

JOHN HANCOCK CHARTER SCHOOL PATRIOTS

Newsletter

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Message from the Director

It is time for a uniform reminder. We are starting to see things like light up shoes, leggings, and belts and socks that are not coordinating colors. Please help us maintain the uniform by sticking to the policy. It is posted on the website or you can request a copy from Miss Rutledge.

We truly believe that uniforms make a positive difference at our school.

Mrs. Adamic

Calendar



February 12	No School
February 15	No School
February 23, 24	Parent/Teacher Conferences
February 26	No School

March 8

Family Party—Let's Luau! 6:30-8:00...more details to come.

Flyers to view at bottom of newsletter:

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Science Fair

We had an amazing science fair this year! Thank you to all the parents who supported their children through the process. We know this is a family supported assignment/activity and we greatly appreciate your support.

Our winners are:

Elementary Division: Sam Clinger, Isabella Wadley, Mckenzie Bunker, Jacob Argyle

Secondary Division: Graham Doxey, Megan Call, Miles Hubbard, Dallin Brand

Grand Prize: Sam Crofts

Changes to the Lunch Program

Starting February 1, we will no longer be offering Hogi Yogi (lunchboxers). We will now have pizza available on **Mondays** and Wednesdays for \$1.00 a slice, and will also have drinks available during lunch hours for .25. (For more details, please see the flyer at the bottom of the newsletter).

We have placed a time restriction on microwave use because all students will now be bring sack lunches to school. This will increase the demand on the microwaves. Please cook your child's lunch at home and have them warm it up

in the microwave. Do not send any item that will require microwaving for longer than 2 minutes. Thank you for your support.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Please sign up for parent/teacher conferences which will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 23 and 24th. The sign up sheets are posted in the hallway of the white building on the south wall. The teachers have some very interesting data to share with you from our NWEA MAP assessments. Please be sure to sign up for a time.

Freedom Bowl

All 5-8th grade students may participate in a Freedom Bowl Competition at the end of this school year. It is an after school activity where students will learn information about our Constitution and compete against other schools in April or May. Practices will be held on Friday afternoons from 2:00-3:00 in Mrs. Williams classroom. All interested students should stay for the first meeting to determine if it is something that would interest them. The first meeting will be held on Friday, February 19th from 2:00-3:00.

Kindergarten Registration for 2010/11

It is already that time of year. It is now time to register all sibling kindergarten students who will be attending the 2010/11 school year. Please pick up your registration packet from Miss Rutledge and return it by Friday, Feb. 26. You will need to supply immunization records, birth certificate, proof of vision screening and proof of a physical from your doctor. Kindergarten packets need to be turned in to Mrs. Elmer between 8:15-2:30 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,

or 8:15-2:00 on Wednesday and Friday.

Call Mrs. Elmer or Mrs. Adamic if you have any questions.

Preschool Registration for 2010/11

It is also time to register preschoolers for the 2010/11 school year. The flyer is attached to this newsletter.

Robot Challenge

Mr. Hardy will be here this Wednesday, Feb. 3rd after school for those students who will be participating in the UVU Middle School Robot Challenge. This is a wonderful opportunity for students who would like to learn more about programming and who enjoy working together with other students on a project.

Holey Uniforms

The PTO is looking for holey or damaged uniforms to cut up and make something with. If you have any, please contact Julie Knudsen (jannknudsen@gmail.com) or leave them in the box labeled **Damaged Uniforms** on the lunchroom stage. We'll take anything—polos, dress shirts, t-shirts, pants, shorts, skorts, plaids, all colors...anything your children can't wear to school anymore and you don't want to keep. Thanks for your donations.

Utah Association of Public Charter Schools

As promised I am now on **Twitter!** If you would like to follow me during the legislative session you can follow me at **Utcharterchat**

If you would like to receive more detailed updates you may sign up on our Utah Charter Advocate Network at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=K25NKfV_2bIQmVIRYVjfvQsQ_3d_3d

We may also invite you to get involved personally to support specific legislation we are attempting to get passed by emailing or calling your legislators.

We always encourage you to communicate respectfully with your legislators.

-Kim Frank

Charter School Conference

The fourth annual Utah Charter School Conference will be on June 15 & 16 at the Provo Marriott. Below are two links to register for the conference. Discounts are offered to everyone involved in schools that are members of the Utah Association of Public Charter Schools (UAPCS). If you don't know whether your school is a member, please review the attached list.

Link for Members: <https://www.123signup.com/register?id=jnvrt>

Link for Non-Members: <https://www.123signup.com/register?id=jnkmt>

2010 CONFERENCE FEES:

\$ 130 "Early" Registration – Member schools (from January 20 to February 28)	\$ 150
"Early" Registration – Non-Members (from January 20 to February 28)	
\$ 165 Regular Registration – Member schools (from March 1 to May 31)	\$ 185
Regular Registration – Non-Members (from March 1 to May 31)	
\$ 200 Day-of Registration – Everyone (all those who register in June)	

Dr. Howard Fuller, from Marquette University and one of the founding fathers of the national charter school movement, will be our keynote speaker – YAY!

Thank You!

- Thank you to all who helped judge the science fair last week!

Volunteer Opportunities

Mrs. Call needs help stamping all of the books in the leveled library. The work needs to be done here at school anytime while we are in session. Please call the school if interested.

We are in need of a parent who may be interested in coaching a MATHCOUNTS team as an after school program for our students. Call Mrs. Adamic for more details.

We are in need of donations to help replace the laminate in the girls restroom.

We need a small shelf installed in the 4th grade room.

Wish List

We have a cord that needs to be reconnected to its power supply in Ms. Wang's classroom. It is preventing her from using her audio enhancement unit and we would love to get it reconnected.

We need someone to rake the bark under the playground equipment to make it even again.

We are in need of liquid hand soap. We are encouraging students to wash their hands every time they enter the building, before and after lunch and every time they enter the computer lab. We feel this will help prevent the spread of

germs, but we have noticed that we are using a lot of liquid hand soap. Keep an eye for sales.

We are in need of a microwave for the lunch room.

We would love a table tennis table for P.E. Anyone out there have one they would like to donate?

Paper plates, plastic forks and spoons, and paper towels are needed for the lunchroom.

We need someone to securely anchor one of our portable basketball standards.

We are in need of some small repair to a wall and then painting the repair in the library.

We are always in need of facial tissue, toilet paper, and hand sanitizer.

Lunch Survey

Lunch ordering is administered by the John Hancock Charter School Parent Teacher Organization with permission from the JHCS Board and Administration. The PTO Board and JHCS Administration believe that a healthy lunch is vital for students. The PTO is constantly working to improve lunch service in the face of the unique challenges and limited facilities that are inherent for a small school like JHCS.

Thank you for your support in taking this short survey. Please click on the link below. The results will help us improve the quality of lunch offerings to JHCS students.

<http://tinyurl.com/JHCSLunchSurvey>

Parent Liaison

We are happy to announce a new board member. Brian Halladay serves on the Board of Directors as the Parent Liaison. You can reach him at 801-592-4034 or briane33@msn.com.



Newsletter

Please email all newsletter entries to Coral Edwards coral.edwards@gmail.com by Friday for inclusion on the following Monday.

Dear parents,

Starting February 1, 2010, the PTO will no longer offer the option to order lunches from LunchBoxers (Hogi Yogi). Unfortunately we have had some difficulties with staffing, facilities, and vendor coordination and we simply can't justify the effort for the small number of LunchBoxers lunches served each day.

If you have ordered meals in February we will work with LunchBoxers to make sure you are not charged, or you receive a refund, for those meals. Please do not place any orders for lunches to be served after the end of January. We will continue to offer pizza on Wednesdays and are exploring other, easy to serve, foods we could offer on one other day of the week in the same way.

The PTO Board strongly believes that lunch is an important part of the school day and truly appreciates your effort as parents .

Sincerely,

The PTO Board of Directors

If you have questions or input about the JHCS PTO lunch program please contact:

April Gunnell (PTO Lunch Chair) – april.gunnell@gmail.com – (801) 796-5441

Lisa Grant (PTO Chairperson) - lisagrants29@yahoo.com – (801) 785-8126



JHCS Student Council Candy Grams Sales

BE SOMEONE'S SECRET ADMIRER!
TELL A TEACHER THANKS!
GIVE ONE TO A FRIEND!
THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS!

FEBRUARY 8, 9, 10 & 11 @ LUNCH RECESS

(Deliveries will be made at the end of the above mentioned days)

50 CENTS EACH

COST COVERS CANDY, NOTE AND DELIVERY



JHCS Preschool

2010-11 Enrollment Information

We are enrolling students now:

Age 3 in the Tuesday & Thursday Morning Class

(\$800 per year or 10 payments of \$80)

Ages 4 & 5 in the Monday, Wednesday & Friday Class

(\$900 per year or 10 payments of \$90)

Thank you for your interest in our Preschool. JHCS Preschool will be in session August 24, 2010 thru June 3, 2011. The school calendar matches John Hancock Charter School's calendar. We have opened our Preschool to any child that is 3 years old on September 1, 2010 and potty trained. We limit our class size to 10 students with children age 3 in the Tuesday & Thursday Class and children ages 4 & 5 in the Monday, Wednesday & Friday Class. Our Preschool curriculum is the Core Knowledge Sequence for Preschool and Saxon Math for preschool and Kindergarten. Our Preschool is located in the south end of the Red Brick Building.

At this time we are reserving positions in our classes and need the following information turned in to either Miss Rutledge or Mrs. Elmer as soon as possible:

Child's Name: _____

Child's Age on September 1, 2010: _____

Class Wanted: MWF _____ TT _____

John Hancock Charter School
2010-2011 Calendar

Half Day	First Day of School	Tues, Aug 24, 2010
No School	Labor Day	Mon, Sep 6, 2010
No School	Fall Break	Oct 14-18, 2010
Half Day	End of Term	Fri, Oct 29, 2010
No School	Thanksgiving Break	Nov 24-26, 2010
No School	Winter Break	Dec 20- Jan 3, 2011
Half Day	End of Term	Fri, Jan 14, 2011
No School	Civil Rights Day	Mon, Jan 17, 2011
No School	Presidents Day	Mon, Feb 21, 2011
No School	Prof. Development Day	Fri, March 4, 2011
Half Day	End of Term	Fri, March 25, 2011
No School	Spring Break	April 11-15, 2011
No School	Memorial Day	Mon, May 30, 2011
	Last Day of School	Fri, June 3, 2011