



The Panther Press

Jane Addams Newsletter November/December

Thank you to all of our Jane Addams Parents for your continued support of our school. We had a great turn out for parent/teacher conferences in November. We had eighty-three percent of our parents attend the event! Additionally, Jane Addams hosted a Real Men Read event on November 18th. The students were thrilled to have their dads and grandpas read to their classrooms. Thanks to all who came.

Earlier in November, the PTA sponsored an after school Fall Festival for the students at Jane Addams. Nearly 230 students enjoyed games, crafts, concessions, and jumping in the bounce house. Good fun was had by all!

Join us on Tuesday, December 20th for Spaghetti with Santa. Families will enjoy a spaghetti dinner and will have the opportunity to have a picture taken with Santa. This PTA event will be held in the school cafeteria from 4:00-6:30. Also, the PTA will host Santa's Workshop on the school stage from December 21-23 where students will be able to buy small gifts for their loved ones. More details to come.

MAP testing is just around the corner. Testing runs from December 1st-22nd. Our students are most successful when they are well rested and ready for school. We encourage families to make sure that students go to bed early, eat a good breakfast, and are prepared for school each day. Together we can ensure that our students do their very best.

Upcoming field trips at Jane Addams...On November 30, fourth and fifth grade students will head to the Museum of Science and Industry to explore the *Christmas around the World* exhibit and much more! Second graders will make the same trip on Wednesday, December 21. First graders will attend the play *The Snow Queen* at Joliet Junior College on Thursday, December 22. Please contact your child's teacher if you need additional information.

Beginning November 21, students, teacher, and parents across Illinois will have an opportunity to participate in the statewide Illinois 5Essentials Survey. As a parent, this survey will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness at Jane Addams School. Please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> and select the appropriate survey to begin. You can take the survey at home or visit Jane Addams to use one of our school computers. Your feedback is important to us!

As it becomes colder outside, please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Jane Addams students go out for a lunch recess every day that the temperature is above 25 degrees. As students begin to bundle up, it is very important to label your child's clothing, lunchboxes and other items. It is much easier to return items that are labeled. If your child has lost something, please check the **lost and found** box in the front office.

The Jane Addams faculty and staff wish you all a safe and happy holiday season!