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JAMERSON PTA TIMES

YOUR SOURCE FOR JAMERSON PTA NEWS & EVENTS

*Back To
School*

Welcome!! I am your PTA President for the next 2 school years!!

The PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

For everyone who is new, and even our returning families, I'd like to take some time to explain where the money goes that the PTA raises. Our only 2 fundraisers are our Read-a-thon (coming soon) and Grand Prix (typically in the February/March time frame). We also make a little money off membership. Things we fund are the PBIS Stores that happens every month, teacher/staff requests for materials and more for their grade level or lab. We buy the software for our pickup system and a system to help make class lists every year. We supply funding for before- or after-school clubs. We put on Snow Day and an end of year program, which has been Astro Skate for the last couple of years. We help fund field trips as well as end of the year celebrations. We put on and fund the Back-to-School Picnic and Boohoo Yahoo Breakfast as well as a welcome back breakfast for staff. We have helped support other local schools who want to start a PTA by donating money for them to pay for their insurance, which all PTAs have to have and pay for yearly.

But even more importantly, with your \$7 dollar membership we have more of a voice when things come up and laws start to form. This past summer we joined with many other PTA/PTSA and FLPTA to file a lawsuit against the government for freezing funds the day before they were to be released. We have a board member who follows these types of items as well. I also sit on the Pinellas County PTA and follow and bring back how we can help all.

Please consider helping our voices be stronger by joining our PTA if you have not already. If you have, I personally thank you for joining and not only helping your children and mine, but ALL the other students at DLJ!

Jessica Marinari Bishop
Jamerson PTA President

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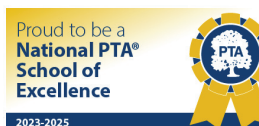
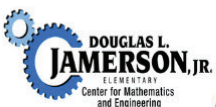
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Visit pcsb.org/jamerson-es for school & PTA information.

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

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MEMBERSHIP

Now's the time to join the PTA!

Did you know a portion of the \$7 annual membership comes right back to our PTA! It helps fund school needed materials, events and activities we host for Jamerson throughout the year. Just another great reason to join and get involved... And becoming a member doesn't mean you have to volunteer, we are just happy to have you on the Jamerson PTA! Won't you join us!

Join today at jamerson.memberhub.com
or by scanning the QR code.



JOIN A PTA COMMITTEE

Ready to be a little more involved with the PTA?

We have committees being formed to assist our board members with responsibilities pertaining to their position. It's a great way to be more involved and see the inner workings of what each position does and to help the board complete tasks throughout the year. If you are interested in being part of a committee or have questions, please email Jessica Marinari Bishop - dljptapresident@gmail.com.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Come play, connect, and celebrate together!

Join us Tuesday, **September 9 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM** in the cafeteria for a fun evening of games, food, and community with your Jamerson family! Our first general PTA meeting and Read-A-Thon kickoff will also be held at this event. Light dinner will be served and plenty of games will be provided. We can't wait to see you there!

6:15 PM – General PTA Meeting & Read-A-Thon Kickoff

6:45 PM – PTA Mix & Mingle: Meet families, learn more about PTA, and how to get involved

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Please scan the QR code to sign-up to help at this event.



FROM THE EDITOR

Lisa Grasso, VP of Communications

Welcome to our first issue of the Jamerson PTA Times for the 2025-2026 school year. I look forward to sharing all the PTA news and events with you! 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

September 9

PBIS Popcorn Store
Family Game Night/General PTA Meeting

September 10

Mid-Period Progress Reports Go Home

September 15

Read-a-Thon Begins

September 15

International DOT Day
SAC Meeting - 6:00 pm

September 16

PBIS Book Store

September 15-19

Start with Hello Week

September 19

NO SCHOOL for Students

September 23

PBIS School Store

September 25

DLJ Open House

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.

READ-A-THON

Get ready... Read-a-Thon is September 15 - October 17!

We are excited to kick off this year's Read-a-Thon, one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. This year's theme is "Reading Grows Your Mind."



Visit www.givebacks.com/causes/jamerson/campaigns/reading or scan the QR code to create your student's personal page. Register your student by September 15, 2025 11:59pm for them to be entered into a raffle for a spot in the Limo ride.

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.

Douglas L. Jamerson Elementary PTA Goal

- Our mission is to make every child's potential a reality.
- We engage and empower families and communities.
- We advocate for all children's success and well-being.

What is the Read-A-Thon?

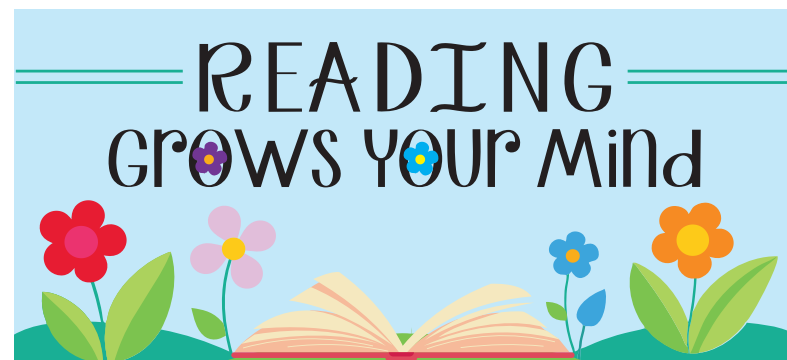
- One of our biggest fundraising events. Participants are encouraged to read as much as possible within the designated time frame.
- Helps to sponsor student activities.
- Supports improvements and materials for classrooms.

How Does It Work?

- Parents enroll their children on the event page and can share with families and friends.
- Families and friends promote the event and seek or make donations.
- Donations can be pledged based on minutes read (e.g., \$X per minute up to a certain amount) or a flat amount.
- Students are encouraged to read and log their reading minutes with parent help.

What Do Students Get?

- Prizes for reading milestones (minutes read).
- Prizes for the amount of money raised through pledges.



2025-2026 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!



TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION

Lounge Project Update

We are excited to share progress on our Teacher & Staff Lounge Revitalization Project, a team effort to transform the underused staff lounge at Jamerson into a welcoming, cozy coffeehouse-style retreat where our educators can rest, recharge, and connect. While our ultimate goal is a full refresh of the space, we're working in phases to make steady improvements this year, with a priority on securing corporate and community sponsorships to help cover major costs.

Recent Updates

- **New Fridge!** We received a \$500 grant from the Florida Association for Women Lawyers non-profit arm, the FAWL Support Organization (FSO), to replace the broken refrigerator.
- **Stocked and Iced:** On August 6, the new fridge arrived and was stocked with a variety of premium beverages, thanks to generous contributions from Jamerson Families. A big thank you to the following families: Himmelfarb, Piazza, Addis, Collins, Filicko, Erickson, and Holman for their generous support! A heartfelt thank-you to the Johnson-Ortiz Family for donating an ice machine—a huge win for the lounge that was set-up on August 17.

What's Ahead

- To help us personalize this space and for future Staff appreciation efforts, we're inviting all Jamerson staff to complete a short electronics Favorites Survey.
- Our sponsorship packet (with tiered opportunities, including room naming) will be released soon—stay tuned if your business or organization would like to support.
- Our next immediate goals are securing an industrial coffee maker/machine and finalizing the room design so we can prioritize purchases and funding.

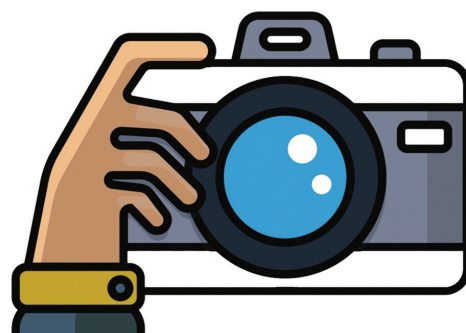
If you, or a fellow Jamerson family are interested in contributing, please email our PTA Staff Appreciation Chair, Joann Burnett, at DLJStaffAppreciation@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support—your partnership helps make these upgrades possible for the teachers and staff who give so much to our students every day.

SAY CHEESE!

Attention all teachers, staff, volunteers, and Mama/Papa-Razzis! We need your photos for this year's yearbook! We are seeking photos of our students, teachers, staff and families at various events, festivals, field trips, awards ceremonies, etc. to be showcased in the 2025-2026 Yearbook! Help us to create this special keepsake for our students by emailing your photos all school-year to: DLJPTAYearbook@gmail.com.

Please include the following information in your email: *Your Name, Name of Event, Student's Name(s), Grade & Teacher.*

While we cannot guarantee all pictures will be printed, we will try our best to include as many as possible. Thank you for helping us capture memories!



**ALL PHOTOS DUE BY:
APRIL 10, 2026**

GET YOUR JAMERSON GEAR



Show your school spirit! No need to wait for our next family event to purchase a shirt... Check out the website for all the shirts available and order right online. New styles coming this fall! All orders placed through the website will be delivered to your child's teacher for them to send home with your child. Visit jamerson.memberhub.com or scan the QR code to purchase yours today!



2025-2026

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express yourself!**



**Scan QR code to download
entry packet, pick up a copy
in the front office, or e-mail us at:
ReflectionsJamersonPTA@gmail.com**



Deadline for Entries:

Thursday, November 20, 2025

Deliver to Front Office by 4:00pm

For Details:

PTA Reflections Chair: Christine Vega

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