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<http://www.jonesboroschools.net/cms/one.aspx?objectId=524151>

*MacArthur Social Media

MacArthur PAT Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/MacArthurJuniorHigh>

MacArthur Twitter: @OTRCyclones

MacArthur PAT Twitter: @MacArthurJr_PAT

MacArthur PAT Instagram: @MacArthurJrHighPAT

Upcoming Events at MacArthur

MacArthur Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Meeting – Thursday, October 6th

MacArthur Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets Thursday mornings at 7:20am in Room 106. For questions about FCA contact sponsor Blake Davis at blake.davis@jonesboroschools.net.

MacArthur Drama Students Perform "Any Body For Tea?" – Friday, October 7th

Jonesboro Junior High Drama Department will be performing "Any Body For Tea?" on Friday, October 7th at 7:00pm in the Jonesboro High School Performing Arts Center. Student performers from both MacArthur and Annie Camp will be featured in the play. Congrats to the following MacArthur and Annie Camp students who received roles in the play:

Captain Williams - Joshua Nelson - AC

Dennis O'Finn - Angel Nunez - AC

Miss Hildegard - Savannah Nordhaus - MAC

Miss Birdie – Vanessa Williams - MAC

Miss Amantha - Sheridan Dethrow - AC

Miss Lucy - Emma Nunez - AC

Miss Nettie - Dinah Gathercole - MAC

Miss Elizabeth - Ella Perry - AC

Kramer - Destiny Madden – AC

Admission at the door for is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. You can purchase \$5 tickets online at this link:

<https://search.seatyourself.biz/webstore/webstore.html?domain=jonesboro>
<<https://search.seatyourself.biz/webstore/webstore.html?domain=jonesboro&event=>

Auditions for our very first Jonesboro Public Schools Junior High musical, “Thoroughly Modern Millie,” are coming up in November! The musical will be performed at JHS on January 27th and 28th. Audition dates and times will be announced soon. Auditions will be open to MacArthur and Annie Camp drama and choir students! A tentative rehearsal and performance schedule for January can be found here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8hmDzrUuhhrSF9NNXFTbDVFSk0/view>.

Rehearsals will also be held in November and December, with dates and times TBA. For more information, contact Alisha Carson, MacArthur/Annie Camp Drama Teacher, at alisha.carson@jonesboroschools.net.

Storm Bowl T-Shirt Order Deadline – Friday, October 7th

Congratulations to Syndey Green - the winner of the T-Shirt design contest for Storm Bowl 2016 and a \$50 cash prize! Syndey is an art student at MacArthur and created the design that will be used as the inspiration for our 2016 Storm Bowl t-shirts. Her shirt will be worn by both MacArthur and Annie Camp students this year! Way to go Sydney! The t-shirts are black and cost \$15.00. All orders must be paid and turned into the office by Friday, October 7th. T-shirts will be delivered to the school on Monday, October 24th in time to wear for spirit week and to the MacArthur vs Annie Camp game on Thursday, October 27th. An order form is attached to this email.

MacArthur/JHS Athletics This Week:

Monday, October 3 JHS JV Football vs West Memphis – Away – 6:30pm

Monday, October 3 Mac Volleyball – Westside (7th, JV, V) – Away – 5pm

Tuesday, October 4 Mac Volleyball – GCT (Mac 7th, JV, V) (JHS V) –

Away – 4:30pm

Tuesday, October 4 Mac 7th and 8th Grade Football – GCT – Home –
5:30pm

Thursday, October 6 Mac Varsity Football vs Marion – Home/JHS – 7:00pm

Thursday, October 6 Mac Band Football Game Performance – JHS

Thursday, October 6 Mac Volleyball – Batesville (Mac 7th, JV, V) –
Away – 5:00pm

Friday, October 7 JHS Varsity Football vs Pine Bluff – Home –
7:00pm

Student Council Fall Conference – Monday, October 10th

The first Student Council event this year is the White River Valley Association of Student Councils Fall Conference. It will be held at Quitman High School on October 10th. Student Council Members who would like to register to attend should log into their Google account and register here:
<https://docs.google.com/a/jonesboroschools.net/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdejteicti1STAUsBO-vvNa0ESnY7ChMeFCsl3iU-LCSs7R2A/viewform?c=0>
<<https://docs.google.com/a/jonesboroschools.net/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdejteicti1STAUsBO-vvNa0ESnY7ChMeFCsl3iU-LCSs7R2A/viewform?c=0&w=1>> &w=1

For more information on the Fall Conference click here:
<https://goo.gl/k6UrUD>

For questions, contact Student Council sponsor, Garrett Barnes at
garrett.barnes@jonesboroschools.net.

VPA “Fright Night” – Monday, October 10th

Support our MacArthur neighbor, Visual and Performing Arts Magnet School, by attending their “Fright Night” fundraiser on Monday, October 10th from 6-9pm on the MacArthur playground. Enjoy a haunted hayride, games, and food! Admission is \$10 for an armband with a family limit of \$20. Bring extra to purchase food.

MacArthur Student Council Meeting – Wednesday, October 12th

The next MacArthur Student Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 12th at 7:20am in Mr. Barnes’ room. Student Council is an opportunity for students to work together to identify ways they can help

their school and community through service oriented volunteerism. Students will be allowed to research and suggest volunteer ideas, such as community events or fundraisers, throughout the school year. Meetings will normally take place in Mr. Barnes's room the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:20am. To receive text reminders about DMJHS Student Council, text @dmjhsstuco to 81010. For questions, contact Student Council sponsor, Garrett Barnes at garrett.barnes@jonesboroschools.net.

Congrats to the 2016-2017 MacArthur Student Council Officers and Representatives

President - Tailar Ward

Vice President - Madison Shelton

Secretary - Celia Mayfield

Treasurer - Matt Hughes

Representatives: Alex Hardison, Ann-Marie Milde, Asia Williams, Brittany Norman, Bryan Arreola, Bryan Carpio, Celeste Harris, Chaz Stafford, JD Stafford, Treyson Stafford, Chase Copeland, Chauncey Tate, Colin Stafford, Ellie Richardson, Evan Hurt, Felicity Peel, Holden Welch, Bella Kattaviravong, J'lon Reed, Jacquiria Fletcher, Jameria Campbell, James Gueno, Jennifer Tellez, Karen Lopez-Varela, Kelvin Vineyard, Mahogany Mooney, Maria Mohajir, Naya Williams, Ross Taylor, Ryan Rouse, Sara McCain, Shaneka Jones, Steven Harrison, Ta'Niya Lyles, Tess Jones

MacArthur FBLA Conference – Wednesday, October 12th

FBLA members will be attending the Fall Leadership Conference on Wednesday, October 12th at the ASU Convocation Center. The Keynote Speaker is the new ASU Basketball Coach, Grant McCasland. For more information about FBLA contact FBLA sponsor, Tricia Watts, at tricia.watts@jonesboroschools.net.

ACT Prep Course at JHS – Saturday, October 15th

An ACT Prep Course will be hosted by JHS staff members on Saturday, October 15th from 9am – 4pm at JHS. The cost is \$50. MacArthur 9th graders who would like to register should print and return the form attached to this email to JHS.

MacArthur PAT Parent Group and Athletic Booster Club Meeting – Thursday, October 20th

The next PAT Parent Group and Athletic Booster Club meeting will be held on Thursday, October 20th at noon in the MacArthur Library/Media Center. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend. If you would like to volunteer for a PAT office or committee, it's not too late and we would LOVE your help. A list of available offices/committees is attached to this email.

Contact jennastafford@suddenlink.net to sign up. It's also never too late to make a PAT dues donation. A PAT Interest Form is attached to this email. Return it to school any time with your dues donation.

MacArthur Groups Encouraged to Participate in JHS Homecoming Parade – Friday, October 21st

MacArthur will be getting into the Homecoming spirit on Friday, October 21st as some of our student groups participate in the JHS Homecoming parade. The theme this year is a Halloween-themed “JHS Hallows Homecoming Parade.” JHS Homecoming royalty will be announced at a pep rally 2pm in the JHS gym. Following the pep rally, there will be a Homecoming parade down Main Street. MacArthur student groups such as cheerleaders, dancers, band, drum line, sports teams, and clubs are encouraged to march in the parade! Register your group to march at this link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/SP0tXYnVDSrXn9j2>. Parents, if you own a business with a unique business vehicle, you are also welcome to enter your vehicles. There is no charge to participate. For parade registration questions contact krisie.holmes@jonesboroschools.net. The parade will start at 3:30pm in the parking lot behind First United Methodist Church on Union. It will turn left on Warner and then proceed down Main Street in front of First Methodist, First Baptist, and the courthouse. It will then turn left on Washington and proceed up Union back to the parking lot. Come downtown after school and watch the festivities. JHS plays Searcy in the Homecoming football game at 7pm on Friday, October 21st. Come out and support our team!

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Distinguished Service Awards Brunch – Saturday, October 22nd

Make plans to attend the first annual Jonesboro Public Schools 2016 Distinguished Service Awards Brunch on Saturday, October 22nd at 10:30am in the JHS gym. Individual tickets are \$30 and a reserved table for eight is \$250. This event benefits The Foundation for Jonesboro Public Schools. Proceeds will be used for programs such as grants to teachers for educational projects and scholarships for JHS students to take concurrent college courses while still in high school. Enjoy a brunch with JPS friends the day after JHS homecoming while honoring the outstanding service of JHS alumnus Earl Bell, former educator Ron Williams, and community partner and JHS alumnus, Rennell Woods. For tickets, contact Barry or Dana Forrest at 932-7852. Seating is limited. Order your tickets today!

All Region Choir Auditions – Saturday, October 22nd

All Region Auditions will be held at Valley View for Honor Choir, Male Choir, and 7th Grade Choir members. The tryout fee is \$7 and needs to be given to Mrs. Callahan.

MacArthur “Coffee House” Talent Show – Monday, October 24th

MacArthur Coffee House is a talent show that will be held on Monday, October 24th in the MacArthur Cafeteria. It’s a fundraiser for the MacArthur choir. Get your acts ready to show Mrs. Callahan! There is a limit of 12 acts, so see Mrs. Callahan soon if you want to audition.

MacArthur Storm Bowl Spirit Week – October 24th – 28th

Show your MacArthur school spirit as our varsity football team takes on Annie Camp in the annual Storm Bowl football game on Thursday, October 27th at 7pm at JHS. We will have lots of fun events the week of our biggest football game of the year. The best costume winner from each grade level each day will win two tickets to our Storm Bowl dance on Friday night!

Monday, October 24th: “Hat Day”

Tip your hat for the MacArthur Cyclones! Wear your favorite or craziest hat.

Tuesday, October 25th: “Mixed up Day”

We are all mixed up after the Cyclone storm! Wear mismatched colors, backwards shirts, different socks, different shoes, etc.

Wednesday, October 26th: “Character Day”

The Cyclone blew in your favorite character! Dress like your favorite actor or actresses, book character, athlete, musician, Disney character, etc.

Thursday, October 27th: “Black and Gold Day”

Support our Cyclone football team by wearing your school colors to school and to our Storm Bowl pep rally!

Friday, October 28th: Storm Bowl Dance Day

Make plans to attend the Storm Bowl Dance from 7-9pm in the MacArthur Cafeteria to celebrate a great Storm Bowl Week! Suggested dress for the Storm Bowl Dance is "Sunday Best." Girls wear casual dresses, skirts, or cute pants outfits. Guys wear button down shirts with or without ties.

Parent Volunteers Needed! – October 24th, 25th, and 26th

We need a some parent volunteers to help pick the best costumes each day of Storm Bowl Spirit Week. Please reply to this email (jennastafford@suddenlink.net) if you can volunteer for any of the shifts below. You will simply come to one or more lunch periods and select the students who have best implemented the theme of the day. Please do not volunteer for your child's own grade. Example: If you have a 7th grader, please volunteer for the 8th or 9th grade lunch periods.

October 24th – "Hat Day" judge volunteers

11:02am – 11:32am – 7th grade – Volunteer:

11:51am – 12:21am – 8th grade – Volunteer:

12:40am – 1:10am – 9th grade – Volunteer:

October 25th – "Mixed Up Day" judge volunteers

11:02am – 11:32am – 7th grade – Volunteer:

11:51am – 12:21am – 8th grade – Volunteer:

12:40am – 1:10am – 9th grade – Volunteer:

October 26th – "Character Day" judge volunteers

11:02am – 11:32am – 7th grade – Volunteer:

11:51am – 12:21am – 8th grade – Volunteer:

12:40am – 1:10am – 9th grade – Volunteer:

MacArthur "Storm Bowl Dance" – Friday, October 28th

The MacArthur PAT "Storm Bowl Dance" will be held on Friday, October 28th from 7pm – 9pm in the MacArthur cafeteria. Admission is \$5 and snacks/drinks are \$1. MacArthur students only. All proceeds benefit the projects and programs of the MacArthur PAT parent group. This will be the final event in a week of special events centered around the Annie Camp/MacArthur "Storm

Bowl” football game. Suggested dress for the Storm Bowl Dance is “Sunday Best.” Girls wear casual dresses, skirts, or cute pants outfits. Guys wear button down shirts with or without ties.

MacArthur News and Info This Week:

MacArthur PAT Approves TV Monitor Purchase

Thanks to your generous PAT membership donations and support of our dances and other fundraising efforts over the last year, MacArthur PAT will soon be making a major purchase for our school buildings. At the request of Dr. Faught and other MacArthur administrators, PAT will be funding the purchase of eight television monitors, eight routers, and eight wall mounts. The TV monitors will be located in the following buildings: Academic 1, Academic 2, Academic 3, New Academic 4, Lobby of Principal’s Office, Lobby of Counselor’s Office, Media Center, and the Gym Lobby. From a computer, school announcements will be sent to all monitors and will be displayed throughout each day. In addition, Dr. Faught hopes to have countdown clocks on the monitors to assist students in knowing how long they have between classes. Other benefits of the monitors will be the opportunity for students in classes such as EAST to create some of the content that goes on the screens, plus promoting an increased awareness of school events. PAT members in attendance voted unanimously at the September meeting to budget up to \$5,971.84 for this project as follows:

\$2,632 – Eight 50 Inch Televisions – \$329 x 8

\$2,000 – Eight Wireless Router Boxes – \$250 x 8

\$872 – Eight TV Wall Mounts – \$109 x 8

\$0 – Installation Provided by District

\$467.84 – Sales Tax

\$5971.84 – Estimated Total

PAT Begins Fundraising for Next Project

Following the purchase of eight television monitors to play school announcements in our buildings, our next PAT funding priority involves the outdoor pavilion near the cafeteria. Currently, there are two benches and no tables under the pavilion outside the cafeteria door. PAT would like to add 7 more stationary benches (one for the space between each of the support poles) and two six foot long portable picnic tables. The new items would

match the existing benches and would be purchased from the company that manufactured the two existing benches – Summit Supply Corporation of Colorado. Currently, students who chose to sit outside during lunch are eating on the concrete. This would give students a place to sit instead of the ground. It would also beautify our campus by creating an inviting pavilion, and seating would be sufficient to accommodate an outdoor classroom session. \$4,886.72 is needed to fund this project as follows:

\$3,122.00 – Seven 6' long stationary black benches – \$446 x 7

\$1,323.72 – Two 6' long portable black picnic tables – \$661.86 x 2

\$421.00 – Shipping

\$0 – Sales Tax – Out of state sale, tax exempt

\$0 – Installation provided by district

\$4,866.72 – Total

If you or your business would be interested in helping to fund this project, you can do so by printing off the PAT Interest Form attached to this email and returning it to the school offices with your donation at any time.

See You At The Pole

MacArthur Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) members hosted a “See You At The Pole” gathering on Wednesday, September 28th. SYATP is a voluntary time of prayer for students around the country at their school flag poles. Thanks to FCA sponsor Blake Davis for facilitating this event for the students.

JHS Golf Wins 6A State Tournament

Congratulations Hurricane Golf! Jonesboro won the Class 6A boys golf title on October 4th. Former MacArthur student Wil Gibson was the medalist. MacArthur 9th grader Ben Sherman was a member of this winning team! Congrats to Ben for getting 6th place overall and All-State honors as a Freshman! This makes 7 years in a row for JHS to win the 6A State Championships for Boys Golf!

MacArthur Drumline Meets Rascal Flatts Drummer

On September 22nd the MAC Drumline had the opportunity to attend a clinic at ASU with Jim Riley, the drummer for Rascal Flatts. The band was in town for a concert at ASU. Riley said when the group is out on the road, he would rather talk to students about drumming and music than spend his morning sleeping!

Congrats to MacArthur Varsity Football

Congrats to MacArthur Varsity Football in their 21-10 victory over Annie Camp last week! Also great job band, cheerleaders, and dancers! Go Cyclones!

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MacArthur Counseling Center News

Backpack of Food Program

Monetary donations are always needed for our Backpack of Food program. The program is currently serving about 15 students on a weekly basis by sending home non-perishable, easy-to-prepare food every weekend and on holidays. If you or your business would like to make a monetary donation to the Backpack of Food program, take it to the MacArthur counseling office on Wilkins Drive and give it to counselors Lindsey Kelley or Brooke Looney. Make checks to "Mac PAT" with "Food Program" in the memo line. The program has already received more than \$2,000 in donations this year from local sponsors, but much more is needed to keep the program going and to serve more students. For questions, contact PAT Backpack Chair Kim Shelton at robkimshelton@att.net.

Thanks to our Backpack Program sponsors so far this year:

Don and Lynn Parker, Centennial Bank, St. Bernards, and Families Inc. Thanks also to Bartels Family Dentistry and Shannon Dental Care for the donations of toothbrushes and toothpaste and to Post for a donation of 16 cases of cereal.

Clothes Closet

Even junior high students have spills and accidents, and sometimes the clothes students wear to school don't meet dress code. To help with that, our counselors currently need the following items: 2xl t-shirts, sweatpants, athletic shorts, sweatshirts, underwear, sports bras, socks, and athletic

shoes. Most items can be lightly used, but underwear, sports bras, and socks must be new.

Backpacks

Since we don't have lockers, backpacks are needed by all students and don't always last the entire year. Any gently used or new backpack donations would greatly appreciated at any time during the year.

School Supplies

In addition to backpacks, donations for the following school supplies are also needed: three rings binders, composition notebooks, and index cards. For questions or if your student is in need of any of the school supplies or programs offered, contact the MacArthur Counselors:

Brooke Looney - 8th Grade Girls & 7th Grade Counselor –
brooke.looney@jonesboroschools.net

Lindsey Kelley - 8th Grade Boys & 9th Grade Counselor –
lindsey.kelley@jonesboroschools.net

MacArthur PAT Parent Group Info

PAT Executive Officers 2016-2017

Co-Presidents:

Jenna Stafford – jennastafford@suddenlink.net – [870-761-8737](tel:870-761-8737)

Melissa Burris - melissa.burris@jonesboroschools.net

Vice-President: Kristie Stokes - kstokes@fbcjonesboro.org

Treasurer: Lynn Parker - lparker@phbfirm.com

Secretary: Staci Gibson - bswrg@sbcglobal.net

A complete list of officers and committee members is attached to this email

Thanks MacArthur PAT Donors 2016-2017

Thanks to the following families who have already made a donation to our PAT parent group for 2016-2017. Please reply to this email if your donation is not listed, you would prefer not to be listed, or if your name is listed incorrectly. A membership/donation form is attached to this email. Fill it out and return it to the Wilkins Street office at MacArthur at any time during the school year. Thanks to all who have donated! So far this year

we've raised \$2,592 in membership donations!

Gold Level PAT sponsors - Paul & Laura Pickens, Don and Lynn Parker, Brian and Angie Dickson, Brad and Becca Clark, Jack and Peggy Havdala, Ray and Deana Osment, Tim and Leigh Fowler, Doug and Jackie Falls, Joseph and Diane Kueter, Trey and Jenna Stafford, Jack and Christy Johnson, Robert and Mary Kay Jones, Rob and Lorelei Yates

Black Level PAT Sponsors - Gwyn Hughes, Russell & Kristie Stokes, Liane Neshat, Thomas & Paula Hughes, Troy and Brigitte Bartels, Steven and Brook Daniels, Frank and Cathy Darvis, Chuck and Lindy Gschwend, Chris and Polly Harrell, Wade and Tracey Moon, Kelly and Ashley Stevens, Marvin and Ashely Day, Brian and Agnie McCoy, Stephen and Alicia Rose, Brian and Allison McCoy, Marvin and Ashley Day, Todd and Kelly Welch, Chris and Michelle Barber, Brenda Harbison, Todd and Elizabeth Rouse, Kevin and Patty Cole, Dan and Scarlett Mullins, Terrance and Annette Bledsoe, Kerry and Bridget Childs, Rob and Shelli Wilson, Chad and Andrea Abernathy, Sarah Fray, Brian and Kelly Church, John and Misty Layman, Michael and Marci Oliver, Allen and Nicole Rudolph, Sandra Stafford, Ryan and Jackie Boyd, Wade and Shelly Brown, Jim and Lisa Gueno, Stephen and Alicia Rose, Allen and Nicole Rudolph, Bryan and Cindy Wagner, Rob and Kim Shelton

Red Level PAT Sponsors - Dan and Mikki Hosman, De'Andrea Biddle, Josh and Amanda Olson, Tira Brown, Tim and Gretchen Stewart, De'Adrea Biddle, Michael and Elaine Lilly

MacArthur PAT Budget Overview

Available Funds as of 9/22/16 - \$9,585.32

2016-2017 Profits:

PAT Membership Donations – \$2,592

Apparel Sales - \$1,374.48

MacArthur License Plate Sales - \$10

2016-2017 Expenditures:

\$58.33 – Plants for Administration Office Flower Bed (Reimbursement)

\$32.42 – Watering hose for Administration Office Flower Bed (Reimbursement)

\$175 – Tosh Lawn Care – Trimmed shrubs, pulled weeds, mulched flower beds

8/16

\$171.43 – Logo merchandise samples for Open House (will re-sell)

\$152.50 – Scripps Spelling Bee Entry Fee

\$90.03 – 9/15/16 – Food for Parent/Teacher Conference - croissant sandwiches, lunch meat roll-ups, and Doritos.

Budgeted Items:

\$3,308.91 – BackPack Program Funds

\$1,208.91 – Carried over from 2015-2016

\$2,100 – New 2016-2017 private donations

Monetary Donors: Don & Lynn Parker, Centennial Bank, St. Bernards, Families Inc.

Minus: \$854.31 – Food purchased at Cash Saver on 8/17/16 for BackPack Program Pantry

\$500 – Flower bed cleanup and landscape maintenance for 2016-2017 (Approved 7/19/16)

\$265.75 spent so far

\$520 – Hospitality Start Up Funds (Approved 7/19/16) (Includes a \$20 hospitality fund donation)

\$90.03 spent so far

\$300 – DJ for Fall Dance (approximate)

\$50 – SRO Fee Fall Dance (approximate)

\$300 – Academic Awards (Spent \$282.10 last year)

\$152.50 – Scripps Spelling Bee Entry Fee

\$5,971.84 – Budgeted to purchase 8 TV monitors, router boxes and wall mounts

Totals from 2015-16 for comparison:

\$3,342 last year from PAT membership donations

\$1,032.92 last year on merchandise

\$1,228 last year from fall dance

Tentative Parent Group Meetings 2016-2017

Our MacArthur parent group is called PAT (Parents and Teachers), and we meet once per month at noon in the MacArthur Media Center. Feel free to bring your lunch and stop by on your lunch break! Everyone is encouraged to come whether you hold an office or not. Our meetings normally include updates from our principals and other school leaders on the many things going on at MacArthur. This year, we will also hear a report from our athletic Booster Club at each meeting. Coming to the monthly meetings is a great way to learn about upcoming volunteer opportunities and to find out what's going on at school. Below is a tentative meeting schedule for 2016-2017. All meetings are at noon in the MacArthur Library/Media Center:

October 20th

November 17th

December 8th

January 19th

February 16th

March 16th

April 20th

May 18th (Meeting and new parent luncheon)

MacArthur Athletic Booster Club Info

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Parents of MacArthur athletes are encouraged to become a part of our Athletic Booster Club. Our Booster Club supports all sports at MacArthur. This year, our Booster Club will be giving an update and conducting a very short business meeting at each monthly PAT parent group meeting. Hopefully, this meeting combination will make it easier for parents to get involved with both PAT and Boosters. A Booster Club membership form is attached to this email. If you are interested in Booster Club, please print out the membership form and return it to either MacArthur office at any time. Your donation supports all athletic programs at MacArthur.

2016-2017 Booster Club Officers:

President – Ray and Deana Osment - rayanddeana@suddenlink.net

Vice President – Brad and Becca Clark - beccaclark@suddenlink.net

Treasurer – Brian and Kelly Church - kellychurch@gmail.com

Secretary – Marvin and Ashley Day – ashmarvday@gmail.com

JPS Athletic Event Tickets, Student Passes, Season Passes, and Golden Gang Passes

Save money and time at the ticket booth by purchasing your JPS athletic passes!

Ticket Prices:

Tickets for most Senior High sports events are \$5.00 for students and adults. Tickets for most Junior High sports events \$4.00 for students and adults. Save money by purchasing a season pass! Passes are good for most regularly scheduled home athletic events. They are not accepted for AAA benefits or state championship events.

MacArthur Student Athlete Passes:

Student Athlete Passes are for MacArthur student athletes in any sport. The cost is \$10. This pass will allow student athletes into any JHS, MacArthur, or Annie Camp home game in any sport all year (excluding AAA Benefit games). These passes can be purchased in from Mrs. White in the MacArthur Administration Office each weekday from 8am to 3pm. Make checks to “MacArthur Junior High.”

MacArthur Student and Adult Season Passes:

Season Passes are for adults and for students who do not participate in athletics. Adults and students can purchase a pass for \$30. This pass will allow the purchaser to attend ten home games in any sport all year at MacArthur and Annie Camp (excluding AAA Benefit games). In all, you save \$10 by purchasing a season pass. These passes can be purchased in from Mrs. White in the MacArthur Administration Office each weekday from 8am to 3pm. Make checks to “MacArthur Junior High.”

JHS Season Passes:

JHS athletics passes for JHS sporting events are available for \$40 in the JHS office.

Golden Gang Passes:

Attention MacArthur Grandparents! Golden Gang Passes are available for adults 65 years and older. They allow free admission into most JPS athletic events (Excluding AAA Benefit games, State Events, Hurricane Classic, and the Natural State Hoop Fest/ESPN Event). Adults 65 and older can pick up Golden Gang passes at JPS Central Office on Southwest Drive with an ID that verifies age.

Athletic Schedules

Schedules are attached to this email or accessible in the links below.

Attention MacArthur Coaches: Please send your schedules, schedule updates, and tryout info to jennastafford@suddenlink.net.

MacArthur Boys Basketball:

http://www.jonesboroschools.net/UserFiles/Servers/Server_524047/File/District/Athletics/MACAthleticSchedules/MAC%20Boys%20Basketball%20Schedule%202016-2017.pdf

MacArthur Girls Basketball:

[http://www.jonesboroschools.net/UserFiles/Servers/Server_524047/File/District/Athletics/MACAthleticSchedules/Mac%20girls%20Bball%20Schedule%2016-17%20\(1\).pdf](http://www.jonesboroschools.net/UserFiles/Servers/Server_524047/File/District/Athletics/MACAthleticSchedules/Mac%20girls%20Bball%20Schedule%2016-17%20(1).pdf)

MacArthur Volleyball:

http://www.jonesboroschools.net/UserFiles/Servers/Server_524047/File/District/Athletics/MACAthleticSchedules/Mac%202016%20vb%20schedule%205-25-16.pdf

MacArthur Football:

[http://www.jonesboroschools.net/UserFiles/Servers/Server_524047/File/District/Athletics/MACAthleticSchedules/2016%20MacArthur%20Jr.%20Football%20Schedule%20\(1\).pdf](http://www.jonesboroschools.net/UserFiles/Servers/Server_524047/File/District/Athletics/MACAthleticSchedules/2016%20MacArthur%20Jr.%20Football%20Schedule%20(1).pdf)

JHS Football:

[http://www.jonesboroschools.net/UserFiles/Servers/Server_524047/File/District/Athletics/JHSAthleticSchedules/2016%20-%20JHS%20Football%20Schedule%20\(2\).pdf](http://www.jonesboroschools.net/UserFiles/Servers/Server_524047/File/District/Athletics/JHSAthleticSchedules/2016%20-%20JHS%20Football%20Schedule%20(2).pdf)

JHS Boys Basketball:

http://www.jonesboroschools.net/UserFiles/Servers/Server_524047/File/District/Athletics/JHSAthleticSchedules/2016-17%20JHS%20Boys%20Basketball%20Schedule

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JHS Girls Basketball:

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JHS Tennis

http://www.jonesboroschools.net/UserFiles/Servers/Server_524047/File/District/Athletics/JHSAthleticSchedules/Jonesboro%20High%202016%20Tennis%20Schedule.pdf

JHS Golf

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JHS Cross Country

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Booster Club Merchandise Fundraiser

The MacArthur Athletic Booster Club is selling a variety of MacArthur logo merchandise as a fundraiser. Contact Deana Osment at rayanddeana@suddenlink.net to order.

Gray "M Cyclones" 50 Cotton/50 Poly Tshirt

Size M-XL - \$20

Size 2XL - \$22

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White "Dri-Fit" type material 100% Cotton Tshirt

S-XL - \$20

2XL – 3XL - \$22

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Black Mesh "M" Hat - \$15

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X-Large MacArthur Logo Umbrella - \$40

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MacArthur News and Info Archive

(News and info previously published for those new to this email)

MacArthur Hospitality Committee News

September 15th - Our MacArthur Hospitality Committee treated our staff members to Sonic drinks and a sandwich tray during Parent/Teacher Conference day.

August 9th - The Hospitality Committee provided breakfast for the MacArthur teachers and staff during their work week.

To sign up for the Hospitality Committee, contact Leslie Williams, MacArthur PAT Hospitality Chair, at lesliekwilliams2229@yahoo.com.

Sponsors Needed for JHS Football Telecasts

JHS football games are broadcast each week on local cable TV. In order to continue doing this, sponsors are needed. If you or your business would be interested in being a sponsor of the JHS football telecast, please contact Harvey Huffstetler at hh_corporation@yahoo.com

Congrats to Clara Parker – Glen Sain “Player of the Week”

Congrats to MacArthur 9th grader and JHS Volleyball player Clara Parker for being named the Glen Sain "Player of the Week" for the week of September 12th. Thanks to everyone in the MacArthur family who voted for her!

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Upcoming MacArthur Band Events

MacArthur Football Game Performances

Band members arrive at JHS at 6pm

October 6th

October 20th

October 27th

Football Game Day Info to Mac Football Players and Families from Coach Hodges:

7th Grade

HOME GAMES: We do not provide transportation to JHS, players must find a ride. They are required to be there by 5:00. They can leave school at 2:50. They are asked to bring their equipment back to school the next morning, where they will bring it to the locker room and turn in uniforms to be washed. If they are a bus rider or car rider they can go straight to locker room and put items up and then return back to cafeteria or gym.

AWAY GAMES: If we are feeding the team the players will stay after school to eat. We ask that players do not hang around school unless they have to. For all away games except for playing at JHS we will take a bus to game. Players can ride home after game with parents, **BUT MUST BE SIGNED OUT.** If a player is to ride home with another adult other than parent he must bring a note to school and have it signed by administration.

8th Grade

HOME GAMES: ALL 8th graders will practice the day of a game. The practice will be shortened because of 8th grade game. After practice they will get game uniforms. Players must have own transportation to JHS and ask them to be there by 6:00. 8th grade games will start after 7th grade games.

AWAY GAMES: If we are feeding the team the players will stay after practice and eat. We ask that players do not hang around school unless they have to. For all away games except for playing at JHS we will take a bus to game. Players can ride home after game with parents, **BUT MUST BE SIGNED OUT.** If a player is to ride home with another adult other than parent he must bring a note to school and have it signed by administration.

9th Grade/Varsity

HOME GAMES: All 9th graders will dress out for game, we ask that all 8th graders dress out also, but it is not mandatory. We understand that 2 games week is a lot. Players are allowed to leave at 2:50. They can walk somewhere to eat but they are not allowed to walk across Highland, Caraway or Nettleton unless given permission from Coach Hodges. We will take a bus to all home games at JHS and players must be back at appropriate time to get dressed and load bus. ALL players will ride bus back to MacArthur after game, where parents can pick them up.

AWAY GAMES: For away games there will be a travel roster. We are taking all players to Nettleton, but for Batesville and West Memphis we just take all

9th graders and some chosen 8th graders. We will try to feed the team on all away games. Will do this during 8th period. Again players can leave at the bell 2:50 but must be back in time to dress and load bus. Players can ride home after game with parents , BUT MUST BE SIGNED OUT. If a player is to ride home with another adult other than parent he must bring a note to school and have it signed by administration.

Cheerleaders Fundraiser

The MacArthur cheerleaders are selling plastic drink tumblers with an "M" logo. The cost is \$19. To purchase one, contact cheer sponsor Marlie Parnell at marlie.parnell@jonesboroschools.net.

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MacArthur Art Club Fundraiser

The MacArthur Art Club has t-shirts for sale. They are \$25 each. To order, contact MacArthur art teacher Morgan Callahan at morgan.callahan@jonesboroschools.net.

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MacArthur PAT and Athletic Boosters Get Workroom

The MacArthur PAT Parent Group and Athletic Booster Club finally have their own storage room/workroom! Until now, each group had one shelf in a cabinet in the Wilkins Street office. Now, each group has two full locking storage cabinets each, a large rolling cart, and a work table in a spacious room located near the left glass door to the cafeteria. It will be used to store items such as our club notebooks, historical records, dance decorations, unsold t-shirts, and snack/soda stockpiles for dances. A huge thank you to Principal Brad Faught for allowing us to use this room, and extra special thanks to Assistant Principal Bryan Jenkins for making this actually happen by clearing the clutter out of the room. Thanks to School Resource Officer Rich Rothwell for obtaining the locking cabinets for us.

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Back To School Dance a Big Success

The MacArthur Booster Club Back to School Dance on Friday, August 19th was a huge success! Thanks to all the parents and coaches that volunteered their time to help. The Booster Club raised over \$1,900 to support our student athletes this year. Thanks to all who attended!

9th Grade Choir Field Trip

Members of the 9th grade Honor Choir and 9th grade male choir took a field trip to the Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum on Wednesday, August 31st. The group has been studying famous Memphis musicians. They also enjoyed lunch at the Hard Rock Café. Thanks Mrs. Callahan for making choir both educational and fun for these kids!

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Drop Off/Pick Up Information

Drop Off: Drop off begins at 7:15am. Your student may proceed to the cafeteria where FREE breakfast is available for ALL students until 7:40am every morning. If not eating breakfast, students should wait in the gym until the bell rings. As the year progresses, some teachers are in their rooms in the morning and available for questions and homework help. Check with your child's teacher to find out about morning office hours if your student needs occasional extra help. Drop off is along Wilkins Drive in the circle drive. Please be patient. The line on Wilkins will be long and traffic will be terrible the first week, but it will get better! It's better to travel East on Wilkins (toward Kroger) instead of West on Wilkins (toward JHS) so that your student does not have to cross the street. Remind your student to only cross the street at the designated crosswalk. You will see our School Resource Officer, Rich Rothwell, assisting at that crossing every morning and afternoon. For your student's safety, drop offs are not permitted in the gym parking lot and are prohibited in front of the Administration Building on MacArthur Drive. The Administration Building parking lot is reserved for school bus drop offs only.

Pick Up: Pick up is at 2:50pm. Please form a car line along Wilkins Drive facing East (toward Kroger). Again, the line will be very long the first week, but it will get better! Same rules apply for pick up as with drop off. If at all possible, please get in the East facing car line so that your student does not have to cross the street. For safety, car rider students are not permitted to walk beyond the corner of Wilkins and MacArthur to get in their cars. Crossing the street anywhere except at the crossing with the School Resource Officer is prohibited and extremely dangerous. Please tell your students to NEVER cross Wilkins except in the designated SRO crosswalk. We've seen many near misses with students who don't obey this rule and dart between cars across Wilkins to their parent's car.

Class Changes

If your student signed up for the Robotics and Automation class elective, that class has been cancelled. Students who signed up for Robotics and Automation will receive one of their alternate elective choices.

A few new drama/theater classes have been added:

Drama (7th and 8th Graders) – This year-long class is taught by our new Drama/Theatre teacher Alisha Carson. It will focus on the basics of theater. Ms. Carson is hoping to do some on-stage theater productions this year involving students in this class. Both plays and musicals are currently being considered. This class is a good choice for students coming from Visual and Performing Arts Magnet School (and other magnets that do plays and musicals) who are interested in continuing to build their theatre experience.

Theatre 1 (9th Graders) – This is a year-long class taught by our new Drama/Theatre teacher Alisha Carson. Students will learn and demonstrate a mastery of theatre performance skills. Ms. Carson is hoping to do some on-stage theater productions this year involving students in this class. Both plays and musicals are currently being considered. This class is a pre-requisite to several drama/theater classes at JHS.

Theatre Appreciation (9th Graders) – This is a one-semester only Block Option choice for students who would like to fill their state required Fine Arts graduation requirement without taking a full year of Theatre class.

A complete list of classes for each grade is attached to this email.

For questions regarding schedules or to make changes you can contact our counselors through their email (below), call them at 933-5840, or stop by the counselors' office at the Wilkins Street entrance to MacArthur:

Brooke Looney - 8th Grade Girls & 7th Grade Counselor –
brooke.looney@jonesboroschools.net

Lindsey Kelley - 8th Grade Boys & 9th Grade Counselor –
lindsey.kelley@jonesboroschools.net

Free Breakfast and Lunch for ALL MacArthur Students!

Exciting news! ALL Jonesboro Public Schools students will receive free breakfast and lunch this year under a program called the Community Eligibility Provision. No further action is required of you. All students will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a

fee or submit a meal application.

At MacArthur, students will be allowed to pick the following seven items to be included in their lunch each day. Students are required to select at least 3 of these components, and at least one item has to be a fruit or vegetable: 1 meat, 1 grain, 2 veggies, 2 fruits, 1 milk

Items they may select from daily include:

Main Dish (changes daily)

Assorted Fresh Fruits

Assorted Fresh Vegetables

Chicken Strips (3)

Cheeseburger/Hamburger

Cheese Pizza

Pepperoni Pizza

Regular Chicken Sandwich

Spicy Chicken Sandwich

Fresh Salad

Turkey/Ham Sandwich

Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich

The following items are "extras" that will be available at an extra cost. Prices listed are subject to change:

Large Chips – 0.80

Small Chips - 0.50

Rice Crispy - 0.50

Chex Mix - 1.00

Gummy Snacks – 0.50

Diet Sodas 12 oz - 1.25

Large water 20 oz - 1.00

Small water 12 oz - 0.50

Gatorade - 1.25

Izzy Juice - 1.50

Second Helping of the Entrée/Main Dish - 1.00

If you are not selecting a complete 3-7 item free meal, the main dish/entree alone is 2.00

Free breakfast will be served each morning starting Monday, August 15th from 7:10am – 7:40am. The menu will vary every day and 2nd helpings of the entrée will cost 1.00.

To purchase “extra” items your child will need to bring cash, parents can bring cash or checks to school to put on the student’s account (make checks to MacArthur Cafeteria), or you can set up an account with a credit or debit card at the following link. No charges will be allowed.

<https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/login/getmain?requestAction=home>

For questions contact MacArthur Cafeteria Managers Tracy Wright and Tammy Mayne at mackitchen@jonesboroschools.net or 933-5840.

MacArthur Bell and Lunch Schedule

The complete MacArthur bell and lunch schedule is attached to this email. Lunch is at the following times this year:

Breakfast: 7:10am – 7:40am

7th Grade Lunch: 11:02am – 11:32am – After 4th Period

8th Grade Lunch: 11:51am – 12:21pm – After 5th Period

9th Grade Lunch: 12:40pm – 1:10pm – After 6th Period

School Supply Tips for Incoming 2016-2017 Students

There is no online or printed supply list for MacArthur. You will receive supply lists from your individual teachers at MacArthur Open House (or the 1st day of school if you can't attend Open House). Since there are no lockers at MacArthur, many students find that a backpack and one large binder is the best system. The binder should have a pocket divider for each class and loose leaf paper in each section. There are a wide range of sturdy, cloth covered binders available at most local stores. Some classes such as choir and band require a separate, thin binder. Choir requires a ½ inch black binder. Some teachers will also request optional items such as hand sanitizer, paper towels, and tissue for parents who would like to donate those items. Many students also use index cards to make flash cards to study. For the most part, students need a backpack, large binder, paper, dividers, index cards, and pencils and they are ready for Junior High! If you are unable to purchase the required items, please contact the counselors for assistance. A limited number of free, new and gently used backpacks are also available from the counseling office for students truly in need.

Brooke Looney - 8th Grade Girls & 7th Grade Counselor –
brooke.looney@jonesboroschools.net

Lindsey Kelley - 8th Grade Boys & 9th Grade Counselor –
lindsey.kelley@jonesboroschools.net

New MacArthur Landscaping

Our MacArthur PAT parent group is already at work this year making our campus better for our students and staff. In July, PAT voted to allocate up to \$500 to spruce up our landscaping at the Wilkins and MacArthur Street entrances. Because previous parent groups installed many of these flower beds, plants, and trees years ago, we are encouraged to maintain them. The shrubs were professionally trimmed and the flower bed was weeded and re-mulched at the Wilkins Street entrance by the stairs. Parent volunteers have trimmed the Crepe Myrtles and Bradford Pear trees at the Wilkins Street entrance. The two flower beds in front of the Administration Building on MacArthur Drive have been weeded and re-mulched. The shrubs have been trimmed and ornamental grasses and mums were added. A garden hose was purchased to (hopefully) keep the new plants alive. If you own a landscape business or have experience in this area and are willing to help with manpower or resources to keep our school grounds beautiful, contact jennastafford@suddenlink.net to volunteer for our new PAT Landscape Committee.

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MacArthur Booster Club All-Sports Cookout

Thanks to the MacArthur Booster Club for hosting a back-to-school cookout for all MacArthur athletes on Friday, August 12th. To help with future Booster Club events, contact Booster Club Presidents Ray and Deana Osment at rayanddeana@suddenlink.net. A Booster Club membership form is attached to this email. Fill it out and return it to school any time.

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MacArthur Social Media

You will receive an email like this about once per week during the school year. In between, we pass along important announcements through social media. Be sure to join each of the groups listed below if you are on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter.

MacArthur PAT Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MacArthurJuniorHigh>

MacArthur PAT Twitter: @MacArthurJr_PAT

MacArthur PAT Instagram: @MacArthurJrHighPAT

MacArthur Yearbook Info

Most MacArthur 2015-2016 yearbooks were distributed this summer. If you missed that distribution, 8th and 9th graders can pick their yearbooks up in Mrs. Askeland's room once school starts. 10th graders who are former MacArthur students can pick their 2015-2016 MacArthur yearbooks up in the JHS office. If you did not order a yearbook and you would like one, there are a few extras available for purchase. Our yearbook coordinator is teacher Roseann Askeland. As you take pictures throughout the year of school events, please forward them to her at roseann.askeland@jonesboroschools.net.

Record Your MacArthur Volunteer Hours

A volunteer hours record book is located on the counter of the in the Administration office on MacArthur Street (Mrs. White's office). Please record your hours by stopping by and writing them in the book, or you can email your hours to PAT Membership/Volunteer Chair Liane Neshat at

lianeneshat@gmail.com at any time. Please include date, hours worked, and a brief description of the activity. This includes anything you do to volunteer for the band, Booster Club, PAT, helping individual teachers, assisting sports teams, baking hospitality treats, etc. Anything you do to volunteer your time at MacArthur should be recorded. Our volunteer involvement can help JPS receive grants and other funding.

MacArthur Beta Club

National Junior Beta Club (8th grade) and National Beta Club (9th grade) members are required to maintain a 3.5 GPA and fulfill volunteer service requirements. Dues are \$25 per year. Meetings are held once per month at 7:20am in the MacArthur Library/Media Center. For more information on MacArthur Beta Club contact lindsey.morris@jonesboroschools.net. To join the MacArthur Beta Club text message alert group, go to your text messages and type @macbetaclub in the message box. Send it to 23559. This will subscribe you to MacArthur Beta Club text messages.

Meet Our New Assistant Principal – Bryan Jenkins

Welcome to our newest MacArthur Assistant Principal, Bryan Jenkins. Mr. Jenkins was most recently the MacArthur varsity boys basketball coach and a MacArthur PE teacher. He joins fellow Assistant Principal Bryce Bennett and Principal Brad Faught in the MacArthur Administration Office. Mr. Jenkins is in charge of discipline for all 9th graders plus 8th grade boys. (Mr. Bennett is in charge of discipline for all 7th graders plus 8th grade girls).

Meet Our New Varsity Basketball Coach – Troy Campbell

Former JHS assistant basketball coach Troy Campbell will replace Bryan Jenkins as the MacArthur varsity boys basketball coach as coach Jenkins transitions to his new position as a MacArthur Assistant Principal. Welcome to the MacArthur family Coach Campbell!

Meet Our SRO – Rich Rothwell

MacArthur is lucky to have School Resource Officer Rich Rothwell. This is Officer Rothwell's second year of service at MacArthur. Officer Rothwell was born and raised in southern Arkansas. He has a BS in criminal justice from Murray State University in Murray Kentucky. He began his law enforcement career in Grenada, Mississippi and has worked for the City of Jonesboro for almost six years. He's married to Melissa Rothwell and has a daughter,

Morgan.

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Meet Our New Cafeteria Managers – Tracy Wright and Tammy Mayne

A big MacArthur welcome to our new MacArthur Cafeteria Managers Tracy Wright and Tammy Mayne. They replace Kimberly VanLeeuwen who is now at JHS. Welcome to both of you, and thanks for making sure our kids get a great breakfast and lunch each day!

Tammy Mayne:

I'm married with 4 grown kids and 6 grandbabies. We have lived in Jonesboro most of our life. My hobbies are gardening and trying new recipes. I've been with the school system for 20 years, 6 years of that in management. I have loved many children over the years, and I am proud to know the nutritious meals helped them grow in to healthy young adults.

Tracy Wright:

I'm married with 3 children. Two are in JPS, and my baby will start next year. My hobbies are all mommy mode that includes stories, cartoons, and playing outside. I love to feed hungry kiddos which is why I became a lunch lady! I have worked for JPS 4 years and this is my second year in management! I love my team and my job. It's a blessing in more ways than can be said!!!!

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Tammy Mayne (left) Tracy Wright (Right)

Meet Our New Office Support Staff Members – Melanie McClain and Misty Long

We have two new faces in our MacArthur Office (the "old" office/counselors' office at the Wilkins Street entrance). Melanie McClain (pictured on right) is our new Teacher's Clerk. She comes to us from her former position at Valley View Schools. Misty Long (pictured on left) is our new Attendance Clerk. She comes to MacArthur from her former position at the NEA Career and Technical Center. Welcome to the MacArthur family Ms. McClain and Ms. Long!

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Student Accident Insurance

If your child is uninsured and you are interested in purchasing student accident insurance through Jonesboro Public Schools, you can click here for more info:

https://www.hsri.com/K12_Enrollment/Main/default.asp

This program is completely voluntary and is not required.

MacArthur Library/Media Center Resources

Our MacArthur Library/Media Center has lots of free resources for students and parents. Be sure to check it out at Open House and anytime after school starts. For additional questions about any of these items contact MacArthur Library Media Specialist, Cindy Calhoun, at cindy.calhoun@jonesboroschools.net.

ACT Study Guides

Did you know that many colleges, including ASU, base their institutional scholarship awards almost totally on ACT scores? For example, at ASU this year if you have an ACT score of 22 and a 3.0 GPA, you qualify for a \$2,000 per year scholarship. An ACT of 30 and 3.5 GPA qualifies a student for a \$9,220 per year scholarship. One of the best ways to begin preparing for the ACT is to take practice tests. Our library has Princeton Review ACT practice test books our students can check out. Many ACT prep books retail for nearly \$40, so take advantage of these free “loaner” books in our Media Center. The books contain six practice tests and lots of tips and tricks to get your student ready for this important test!

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“PlayAway” Audio Books

MacArthur has a large collection of audio books that students can check out. Each book comes with its own player, headphones, and extra batteries.

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Book Clubs

Junior High students aren't too old for book clubs. MacArthur has a large collection of book sets for book club groups. If your student is interested in joining a book club, or if you would be willing to lead a book club, contact MacArthur Library Media Specialist Cindy Calhoun at cindy.calhoun@jonesboroschools.net. Book Club groups typically meet while eating lunch in the Library/Media Center.

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DVDs

The MacArthur Library/Media Center has a large number of DVDs that students and parents can borrow. Many of these are based on favorite junior high level books.

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Parent Center Resource Books

The Media Center has an entire Parent Center bookshelf filled with books on a variety of topics related to raising junior high students. Parents, be sure to check out the Parent Center resource shelf for books of interest at Open House or anytime you are on the MacArthur campus!

“Academic 4” Construction

Construction is underway on a new academic building. “Academic 4” will be located off of MacArthur Drive near the Administration building. It will provide six new classrooms and is expected to be complete sometime in the 2017-2018 school year. The construction of Academic 4 will allow more separation between each grade level and will allow students to take most of their core classes in the same building.

MacArthur Multipurpose Building Under Construction

A new multipurpose gym is under construction at MacArthur. The gym will serve as an extra PE facility and gym for MacArthur. The old gym will remain the primary venue for basketball games, as the new gym will have limited seating. Locker rooms, a weight lifting area, lobby, and offices are also planned for the new building. It's being constructed on part of the practice field between MacArthur and VPA. The facility is projected to be completed this fall.

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MacArthur Outdoor Sign

Thanks so much to MacArthur parent Joe Hafner who has graciously volunteered to climb a ladder every week to change our outdoor sign! If you have MacArthur information you would like displayed on the sign, send it to jennastafford@suddenlink.net.

MacArthur/VPA Little Free Library

You may have noticed the little black/red box on a post between Visual and Performing Arts and MacArthur at the corner of Wilkins and Hillcrest. This is a "Little Free Library" that belongs to everyone! This Little Free Library offers a way to share good things to read. If you see something you would like to read, take it. When you finish the book, please bring it back. You may also donate your used books to the Little Free Library. Thanks to JPS school board member/parent Kara Mayfield for making this possible.

Buy a Foundation for Jonesboro Public Schools Brick

Did you know you can put your name or the name of a loved one in stone in the walkway just outside the front door of the JHS Performing Arts Center? JPS Bricks make great Christmas, birthday, anniversary, or graduation gifts! Proceeds from the sale of the bricks go to scholarships for JHS students to take concurrent class at ASU while still in high school and for classroom grants for JPS teachers. Please consider purchasing a brick to support the Foundation for Jonesboro Public School's fundraising goals. The cost of an individual (4x8) brick is \$75. A family (8x8) brick is \$150. The bricks can be personalized with wording and logos. Click here to order your brick online: <http://jonesboroschools.net/cms/one.aspx?portalId=524131> <<http://jonesboroschools.net/cms/one.aspx?portalId=524131&pageId=4061446>> &pageId=4061446 If you don't want to purchase a brick, donations to the JPS Foundation to fund student scholarships and teacher grants are always appreciated. For questions about bricks or for information on how to donate to the Foundation for Jonesboro Public Schools contact marcie.cheatham@jonesboroschools.net.

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Snow Day Info

In the event of bad weather, school closings will be posted in the following places:

JPS Website: <http://www.jonesboroschools.net>

JPS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/jonesboropublicschools>

MacArthur Facebook: www.facebook.com/MacArthurJuniorHigh

JPS Twitter: @jpshurricane

Alert Now calls will be generated around 6:15am

Local radio stations and KAIT will also be notified