

# The Joy School Update

## April/May 2011

### Important Dates for Spring

- April 22 No School/ Good Friday
- April 21 Primary classes to Main Street Theater
- April 28-29 Mrs. Anderson's class to SeaWorld
- May 5 Muffins With Moms
- May 11 No School/ Teacher Inservice Day
- May 25 Last Day for TJS After School Programs
- May 26 Field Day
- May 27 Last Day of School!!!

### Lost and Found Box IS FULL

The lost and found box is completely full! And, 95% of the items in there do not have names. If you are missing items or curious if anything in there belongs to your house, please come by and dive on in. If items are there at the end of the year we will donate them to Goodwill (or toss them out if they are dangerous/biohazards <lunchboxes left in there for months>. ;)

### Strict enforcement of Health Requirements

Parents, please note! ALL students must have a hearing and vision screening before the start of school in August. You will also need to submit an updated immunization record for enrollment to be complete. We realize that there are some families who only recently got their paperwork in for THIS school year. This will NOT excuse you from having to turn in updated forms BEFORE August 17<sup>th</sup>. EVERY student must have a hearing and vision screening and physician check up THIS SUMMER regardless of when the last screening or physical was done. Due to ISAS requirements, this will be strictly enforced. No student will be able to attend school on the first day without these forms in place. The first few days are critically important for establishing routines and expectations, so please be sure to get those appointments well in advance of August. Thank you for your cooperation!

### Teacher Inservice Day

As you know, May 11th is a day off for your child. However, your child's teacher will be busy that day. All TJS teachers will be spending the day doing some cross divisional planning.

### Donuts With Dads

Thank you to all of the dads (and dad stunt doubles) that joined us for Donuts With Dads! We had a HUGE turnout! We truly appreciate you taking the time to stop by and share some time with your child.

### Muffins with Moms

We welcome all moms and mom-stand-ins to join their child/ren for muffins and coffee on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**The Joy School Annual Fund – Planting Seeds of Joy**

The Joy School's Garden is Growing! Please join Current Parent Chair Cynthia Lin and New Parent Chairs Carolyn and Stephen Cordill in reaching 100% parent participation. **If you have made a gift, thank you! If not, it is not too late.** Your gift to the Annual Fund enables The Joy School to continue its dedicated, intensive work on behalf of students with learning differences. Gifts and pledges are gratefully received with checks, credit cards, stock donations or online via our school website at [www.thejoyschool.org](http://www.thejoyschool.org) – click on *Support TJS*. For further information, please contact Deborah Kirkland at [dkirkland@thejoyschool.org](mailto:dkirkland@thejoyschool.org) or 713-523-0660 ext 139.

**Thank you – TJS Annual Luncheon sets record!**

Thank you to all the volunteers, underwriters and sponsors who made this year's luncheon a tremendous success. Co-Chairs Kirby McCool and Stephanie Shanks and their fearless team helped raise more than \$135,000 and set a record number of seats sold. Keep a lookout for all the fabulous details in the Spring/Summer edition of KeyNotes!

**Summer School at TJS**

We are almost full, so if you are interested please consult with your child's teacher asap 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>