

A note from Your John Ireland Parent Advisory Committee Chair:

Hello Everyone,

Happy fall, it has finally arrived. It's the time for harvest, celebration and gratitude as we move into the holiday season. We have many things to be thankful for but most of all is John Ireland School and the amazing staff we have that watch over and teach our children everyday. It has been a great start to this school year and it could not have happened without all their hard work and dedication. So I just want to say thank you to all the teachers and staff that have made this happen and will continue to do so all year.

We started out this month's meeting with a review of what our commitment is with being on this committee and wanted to share that with you. To be on this committee we are committed to attending the meetings every month. We commit to participating in group conversations not only in the meetings but also outside of them as well. As things pop up, like they tend to do, we usually communicate via email or text and have conversations about it. We also commit to communicating with you, the parents, and be another source of information for you along with the school office and teachers. We have made it a point this year that the parent of this group that communicates with you, is also a parent of a similar grade. We also commit to volunteering. Not just with being on the committee but we also help set up and organize additional events such as the community night at Jakes or Trunk or Treat. As parents on the John Ireland Parent Advisory Committee (JIPAC) these are things that we committed to doing. Thank you to all members for your time and dedication

Next topic on the agenda is the Marathon. It was a beautiful day for a walk, bike ride and picnic and we had a great turnout for the event. It was a great day to share with so many new and familiar faces. Fundraising has also been very good for the Marathon as well. The kids have met all their goals and celebrated these achievements with various activities which I am sure you heard all about. Also a reminder about the Challenge Grant, that you have until the end of this year to give qualifying donations. If you have any questions please contact the school or church office.

The clothing order has been delivered and should be in your home now. Stay on the lookout as the clothing store will open up again soon just in time to receive these items before Christmas.

For the second year in a row John Ireland has entered the Scarecrow contest hosted by Go Therapy. Jen Schmidt took the lead on this one and helped to organize the Kindergarten class who decorated the scarecrow for us. The scarecrows will be on display the last week of October outside Go Therapy on Sunrise Drive. Go and vote for the John Ireland scarecrow and help support our school and our Kindergarten class.

John Ireland's annual Trunk or Treat will be held on October 30th from 5:30-7:00. Bring the kids and come trick or treating or show your creative side and decorate a trunk to display. Sign ups available in the weekly newsletter.

Community night was held at Jakes on Monday the 18th of October and was a success. Thank you to all that came and dined with us or got your pizza to go. Also thank you to all that were able to volunteer. The kids did a great job serving pizza to tables and cleaning up. Stay tuned for a possible second opportunity.

We are looking for someone who has talent or desire in creating a virtual tour of school. Something simple that would give the basics of our school and can be placed on the school website. If you are interested and would like more information please contact the school office.

Lastly, one of the goals that this committee has had for a long time is to find a way to build a community within the parents. We are open to and looking for any suggestions that you may have. In the past we have tried having family nights with the kids and games and we have also tried adult nights with dinner and cocktails. If you have any suggestions of things you would attend please reach out to us and let us know. Until next month.

Thank you

Chris Mish, JIPAC Chair