

Good evening Jamerson families, this is your principal, Mrs. Peters, with updates for the week of September 6th. I hope you enjoyed your extended weekend in honor of Labor Day. We are excited to see the children back tomorrow.

Over the next few weeks 1st – 5th grade students will continue to take the Measures of Academic Progress or MAP test. The MAP assessment is a district wide required reading and math test that provides classroom teachers with valuable information about which standards individual children are exceling in and which standards require more practice. Watch for information to come home regarding your child's MAP scores in a few weeks.

It is hard to believe that we have already completed four weeks of school, but we have. It has been an amazing four weeks with so much learning taking place. Mid-period reports will come home this week. Mid-Term Progress Reports in elementary schools are distributed to students who have a current grade of N, U, D, or F at mid-term. In Kdg, any student who is not making consistent progress toward standard mastery should receive a report. If you do not receive a report, consider this good news.

There are two PTA sponsored events that kick off this week. The first one is the Read a Thon fundraiser. Your child will be bringing home a letter that tells you all about the program and the awesome prizes they can win. The kickoff will take place on Thursday afternoon. After that you can participate by registering on the Fundhub website at www.getmovinfundhub.com and creating your child's own page. You can then share that page with friends and family anywhere in the world. We encourage students to spend some of their free time reading some good books during the next few weeks. You can log in the minutes they have read into their personal page to help keep track of their progress. They will earn prizes for minutes read and donations received. Thank you in advance for your support of our wonderful PTA fundraiser!

The second PTA event that kicks off this week is a **Virtual Family Game Event**. Please join in and help us celebrate a new year at Jamerson with some family fun and games. We have a rich history, great administration, dedicated teachers, amazing parents and wonderful kids at Jamerson. We also have the only enriched STEAM program here in Pinellas County. So let's celebrate it! The Virtual Game event will run for 2 WEEKS from September 9th through September 23rd. There will be fun games for you to do as a family like Word Searches, Crossword Puzzles, and more. If your family completes the games you can receive a **\$5 GIFT CARD** and be entered into a raffle for more great prizes. To qualify for a prize you need to take a picture of your child (or children) participating. Please include all family members too if possible. Photos can be sent to: bvanvran@gmail.com (and we will post to our Jamerson Facebook page). OR - please post to the page yourself! All information is on the Jamerson website at <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/36985>. Game rules and Games will also be available in hard copy at the front desk during the 2-week event timeframe. If you have questions, please contact Bryan Van Vranken with any questions at bvanvran@gmail.com.

As you know masks are strongly recommended in our schools. The district maintains a dashboard that lists all positive cases in our schools at www.pcsb.org/covid19cases. As always, we ask everyone to monitor themselves for any sign of illness. Please remember if there is anyone in your household with COVID related symptoms or a pending or positive Covid test, your child cannot come to school. If your child shows symptoms of any illness please call your pediatrician or family physician. A diagnosis from the medical professional will help you better care for your child. The physician may determine that a Covid-19 test is necessary. Please do not send your child if they are feeling ill. If we all do our part, we can continue to keep our school family as healthy and safe as possible.

For all the latest information you can view our website at <https://www.pcsb.org/jamerson-es> or find us on Facebook. Search for Douglas Jamerson Elementary School. You can also follow Jamerson Elementary on Twitter using @JamersonElem and on Instagram at JamersonElementary.

Thank you for partnering with us to ensure your child receives the best possible education. Have a wonderful rest of your evening! We know it will be an amazing week at Jamerson Elementary.