

# Dragon Dispatch

Russell Jones Education Center

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## *Give thanks for a little, and you will find a lot!*

Welcome to November! It is a wonderful time to give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. I am certainly thankful for the many blessings in my life, including working with the amazing children, parents, teachers, and staff at the Russell Jones Education Center.

Even though the weather keeps changing on us and the leaves are falling outside the classrooms, the academics here at Russell Jones are staying constant. The teachers and students have gotten into their routines and procedures for class lessons and homework.

Please continue to check your child's planner for daily communications about your student's daily activities, progress, and information. We appreciate all your support and time to reinforce the needed skills, tools and strategies your student is working on. Now that the holidays are approaching, keep the school routine going, lower the stress, and stay in touch with the teachers.

This month Superintendent Jeanette Cowherd visited with PTA and presented information about the growth of the Park Hill Schools, and the district's plan to accommodate the student growth now, and in the future. Here is a video where Dr. Kelly discusses the long range facilities plan of the Park Hill School district. [http://www.parkhill.k12.mo.us/district\\_information/long-range\\_facilities\\_plan/](http://www.parkhill.k12.mo.us/district_information/long-range_facilities_plan/).

As the cold weather settles in we see an increase in the incidence of illness. I would like to ask your cooperation to help us track these illnesses at our school. Please call the school when your child has been diagnosed with strep throat, pink eye, pneumonia, flu and head lice. You should follow the guidelines as outlined in the student handbook for keeping your child home when he/she is ill.

- This means students do not return to school until they are fever-free for 24 hours.
- If a student vomits, they need to wait 24 hours before returning to school.
- If you have questions about whether or not your child is able to return to school, feel free to give us a call.
- Just a reminder, please call the school when you are keeping your child home for any illness or other reasons. You can always leave a message, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- We need to be accountable for every absence, otherwise we will be calling you to check on the students.
- We love seeing your student at Russell Jones every day!

Congratulations to our cafeteria manager, Susi Hedrick, who was a recipient of the district's STAR Award. Watch Dr. Cowherd present her with this special recognition:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=drQvqkwyPLA>

Above all, enjoy the Thanksgiving season. Here's to green bean casseroles and sweet potatoes!!!!

Russell Jones Education Center

**Mission: Through expertise and commitment, the Russell Jones Education Center provides a therapeutic learning environment to prepare each student with skills to enjoy success in life.**

## IMPORTANT DATES

November 18	Last day to turn in PTA popcorn orders	
November 21	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr Mid-Term Progress Reports	
November 22	PTA popcorn delivered and sent home with students	
November 23 – 25	NO SCHOOL	Thanksgiving Break
December 8	PTA Meeting	5:00 pm
December 22	Appreciation Brunch Half Day of School End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr	9:00 a.m. Dismissal at 10:45 a.m.
December 23 – 30	NO SCHOOL	Winter Break
January 2 – 3	NO SCHOOL	Winter Break
January 4	NO SCHOOL	Teacher Workday
January 5	Students return from winter break	
January 10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr Grade Card Distribution	
January 12	Parent Advisory Committee Meeting (All Parents)	5:00 pm



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**Crazy Good Caramel** - handcrafted in small batches from scratch.

**Taste of Chicago** - Cheddar dusted caramel

**Ivan's Kettle** - buttery, slightly sweet and salty.

**Fantastic Funky Cheddar** - Funky, sharp 100% real cheddar cheese dusted corn.

**Cool Cheddar Ranch** - Ranch infused cheddar.

PTA fundraising is under way!

We will be selling Funky Monkey Popcorn. All proceeds will assist in the purchase of a yearbook for every student.

Bags are only \$7 each. All orders will be delivered to students to take home on Tuesday, November 21 (just in time for Thanksgiving!)

**All orders and money must be turned in by November 18<sup>th</sup>.**