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**Special Point of Interest:**

- School Office Hours
- 8:00 - 4:00 PM



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# JANSEN AVENUE NEWS!

## Important Dates

April 3	Popcorn Sale—Mrs. Kollar's class
April 7	PTA Meeting, Jansen Library 6:30 p.m.
April 8	Spring Pictures
April 9	Third Marking Period Ends
April 10	Good Friday, School Closed
April 13-17	Spring Break, School Closed
April 19-25	T.V. Turn-off Week
April 24	Arbor Day
April 24	Popcorn Sale—Mr. Westman's class
April 28-30	NYS Science Testing, Grade 4
April 29	Board of Ed. Business Meeting 7:00 p.m. @ JHS

## A message from our Cafeteria

Please do not send students to school with food from home that needs to be heated in the microwave. According to District policy, we are unable to do this.

Also, if your financial situation changes throughout the school year, a free/reduced lunch application can be filled out at any time. Simply call the school to request the ap-

## **Congratulations!**

Jansen Avenue School has won a 200 Califone Wireless PresentationPro PA System package for being one of the top 100 schools with the greatest tape value to student ratio for PRICE CHOPPER TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS!

Thank you to everyone who participated on Jansen's behalf with the Tools for Schools program!

## Letter from our Principal!



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Anyone reading this letter has been touched, in some way, by the spirit that is Jansen Avenue Elementary. In the last week, I have spoken with so many who have been a part of this school community and spirit. Some go back generations, and others, like myself, are newcomers. Whatever your experience may be, this place has touched all of our lives and the spirit of Jansen will always be a part of you.

As you know, we've recently learned of the Board of Education's decision to close Jansen Avenue as part of a larger restructuring plan. With this in mind, I'd like to address how we can help our children to accept the changes that they will be experiencing.

When talking to your children about the restructuring, please remember that your attitude is contagious. Try to help them to view the situation in a positive light. As always, give praise, encourage your child, and show that you care. Acknowledge their feelings and help them to problem solve. If you need assistance from the school, please feel free to contact me at any time.

The staff will work within the school and with the PTA to address student feelings and concerns about the school while maintaining a positive tone about the future. Considering the spirit that is the Jansen Avenue community, I know that these boys and girls will leave in June knowing that they are cared for and loved with a great sense of belonging and an excitement about the fall and new beginnings.

It is important that we acknowledge and celebrate that history and spirit with each other and the children. Memories and traditions are what keep communities and families thriving and happy. I, personally, am grateful to be a new member of this wonderful community. I know from my own life that a building is just that, but heart, family, and memories carry on. I feel strongly that the spirit that is Jansen Avenue will travel with all of us to our new places and will serve to make anywhere we go a better place.

May you all have a pleasant and restful spring recess.

Sincerely,

Colleen Lester

# March Memories

**Carnival Excitement - Friday, March 6th.** Family members enjoyed a spectacular evening of fun, games, and prizes. Thank you Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Willet for putting together this great activity.



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🎨 **The Art Show, under the direction of Ms. Vazal, was a wonderful event that was very well attended!** 🎨  
 🎨 **Students and their families “traveled the globe”** 🎨  
 🎨 **for an evening of art and culture as they viewed different forms of artwork representing the cultures** 🎨  
 🎨 **of Antarctica, Africa, Europe, Asia, and Australia,** 🎨  
 🎨 **to name a few! A huge THANK YOU goes out to** 🎨  
 🎨 **all the fantastic students, staff, and Jansen Ave.** 🎨  
 🎨 **families for their support!** 🎨

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## STRANGER SAFETY!

Mrs. Bordis, our school counselor, has been visiting classrooms and talking with students about Stranger Safety. Students in K-3 have learned many rules about stranger safety such as "There's nothing to say, just walk away." and "Remember the adults you trust, check with them first you must."

Students in grades 4-6 have learned that they should never share their name, address, phone number, a picture of themselves and the name of their school on the internet.

Please discuss these following rules of stranger safety with your children.

1. Stay away from danger, don't talk to strangers!
2. Remember the adults you trust, check with them first you must!
3. It's okay to yell, then go run and tell!
4. It's safer with two, your buddy and you!
5. There's nothing to say, just walk away!
6. Don't get in the car, run fast and far!
7. If you learn your address and phone, you'll be safer when you're on your own!
8. On the street or in the mall, walk proud, strong, and tall!
9. If you feel uncomfortable, let someone know, don't be afraid to say the word "no!"
10. Don't lose your cool, remember the rules!

## Internet Safety

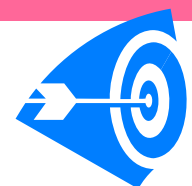
Ms. Loretta Wiesner from the NYS Office of the Attorney General Investigations Bureau, will be visiting Jansen to speak with our 5th and 6th grade students regarding issues of social networking, cyberbullying, texting, blogging, cell phones, computer cameras, and file-sharing sites.

The PTA will also be doing a presentation for parents and caregivers. Information to follow at a later date.

## CHARACTER CORNER

# Honesty

Always tell the truth!



Being HONEST is being open, trustworthy, truthful, and fair. When people are honest, they can be relied on not to lie, cheat, or steal. Being HONEST means that you don't pretend to be something you are not.