

J. Allen Axson Montessori School  
*Celebrating 20 Years*  
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**Mrs. Renfro's News and Notes: September, 2011**



Dates to Remember:

8/29 PTA will be selling school shirts before school

*DCPS tardy policy guideline begins today*

8/30 T-Shirt Tuesday!

Girl Scout Round-Up, 7 pm-Cafeteria

**SEPTEMBER:**

2<sup>nd</sup> School Advisory Council, 8:40 am

5<sup>th</sup> **Labor Day - No School**

6<sup>th</sup> T- Shirt Tuesday

*Dads On Hand meeting, 6:30pm, main office conference room*

7<sup>th</sup> **Early Dismissal, 1:30 pm**

8<sup>th</sup> Pre-K Tuition Due

**Upper Elementary Open House (PTA mtg. first-6:05 pm)**

13<sup>th</sup> T-Shirt Tuesday

15<sup>th</sup> **Fall Picture Day**

**Lower Elementary Open House (PTA mtg. first-6:05 pm)**

20<sup>th</sup> Community First Bank Deposit Day, 2:15-3:15 pm

T-Shirt Tuesday

21<sup>st</sup> International Day of Peace

**Early Dismissal, 1:30 pm**

22<sup>nd</sup> **Preprimary Open House (PTA mtg. first-6:00 pm)**

23<sup>rd</sup> Mid-Term Reports Go Home

Fire Drill, am

**SHOW YOUR AXSON PRIDE EACH TUESDAY!**

From staff to students, each Tuesday, we all show our school spirit. We have new t-shirt designs and new colors. They are \$10 and you can pick up an order form in the main office or go to [www.jaapta.org](http://www.jaapta.org) and print a t-shirt order form.

### **PK PARENTS, PLEASE READ THIS**

Dismissal for our 3 and 4 year old child is pretty easy and comfortable, but not so much on Early Dismissal days. EVERYONE is dismissed at the same time. If you need a little extra time placing your child in his/her car seat, you will most likely want to park in the parking lot. Please remember your paper plate that identifies your child and his class on this day especially. Early dismissal flows pretty easily but the first one can be a shocker if you weren't aware that all the other car riders will be joining you.

### **OPEN HOUSE IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER**

Open House is quite different from Orientation. You will have a more formal presentation of class rituals and routines. There will also be plenty of opportunities for questions. We will begin the evening in the cafeteria with a PTA meeting. There you will learn about our PTA goals for the year, approve the budget and find ways to become involved. Classrooms will begin their Open House presentations at 6:30 pm.

Community First Credit Union-Hodges branch will be on hand in front of the media center to set up bank accounts for your child to participate in Bank Deposit Days. Kumon Learning Center will also be on hand for questions and information.

### **MEDICATION ON CAMPUS**

If your child needs to take any form of medication during the school day, YOU are responsible for transporting the medication and signing a medication release in the main office. The medication must be contained in its intended container and it cannot be expired. Epi-pens and inhalers may be kept in the classroom but a physician's note must accompany either of these devices. This is district policy so there is no wiggle room on our part.

### **BANK DEPOSIT DAYS ARE BACK**

As we talk to students about setting goals, why not also discuss goals for things they want? Teaching children to practice saving money also teaches patience and focus. On the first and third Tuesday of each month, Community First Credit Union sets up at Axson and accepts deposits. Children receive incentives (Smencils are always a big hit) after each 5<sup>th</sup> deposit. It's pretty cool for them to see their money grow. There will be account cards available at both Open House and on Bank Deposit Days. It's a popular event at Axson. 😊

### **PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING PTA**

We are all in this together. Please show your support by becoming a member. Membership forms are available in the main office and online at [www.jaapta.org](http://www.jaapta.org). While PTA is selling t-shirts before school, they will also have membership forms handy.

### **WHAT HAPPENS IF YOUR CHILD ARRIVES TO SCHOOL AFTER 8:30 am?**

Teachers are required to accurately reflect school attendance each day and this includes students who arrive late to school. If your child arrives to school late, please proceed to the main office to sign in and obtain a tardy slip before proceeding to class. We understand that there can be unusual traffic conditions and if we receive a handful of calls (from different people☺), regarding a particular area of town, we will hold tardies and place a sign out front to let you know.

### **CALLING DADS**

Would you like to be involved at school but your time is not very flexible? D'OH might be right up your alley! We have odd jobs that teachers need done around campus that can be accomplished anytime between 7 am and 10 pm. We also have mentorship opportunities. I will have an orientation meeting in the main office conference room Tuesday, September 6 at 6:30 pm in the conference room. We all greatly appreciate our D'OH team!

### **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A "GIRLS ON THE RUN" CHAPTER AT AXSON?**

*Girls on the Run* is an international organization that educates preteen girls (Grades 3-5), for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living. It is organized in a manner similar to Girls Scouts. There are chapters in Jacksonville and Axson has had a campus charter as well. To make this happen I need two more volunteer coaches. If you think you might possibly be interested, log on first to [www.girlsontherun.org](http://www.girlsontherun.org) and learn more about it then give me a call or send me an email, [renfrop@duvalschools.org](mailto:renfrop@duvalschools.org).

### **FREE WAYS TO EARN MONEY FOR AXSON**

We receive 10 cents for each BoxTop you clip from specially marked grocery items. We have raised up to \$3,900 annually to pay for supplies such as toilet paper and soap. So please clip those Box Tops and send them on in. ☺

Do you drink Coke products? Does anyone at your work? By entering Coke Reward Codes and donating them to J. Allen Axson, you are supplying children with PE and art supplies and equipment. Simply log on to [www.mycokerewards.com](http://www.mycokerewards.com) to donate away! I think you can enter up to eight codes a day. I was able to order many things for Coach Dennis and Mr. Mike this summer from all the points Axson families donated.

### **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN POSSIBLY CARPOOLING?**

Stop by the office and see Ms. Wendy or send her an email, [stallwortw@duvalschools.org](mailto:stallwortw@duvalschools.org) to express your interest. Include your address, with zip code and we will create a list.

Thank you for hanging in there and reading all this back to school info. ☺

In partnership,  
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