

Dear Julian Curtiss School Community,

The first trimester of the 2017-2018 year has gone by quickly, and it has been both an exciting and a busy time. Our teaching staff is busy preparing for your upcoming visits to Report Card Conference Days. Please make sure you have a conference scheduled with your child's teacher for either December 7th, December 12th or the evening of December 14th. If you are unable to make one of those dates your child's teacher will do their best to accommodate you at a more convenient time.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I reflect on the many things for which I am thankful for, and my first thoughts are always with my family at home and my family here at school. To begin, I am thankful for the highlights of this last week at our amazing school. The PTA treated all of our students to a day with musician, Brian Chevalier. Mr. Chevalier met with every grade level group to create lyrics based on the norms and the identity of Julian Curtiss School as described by the students. These lyrics were put into song and Brian treated us to a wonderful, school-wide assembly that included our own new school song. A recording will be sent to us one day next week. Thank you to Jamie Cahill for organizing this event, and thank you to our PTA for providing our students with this enrichment.

Elections were held this week for the Student Council Executive Board. The staff and I are all so proud of all the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students that took a risk and put themselves out in the spotlight. The school was buzzing with excitement as the candidates gave speeches, talked about their platforms and presented posters. Congratulations to all of our students that took a chance and ran for student government!

Congratulations to the new Student Council Executive Board

Fifth grade co-presidents – Henry Robinson and Aidan Robinson

Fourth grade Level Representative – Caroline McNulty

Third grade Level Representative – Mickey Briggs

There is a new round of elections beginning this week. Each third grade, fourth grade and fifth grade classroom will elect a classroom representative. Nominations for classroom representatives are due Monday, November 20th. Speeches will be given the week of November 27th and elections will be held on December 1st.

JC ended the week with a **BANG** at the PTA fundraiser held at Gabriele's Steakhouse. Thank you to Michele Tierney and Jessica Gross who planned this magnificent event. We also thank Catherine Aaron, Jessie Bennet, Monique Chang, Josh Fields, Tyra Lopez, Alyssa Pecora Valerie Rimmer, Lori Robinson, Janine Scharff and Frances Wilson for their hard work and contributions. We had a record-breaking attendance of parents and staff thanks to the generosity of the PTA. The night generated \$22,500, which will benefit all of the students at our school! This money will support enrichment programs, assemblies, family fun days, scholarships for afters programs and much more. I am thankful for the support of the JC parents and the JC staff and how both groups help nurture an outstanding partnership for the students in our school!

We are all thankful for our students who come to school every day ready to learn – they give us all a daily reminder of what is important and why we are here. We are thankful for the teachers, professional assistants, support staff, secretaries, school nurse, lunchroom monitors, and custodians who really care about student achievement and have the best interests of our students at heart. We are also thankful for our volunteers who enthusiastically contribute so much to our school.

I see dedicated and tireless individuals going above and beyond to make sure that great things happen in our school. They do make a difference, and the children, in their own individual ways, benefit from these efforts. I am truly grateful for the opportunities I have experienced here at Julian Curtiss over the past twelve years. I would like to wish all of you and your families a happy, healthy and relaxing Thanksgiving holiday!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Trish McGuire
Principal