject to change without notice.

FROM THE EDITOR

Lisa Grasso, VP of Communications

The 2026-2027 school year is off to a great start. Can you believe it is October already! It has been so wonderful to see the involvement of the Jamerson community in full force already this year. If you have any questions or suggestions for the next issue of our newsletter or our PTA Facebook page, please contact me at jamerson.pta.newsletter@gmail.com.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 9

Read-A-Thon Ends
Make Sure All Your Minutes Are Logged

October 12

NO SCHOOL For Students

October 19 - 27

Boo Gram Sales
Volunteers Needed

October 29

Howl-o-Fun
Volunteers Needed



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS



BECOME A LEVEL 2 VOLUNTEER

Starting this 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

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Are you looking for a great opportunity for your business all while supporting Jamerson? Why not advertise in our monthly PTA newsletter. As an ad sponsor you have the opportunity to put your business in the hands of students, parents, staff and faculty. Your ad sponsorship will help the PTA's continued efforts to sponsor extracurricular clubs, field trips, staff appreciation events, monthly events for families and so much more! We have ad sponsorships for quarter page ads, half page ads and full page ads. Your sponsorship also comes with a mention on the Jamerson PTA Facebook page. If you are interested or have questions, please email our VP of Communications, Lisa Grasso, at jamerson.pta.newsletter@gmail.com.

BOOK DONATIONS APPRECIATED

We are looking for new and used books for our **Bookstore!** This is the perfect time to clean out those bookshelves! Thank you in advance for helping to keep reading exciting for our kids!

The **Bookstore** allows students to use sprockets they earn to pick out a book of their choice to keep. We are looking for donations of new or used books to help refill the bookstore. If you have any book donations, please bring them to the front office in a bag and label them "For the Sprocket Bookstore".

Speaking of books... Did you know every student at Jamerson receives a NEW book during their birthday month through our **Birthday Books** program? The Jamerson PTA purchases hundreds of brand new books so each student can select one as a birthday gift! Students can pick between all their favorites. If your student misses their birthday bookstore they are welcome to stop by any future bookstore to select their Birthday Book. Happy Birthday from the Jamerson PTA!

JAMERSON SHIRTS ARE BACK IN STOCK

Jamerson shirts have been restocked on the website. Shirt orders can be placed directly through the website. All orders placed online will be delivered to your child's teacher for them to send home with your child. Visit jamerson.memberhub.com to purchase yours today!

2026-2027 PTA BOARD

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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 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!



BOO GRAMS ARE COMING!

Spooky season is almost upon us, which means it's time for BOO GRAMS! Beginning Monday, October 19 through Wednesday, October 28, Boo Grams will be on sale before and after school in front of the office. Send a note and a sweet treat to a student, classmate, teacher or staff member for only .50 cents! All proceeds & donations will help fund the 5th grade Kennedy Space Center Trip. We thank you in advanced for your support!



Want to help out as one of our Boo Crew?

Scan the QR code to the right to sign-up to volunteer to help sell Boo Grams!

HOWL-O-FUN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The school is looking for volunteers to help with their Howl-O-Fun event. This event serves as the largest fundraiser for the 5th grade students overnight trip to Kennedy Space Center. Howl-O-Fun is on Thursday, October 29 from 5:00 - 7:30 pm. Scan the QR code to sign up to work a shift.



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REFLECTIONS... EXPLORE THE ARTS

It's time for the 2026-2027 National PTA Reflections Program. For over 50 years, the Reflections program has inspired students to reflect on a specific theme and use their imaginations to create original works of art. This year's theme is "What My Culture Means to Me".

Students may submit original works of art in areas of Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography and Visual Arts. The deadline for entries is November 19.



Please scan the QR code for the official rules & submission form. This year all forms will need to be submitted electronically via email to ReflectionsJamersonPTA@gmail.com

For any questions, please contact Jessica or Ramy at ReflectionsJamersonPTA@gmail.com

Good luck to all our artists!

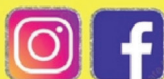


Deadline for Entries: Thursday, November 19th, 2026



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Howl-o-Fun & Boo Gram Planning

We are beginning to plan for our Boo Gram Sales and Howl-o-Fun festival - the largest fundraiser for our 5th grade student overnight trip to Kennedy Space Center. This year, Howl-o-Fun is on Thursday, **October 29th**, from 5-7:30pm.

We are in need of many volunteers and donations to help us hold this major event. Please scan below to sign up. Feel free to help with all three! If you are willing to be on a committee, please reach out to your student's teacher or to Mrs. Goddard at goddardd@pcsb.org.

Sign up to work at Howl-o-Fun here:



Sign up to send candy or gift cards here:



Sign up to help with Boo Grams here:



How can you help?

- Donate bags of individually-wrapped candy, between 9/1 and 10/15
- Donate Walmart/Sam's gift cards
- Volunteer to work on a planning committee
- Volunteer to help sell and assemble Boo Grams
- Volunteer to work a shift at Howl-o-Fun
- All of the above!

