

# The Joy School Update

## March 2010

Dear Parents,

Spring Break is right around the corner. Let's hope this cooler weather starts to tame down and we can all get out and enjoy some decent weather while we are off.

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### **Important Dates for Spring**

- March 1-11 Jump Rope for Heart
- March 4 Parent Tour
- March 5 Primary School to Rodeo
- March 12 Noon Dismissal (**no** TJS after school classes/St. Luke's WILL pick up at noon)
- March 12 Primary School to Main Street Theater
- March 15-19 Spring Break
- March 25 Parent Tour
- March 26 Donuts With Dads
- April 2 No School

### **Mainstreaming**

If your child is mainstreaming this year, most of you should have news from the schools at which you applied over spring break. Please keep us informed so that we can celebrate the news with you OR help you make alternate plans should that be necessary.

### **Admissions**

Admissions Season is in full swing. If you know any families interested in admissions for next year have them contact Laura Spaulding and sign up for a tour as soon as possible.

### **Donuts With Dads**

We welcome all dads and dad-stand-ins to join your child/ren for some donuts, coffee, milk and juice on March 26 from morning drop off until 8:15am. (7:30-8:15am) Please stop in to share a special few minutes with your child and us.

### **Jump Rope for Heart**

On March 1-11<sup>th</sup>, our school will be jumping rope, shooting hoops and participating in various activities to help students learn about the benefits of regular physical activity and heart health, while they raise funds to support vital research and educational programs. These events will take place during their scheduled P.E. times. All proceeds will be donated to the American Heart Association.

### Summer School at TJS

Registration is now open for TJS Summer School. Please consult with your child's teacher as to the appropriateness of this program for your child before registering. As you may know, our summer school is open to TJS students, however we generally encourage our TJS kids to participate in other non-school related activities over the summer when possible and appropriate.

<http://www.thejoyschool.org/services/summerschool.htm>

### The Joy School Annual Fund: Planting Seeds of Joy

Currently, we are at 60% parent participation for our annual fund and would love to see that number rise to 100%! If you have already made your gift, thank you so much! If you have not made your gift, please help TJS reach its goal of 100% parent participation. THERE ARE THREE EASY WAYS TO MAKE YOUR GIFT:

1. BY MAIL. The reply card can be found on our school website under *Support TJS*. Select Annual Fund and click on the link, Annual Fund Brochure.
2. CALL the Development Office at 713-523-0660, ext. 239 with your credit card information.  
Ask for Deborah Kirkland, Director of Development.
3. ONLINE at [www.thejoyschool.org](http://www.thejoyschool.org). Click *Support TJS*, select *Donate*.

### Summer Camps/ Parent Coffee

You should have received an email from Shara regarding this upcoming event, but as a reminder:

**What:** Parent Coffee 8:00ish (after drop off)

**Topic:** Summer Camps around Houston and beyond

**Guest Speaker:** Sarah Gish, author of The Summer Book

**When:** Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** 1012 Bartlett St. Houston, 77006

(home of Lisa Brooks---mom of Julian Serebrin, 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

### Congratulations

Congratulations go out to Ms. Christine Do who recently became engaged to her long time boyfriend David. Welcome to the TJS family David!!

Congratulations to Mrs. Lynn Negrin for completing her training and certification to be a Brain Gym instructor.

Congrats to Coach Scott Brown for his 6<sup>th</sup> place finish in a recent Houston fencing tournament!

### Thank You

Thank you to the parents of Mrs. Anderson's class. The catered lunch from Ninfa's and desserts from Dessert Gallery really hit the spot last week!

Thank you to Mrs. Sharon Benstock for being Mrs. Al-Rafai's long-term sub while she was on maternity leave. The kids didn't skip a beat and learned some amazing geography!