

George A. Jackson

PTA Handbook



**2011-2012**

Dear Jackson Families,

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year at the George A. Jackson Elementary School. We hope that you'll find that we are a very active and productive Parent Teacher Association ("PTA"). There are so many wonderful events planned for the upcoming year.

Please make sure to take a look at the PTA Handbook. This Handbook, together with the Jackson website, can be a very valuable reference guide throughout the school year. The Handbook and Jackson website contain phone numbers, school policies, and other general PTA & District information. Chances are if you have a question, you will find the answer in this book or on the Jackson website. Once again, thanks to the efforts of our Shared Decision Making Team, we are especially pleased to offer a list of parent volunteers willing to translate many world languages for those families that need interpreters. If you would like a copy of this list, please contact the school office.

We look forward to seeing you at our PTA meetings, fundraising events and fun filled family events. We hope you will join us and reap the rewards of being involved in your children's school.

We hope we can count on you for your help and support to continue the wonderful programs and events that enrich our children's educational experience. Don't hesitate to contact any of the PTA officers with your questions, concerns or ideas. You can reach Tammy Balko at [tbalko@optonline.net](mailto:tbalko@optonline.net) or Jill Citron at [citron21@verizon.net](mailto:citron21@verizon.net).

Welcome to our Jackson Family.

Sincerely,

Tammy C. Balko  
Co-President

Jill Citron  
Co-President

Dear Parents,

As another year begins, I would like to welcome our children and parents to Jackson School. Our PTA Handbook is designed to provide current information about our school and the Jericho community. I am sure you will find its contents both useful and invaluable.

This Handbook is a product of our hard working PTA, its officers, committee chairs and members who volunteer their time for our children. As you review it, you will better understand why we take great pride in our Parent Teacher Association.

I applaud the collaborative efforts of the PTA parents who designed and revised this Handbook for the 2011-2012 school year. We can all look forward to an exceptional and informative school year.

Welcome to Jackson!

Sincerely,

*Benny D'Aquila*

Benny D'Aquila  
*Principal*

<b>PRINCIPAL:</b>	<b>PRINCIPAL</b>	<b>Benny D'Aquila</b>
	School Secretary	M. D'Alto
<b>SPECIAL SUBJECT AND SUPPORT STAFF:</b>	Clerk/Typist	M. DeRiggi
	Office Aide	B. Stampfl
	Lunch Aide Supervisor	M. Lorintz
	Lunch Aides	K. Benison S. Goldstein L. Salerno K. Stannish P. Vaccaro B. Walsh
	Aide -Floater Teacher (Floater)	I. Mavroudis G. Corley
	AIS	M. Risi S. Morris
	Art	S. Menkes
	Special Educ. Facilitator	K. Conger
	E.S.L.	C. Buccaran * J. Spechler
	World Language Teachers	M. Seymour
	Learning Center	S. Katkowski K. Krug D. Marrus K. Quinones
	Librarian	M. Bertolini
	Math	L. Wittmann
	Music (Instrumental)	W. Schuster (Band) * D. Costello (Orchestra) *
	Music (Vocal)	J. Russo
	Nurse	B. Adams

**Personnel (continued)**

Physical Education	C. O'Connell J. Woska
Primary Literacy	J. Leprine
Psychologist, CSE Reading	Dr. S. Schwartz C. Ferris T. Mazzilli
Science	L. Oddo
Speech	S. Burke L. Hakes
Cafeteria	P. Mihalatos K. Trovato
Custodial	F. Mandracchia, D.DiClementi, K. Falkowski, P. Fernandez, A. Lopez
Crossing Guard	D. Busam

\* Shared Faculty

## **JERICO JOINT PTA COUNCIL**

The Jericho Joint PTA Council, organized under the authority of the New York State PTA, incorporates all of the members of the PTA units throughout our school district. The officers of the Jericho Joint PTA Council are:

President	Ilene Joachim
Vice President	Alisha Reiben
Recording Secretary	Gina Levy
Corresponding Secretary	Nancy Goldman
Treasurer	Debra Goldstein

# George A. Jackson PTA Committee List 2011-2012

As of October 27, 2011

Dear Jackson Parents,

Thank you volunteering to chair and participate in our PTA committees. We hope that you will all continue to participate in many committees and events in the coming year. *All chairpersons should be in contact with their Board Liaisons (\*) early during the planning stages of their upcoming events.* They will gladly answer any questions you might have concerning the running of your committee, your budget, scheduling, materials you might need and any other issues that may arise. We look forward to a wonderful year! If you don't find your name on a committee and would like to participate, please contact Adriana Milana at [adriana410@aol.com](mailto:adriana410@aol.com). The following is the list of chairpersons and committee members for the Jackson 2011-12 school year. Titles marked with an \*asterisk are PTA Board positions, acting as the liaison to the Board for the committees listed below them.

## **\*PARENTING I BOARD LIAISON – Melissa Marasia**

**PARP** (Jan 17 - Jan 28) *Chairperson:* Adriana Milana

*Committee Members:* Avril D'Costa Michelle Berger Adele Vitali, Shalini Gurnani, Gloria Fumo, Ala-May Lumibao & Yimei Cui

**Family Bingo Night** (Jan 20) *Chairpersons:* Chrissy Wayrich & Kathy Picatagi

*Committee Members:* Melissa Marasia, Bess Stawkowsky & Gloria Fumo

**Family Picnic** (June 6) *Chairpersons:* Melissa Marasia & Joyce Granville

*Committee Members:* Lisa Tsioris, Kerry Friehl-Minor & Gloria Fumo

**Welcome Picnic** (Sept 22) *Chairpersons:* Melissa Marasia

*Committee Members:* Gloria Fumo & Vivian Zhu

**Family Fun Run** (June 6) *Chairpersons:* Joyce Granville & Andrea Bisso

*Committee Members:* Jill Citron, Kerry Friehl-Minor, Christina Kalamotousakis, Vicky Mandery & Michelle Collins

## **\*PARENTING II BOARD LIAISON – Vicky Mandery**

**Community Service** *Chairpersons:* Lori Worst, Michelle Zhao & Melissa Marasia

*Committee Members:* Jill Citron, Kim Sternick, Vivian Zhu, Sue Heilig, Vicky Mandery & Yimei Cui

**Nutrition/School Lunch:** Jill Citron & Adriana Milana

**Local Newspapers & Media** *Chairperson:* Susan Heilig

*Committee Members:* Jenn Levi & Jill Citron

**Box Tops:** Susan Heilig

**Cultural Arts:** Lauren Rosenblatt

**School Board Reps.** Lisa Velotti & \_\_\_\_\_ [OPEN]

**SEPTA Reps.** *Chairperson:* Sue Heilig

*Committee Members:* Jacqueline Libertoff & Adele Vitali

**PTA Council Delegates** \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ [OPEN]

**\*WAYS & MEANS I BOARD LIAISON – Gloria Fumo**

**Jericho Spirit Wear** (Sweatshirt Sale) (Sept 12-Oct 1) *Chairpersons:* Melanie Morris & Michelle Berger

*Committee Members:* Kim Stoffers, Gloria Fumo, Jacqueline Libertoff, Lauren Rosenblatt, Yimei Cui, Jenn Levi, Kathy Picatagi & Laramie Snyder

**Bookfair** (Nov.1-4) *Chairperson:* Adriana Milana

*Committee Members:* Avril D'Costa, Bess Stawkowski, Glenna Weisenfeld, Adele Vitali, Yimei Cui, Vivian Zhu, Michelle Cammisuli, Patricia Carone, Ileana Perez, Yara Benayoun & Francine O'Connor

**Plant Sale** (May 11) *Chairpersons:* Cecile Skopicki & Lauren Rosenblatt

*Committee Members:* Kim Stoffer, Jacqueline Libertoff, Yimei Cui, Vivian Zhu, Lori Worst & Ileana Perez

**Pretzel Sales/ School Store** *Chairpersons:* Michelle Cammisuli & Lori Worst

*Committee Members:* Lisa Tsioris, Michelle Zhao, Sudha Modi, Jacqueline Libertoff, Lauren Rosenblatt, Yimei Cui & Vivian Zhu

**Gift Wrap** *Chairpersons:* Lori Blair & Michelle Zhao

*Committee Members:* Gloria Fumo & Yimei Cui

**Carnival** (March 11) *Chairpersons:* Cecile Skopicki & Gloria Fumo

*Committee Members:* Kerry Friehl-Minor, Sudha Modi, Melissa Marasia, Laurie Shenker, Linda Rothman, Glenna Weisenfeld, Julie Becker, Ann Rosner, Lori Worst, Patricia Carone, Ileana Perez, Ala-May Lumibao & Francine O'Connor  
Food - Melissa Gerber

Games - Vicky Mandery

Raffles/Prizes – Jennifer Betman

Fish – **[OPEN]**

Bake Sale – **[OPEN]**

Decorating – Jennifer Betman

Publicity - Sue Heilig

Scheduling– **[OPEN]**

**\*WAYS & MEANS II BOARD LIAISON – Pam Heath**

**Class Photos** (Sept 26 & Nov 18) *Chairpersons:* Michelle Cammisuli & Christina Kalamotousakis

*Committee Members:* Kim Stoffers, Orit Swickle, Kim Sternick, Shalini Gurnan, Laura Spofford & Ann Rosner

**Holiday Boutique** (Dec 12-15) *Chairpersons:* Jodi Orbuch & \_\_\_\_\_ **[OPEN]**

*Committee Members:* Melanie Morris, Laura Spofford, Adele Vitali, Ann Rosner, Yimei Cui, Vivian Zhu, Lori Worst, Patricia Carone, Michelle Cammisul, Shalini Gurnani, Nina Sethi & Yimei Cui

**Jackson Notepads** *Chairpersons:* Kim Stoffers

*Committee Member:* Julie Becker

**Spring Dinner (Ladies Night Out)** (May 1) *Chairperson:* Melissa Gerber

*Committee Members:* Debbie Kenny, Lisa Tsioris & Melissa Marasia

**School Supply Packs** *Chairpersons:* Joyce Granville & Lori Blair

*Committee Members:* Orit Swickle, Yimei Cui, Nina Sethi, Yara Benayoun & Francine O'Connor

**\*IN-HOUSE BOARD LIAISON – Christina Kalamotousakis**

**Compact for Learning/Site-Based** *Adriana Milana & Pam Heath*

**Student Programs** *Chairperson:* Avril D'Costa

*Committee Members:* Ala-May Lumibao & Kim Sternick

**Membership/Welcome** *Chairperson:* Debbie Kenny

*Committee Members:* Vivian Zhu, Jenn Levi & Tammy Balko

**Teacher's Recognition Breakfast** (Nov 17) *Chairpersons:* Joyce Granville & Yimei Cui

*Committee Members:* Kim Sternick, Vivian Zhu, Lori Worst & Jodi Orbuch

**Staff Appreciation Luncheon** (May 16) *Chairpersons:* Adriana Milana, Christina Kalamotousakis & Michelle Berger

*Committee Members:* Avril D'Costa, Jill Citron, Tammy Balko, Sue Heilig, Debbie Kenny, Gloria Fumo, Marnie Naiburg-Smith, Pam Heath, Lauren Rosenblatt, Yimei Cui, Michelle Zhao & Linda Rothman

**Installation Brunch** (June 13) Kim Stoffers & Michelle Cammisuli

**Auditing** Sarah Chen, \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ **[OPEN]**

**By Laws** (*Not Applicable This Year*)

**Hospitality** The Executive Board

**\* FIFTH GRADE BOARD LIAISON – Jodi Orbuch**

Fifth Grade Committee: Adriana Milana, Tammy Balko, Gloria Fumo, Debbie Kenny & Kim Stoffers

(Individual fifth grade committees will be announced separately)

**\*MULTICULTURAL LIAISON – [OPEN]**

**Jackson Connect** *Chairperson:* Adriana Milana

*Committee:* The Executive Board

**Host PTA Multicultural Meeting** (Jan 25) *Chairpersons:* Yimei Cui & Michelle Zhao

*Committee Members:* Avril D'Costa, Gloria Fumo, Thaina Pierre, Mi Sun Jang, Nina Sethi & Su Young Choz

**PAST PRESIDENT:** Jodi Orbuch

**Many thanks from your 2011-2012 PTA officers:**

Tammy Balko, Jill Citron, Michelle Cammisuli, Avril D'Costa, Joyce Granville & Adriana Milana