

OCTOBER 2025

# JAMERSON PTA TIMES

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Hello October!!

We made it through almost 2 months of our busy school year!!! Thank you to everyone who made it out to our first event. Read-a-thon kick off was great and it was so fun seeing everyone having a great time meeting new and old friends while playing games together.

We are looking for parents, grandparents, and community members who would like to join one or more of our committees. Those committees are Grand Prix, Programs, Read-a-thon, and more. If you are interested, please reach out to [DLJPTAPRESIDENT@gmail.com](mailto:DLJPTAPRESIDENT@gmail.com) and I can get you to the correct contact and more information.

It is time for Douglas L. Jamerson PTA to apply for the School of Excellence. We will be sending out a survey through Mrs. Lewis' weekly message or home by hard copy. Please take the time to fill it out and return it. It will help us learn where and how we need to support our membership better. Once we get them back, we will go through them and plan accordingly. There will be another one later on that we will ask you to fill out as well. If you have any questions don't hesitate to reach out.

We have a few programs going on that you will definitely want to check out. Reflections is an amazing Arts program we offer that any student can join in many different areas. This program really helps add the A (Arts) in the STEAM we try to provide to all students. Please check out the flyer in this newsletter for more information about it. Read-a-thon is one of the 2 fundraisers we do and not only is there a donation side, but there is also a reward for just reading and adding those minutes once you register. Please consider signing up!! You can find the sign-up information in this newsletter. Help us support the staff and programs at Douglas L. Jamerson and the possibility of even more!!

Have a great October!!!

Jessica Marinari Bishop  
Jamerson PTA President

## CONTACTS TO KNOW

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### Jamerson Elementary PTA President

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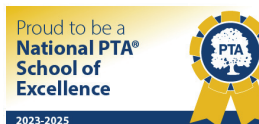
## SCHOOL INFORMATION

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Visit [pcsb.org/jamerson-es](http://pcsb.org/jamerson-es) for school & PTA information.

PTA information is located under the "Get Engaged" tab.

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# READ-A-THON UPDATE

Reading Grows Your Mind Goes Through October 17!



There is still time to sign-up and get involved in the Read-A-Thon! Visit [www.givebacks.com/causes/jamerson/campaigns/reading](http://www.givebacks.com/causes/jamerson/campaigns/reading) or scan the QR code to create your student's personal page. Students will use their personal page to log their reading minutes and also share their link with family and friends to ask for donations. Prizes will be awarded for specific funds raised and reading goals met! If you have any questions or want to learn more about the event, contact Quinn Lundquist or Legna Torres Garcia at [dljwaysandmeans@gmail.com](mailto:dljwaysandmeans@gmail.com).

## TOP CLASSES PRIZES

- **Highest % Students Registered by 10/17** - Popsicle Party for Class
- **Most \$ Donations by 10/17** - Donut Party for Class
- **Top Donation Earner Each Grade** - Pizza Party for Class

## TOP STUDENTS PRIZES

- **1st Place Donation Earner** - Tickets to Legoland
- **2nd Place Donation Earner** - Tickets to Busch Gardens
- **3rd Place Donation Earner** - Tree Hoppers Climbing Tickets
- **Top Reader by Minutes** - Atomic Claw Gift Card

## PRIZES FOR DONATIONS RAISED

- **Raise \$15** - Pick a Toy from Treasure Chest
- **Raise \$30** - Flower Highlighter
- **Raise \$50** - Pick a Book from the PBIS Book Store
- **Raise \$100** - Comedy/Ventriloquist Show
- **Raise \$150** - Lunch with Ms. Lewis or Ms. Bartlett
- **Raise \$200** - SkyZone 1-Hour Jump Pass
- **Raise \$300** - Limo Ride
- **Raise \$350** - Digital Waterproof Camera
- **Raise \$500** - Pie in the Face of a Staff Member

## PRIZES FOR MINUTES READ

- **Read 300 Minutes** - Karaoke Party
- **Read 400 Minutes** - Lunch with a Friend
- **Read 500 Minutes** - Mad Science Show
- **Read 600 Minutes** - FREE Ice Cream at Wildflower Ice Cream
- **Read 700 Minutes** - FREE Book from The Story Garden

Prizes subject to change without notice.



## FROM THE EDITOR

Lisa Grasso, VP of Communications

The 2025-2026 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](mailto:jamerson.pta.newsletter@gmail.com).

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### October 8

Read-A-Thon Family Breakfast

### October 13

NO SCHOOL For Students

### October 17

Read-A-Thon Ends

Make Sure All Your Minutes Are Logged

### October 20

SAC Meeting 6:00 PM

### October 20 - 28

Boo Gram Sales



## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS



## BECOME A LEVEL 1 VOLUNTEER

Would you like to volunteer at Jamerson but are not registered as a Level 1 volunteer? Go to <https://asd.pcsb.org/schoolwiresforms/volunteer/> to start the process. It's easy and after you are registered you can sign up for most of our events.

## EVENTS



### JAMERSON READ-A-THON FAMILY BREAKFAST

Join us on **Wednesday, October 8th** from 7:40 - 8:10 am in the cafeteria for a special morning of reading and community! Students will enjoy a light breakfast while spending time reading with parents, guardians, family, or friends. We will have a selection of books available at the event to choose from. Students can log 30 minutes toward their Read-a-Thon goals on their personal pages. Let's keep the Read-a-Thon



momentum going — see you there!

**Interested in helping with the event? Scan the QR code to sign-up as a volunteer.**

## HELP US REVITALIZE THE TEACHER & STAFF LOUNGE!

The PTA Staff Appreciation Committee is excited to share updates on the Teacher & Staff Lounge Revitalization Project. Thanks to generous support from our families and community, we've already installed a new refrigerator and an ice machine—two essential upgrades that our teachers and staff are already enjoying.

Now, we're moving toward our bigger vision: transforming the lounge into a welcoming, coffeehouse-style retreat for our educators. The refreshed space aims to feature:

- A professional-quality coffee station
- Comfortable, flexible seating
- Improved lighting and décor
- Stocked snacks and beverages to make the space truly feel like a retreat

**Our goal is to raise \$10,000–\$12,000 to bring this vision to life!**

### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We are inviting local businesses and families to partner with us through our new Sponsorship Program, with levels ranging from \$250 to \$5,000. Benefits include signage in the lounge, social media and newsletter recognition, and even room naming rights for our lead sponsor.

Questions? Please reach out to Joann Burnett, PTA Staff Appreciation Chair, [dljstaffappreciation@gmail.com](mailto:dljstaffappreciation@gmail.com)

Together, we can create a space that shows our teachers and staff how much they mean to the Jamerson community.

## 2025-2026 PTA BOARD

### Executive Board

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

### Board Chairs

Christine Vega, *5th Grade Liaison*  
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Amy Walsh, *Autism Liaison*  
Ramy Vasquez, *Awards*  
Christine Lowry, *Books 4 Kids*  
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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!





# BOO GRAMS ARE HERE!

Spooky season is almost upon us, which means it's time for BOO GRAMS! Beginning Monday, October 20 through Tuesday, 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!



**Boo GRAMS**  
For Sale!

SEND A NOTE AND  
A SWEET TREAT  
TO A STUDENT,  
CLASSMATE, TEACHER,  
OR STAFF MEMBER!

**50¢**

All Proceeds & Donations will Help Fund our 5th Grade Kennedy Space Center Trip - Thank You for your Support!

**ON SALE BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL**  
FIND US AT THE BOO CREW TABLE LOCATED NEAR THE FRONT OFFICE

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> -  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**

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and Engineering

# JAMERSON LONG-SLEEVE SHIRTS AVAILABLE FOR PRE-SALE ONLY!

Get ready for cooler temps with some of our NEW long-sleeve shirts available through PRE-SALE ONLY!! This sale will go through the month of October. Youth shirts are \$15 and adult shirts are \$18. We will not have extras of these shirts for sale and they can only be purchased through the pre-sale. The shirt brand is NextLevel which is the same as our current black, red, blue & purple shirts. Please keep in mind they do tend to run on the more form fitting size for t-shirts. No exchanges allowed. All pre-sale shirts will be ordered in early November and delivered to your student's classroom as soon as we receive them.



Visit [jamerson.memberhub.com](http://jamerson.memberhub.com) or scan the QR code to purchase yours today!



# A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR BUSINESS... CONTINUED OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR SCHOOL!

Are you looking for a great opportunity for your business all while supporting Jameson? 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](mailto:jamerson.pta.newsletter@gmail.com).



# BOX TOPS

Box Tops for Education is an easy way to earn money for Jamerson Elementary with products your family may already buy.

Thanks to your scanning, Jamerson has earned **\$68.50** so far for the earning period from July 2025 - June 2026.

There's still time to help increase Jamerson's earnings. Download the app and start earning extra funds that come directly back to our school! Check out the app to sign-up and see the extra ways to earn each month.

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# BOOK DONATIONS APPRECIATED

We are looking for new and used books for our **Sprocket Bookstore** as well as NEW books for the **Book Vending Machine** in the library! This is the perfect time to clean out those bookshelves! Thank you in advance for helping to keep reading exciting for our kids!

The **Sprocket 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".

The **Book Vending Machine** is rewarded to students for their academic achievements. Students receive a golden ticket, and they can take it to the Media Center to get a token for the vending machine. If you have any NEW book donations, please bring them to the front office in a bag and label them "For the Book Vending Machine".

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. We will be celebrating all our October birthdays at this month's PBIS Bookstore on October 14th. 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!

# REFLECTIONS... EXPLORE THE ARTS

It's time for the 2025-2026 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 "I Belong!" 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 20 and can be submitted in the front office. For additional information and entry form, please scan the QR code, pick-up a copy in the front office or email [ReflectionsJamersonPTA@gmail.com](mailto:ReflectionsJamersonPTA@gmail.com)



## Deadline for Entries:

**Thursday, November 20, 2025**  
Deliver to Front Office by 4:00pm



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