



**DOUGLAS L.  
JAMERSON, JR.**  
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### **Message from the Principal:**

Seasons Greetings to all our families! We had a very successful Thanksgiving Holiday lunch with Kindergarten families. Thanks to the teachers and cafeteria staff for making it so special.

Now that the weather is cooler, please label your child's jackets and sweaters with names, including first and last.

December is a month to take time to give to others. Remember, during this hectic time to take a few minutes each day to give your full attention to your child. Ask questions and really listen to responses!

Mrs. Freeman, our music teacher, is working hard to ensure an enjoyable holiday program on December 12. I hope that you will plan to join in the fun here at Jamerson.

Continue to have your child read at least 20-30 minutes daily, even during days off from school. Twice a day is even better! The more you read, the better you read!

Thank you, parents, for your continued support. Behind every great student is a great parent and a great teacher!

*Mary Jane Dann*

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### **IMPORTANT:**

Please be advised that the following School Crossing Zone, located at 5th Avenue South & 37th Street South, maintained for students walking to Douglas L. Jamerson Elementary, will be closing on Monday, December 4, 2006, as no children have utilized this crossing location in over two months. Thank you.

### **Mark Your Calendar:**

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|------------------------|---|
| November 28            | 10:00 AM Parents Assuring Student Success Training in Parent room<br>PTA Board Meeting at 6:30 PM |
| November 29            | Math Academy Club at 7:45 AM  |
| November 30            | PBS Big Reward Event  |
| December 1             | All Pro Dad's Breakfast at 7:30 AM  |
| December 6             | Canned Food Drive ends  |
| December 5,12 &19      | School Tour at 10 AM for prospective new families   |
| December 6             | 10:00 AM Parents Assuring Student Success Training in Parent room                                 |
| December 12            | Holiday Program: Gr. 1 & 2, 6:30 PM   |
| December 13            | 10:00 AM Parents Assuring Student Success Training in Parent room                                 |
| December 22- January 7 | Winter Holidays   |
| January 8              | PBS Booster Assembly  |
| January 9, 16          | School Tour at 10 AM for prospective new families   |
| January 12             | Midperiod Progress Reports go home  |
| January 15             | No School for Students/Teachers<br>Martin Luther King Holiday                                     |
| January 17             | SAC Meeting 6 PM  |

### **Nut Safe School**

We are considering modifying our nut safe policy and need to hear from families of students with this allergy. If your child needs special accommodations, please contact Mary Jane Dann, Principal, by December 15, 2006, by phone, email, or in a letter/memo.

**Homework Helpline Hours: 5:00-8:00 p.m., Mon. - Thurs. 547-7223 and 442-3226.**

## Technology Corner:

Grades 3-4-5

Use [www.fcatexplorer.com](http://www.fcatexplorer.com)

You can access from library link on school web site. [www.jamerson-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us/media.htm](http://www.jamerson-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us/media.htm)

Follow the Destiny link to get all kinds of resources.



## The Salvation Army Annual Food Drive

Jamerson Elementary  
Multicultural Club will be  
collecting canned foods  
for the Salvation Army.



Collection will end on December 6th.  
Canned foods will be collected in the  
classrooms.

Help make a difference in the lives of  
thousands of families in our  
community, who, without this help,  
would go hungry.

A **HUGE** thank you to the following  
sponsors for their generous donations for  
the Thanksgiving event in Mrs. Brugner's  
and Miss Hall's second grade classes.

Walmart

Sam's Club

Honeybaked Ham

Kash n' Karry

Albertsons

Publix

Boston Market

**Thanks!**



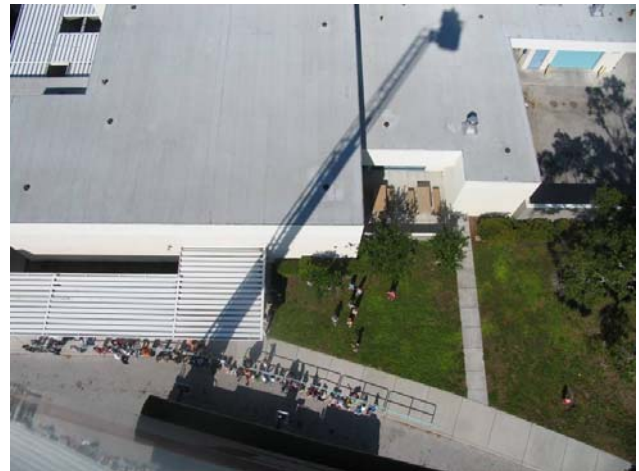
*Family Storytelling Night Holiday Stories  
And a craft*

*December 7, 7:00 P.M.*

*Appropriate for ages 5 and up*



**West Community Library/SPC  
1800-66<sup>th</sup> Street North**



## SCHOOL TOURS

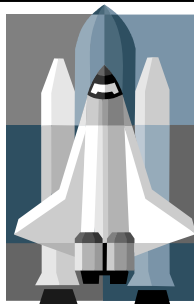
Every Tuesday at 10:00 AM, school  
tours will be given to prospective new  
families to Jamerson. Pass the word to  
friends who may be interested.

*\*Tours will also be held by request.*



**PTA Corner:**  
**Silent Auction Baskets  
for Fall EXPO are  
BIG HIT!!!**

The baskets were sold during a  
silent auction at the Fall Engineering  
Expo Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, to raise funds for  
the annual 5th grade trip to Kennedy Space Center.  
MANY THANKS for your support. \$1500 was  
made to be used toward this fifth grade field trip.



## **A Special Jamerson Thank You for All Who Participated in the Great American Teach-In**

Students enjoyed a variety of speakers and  
presenters who shared about their jobs and some even  
elaborated on how engineering was an important part of  
their profession. Many thanks to all of our presenters!

The firefighters talked about the force of the  
water when putting out fires and several teachers got to  
get a bird's eye view of the school from the ladder as  
seen in the photograph above by Mrs. Davenport.

**Make every minute count!**  
**Be in school, on time, every day!**

## Web Sites for Parents

Parent Smart is a search engine for parents, teachers, and others, that offers access to articles on education issues. [www.parentsmart.com](http://www.parentsmart.com)

Aboutschool.com, geared to students, teachers, and parents, gives help in mathematics and other subjects, as well as general information. [www.aboutschool.com](http://www.aboutschool.com)

Funschool.com is a collection of free, educational games for students from preschool through grade 6. [www.funschool.com](http://www.funschool.com)

Mathguide offers free lessons, mathematics news, a help center and more for students, teachers, and parents. Mathguide is a "bank" of free mathematics resources for students, teachers, and parents.

[www.mathguide.com](http://www.mathguide.com) and [www.math.com](http://www.math.com) offers mathematics-oriented resources for students and parents. [www.math.com](http://www.math.com)

Zoom Web site has directions for activities in mathematics, science & other subjects

[www.pbskids.org/zoom](http://www.pbskids.org/zoom)

Figure This! Web site provides an opportunity for families to solve exciting mathematics challenges.

[www.figurethis.org](http://www.figurethis.org)



## Holiday Stress Busters for Big and Little People

The holiday season is upon us. It is time for family get togethers, decorating, shopping, gift wrapping, baking and attending special activities. Holidays are supposed to be a time of enjoyment and happiness, but instead you and your family may feel stressed because of the extra demands placed upon already busy schedules. Relieving some of the stress during the holidays can best be accomplished by getting the whole family involved in tackling holiday tasks and activities.

- Sit down as a family and come up with a list of all the holidays things that need to be done during the holidays (shopping, card signing, cleaning, etc.). Delegate or let family members volunteer to help.

- Make up a December calendar. Include dates and times of activities to be attended and a schedule of when tasks such as cleaning, baking and shopping need to be done.

- Are there things that you do each year but really don't enjoy? If so, consider not doing the activity any longer or doing it differently.

- Take a few minutes each day for yourself and do something relaxing.

- Keep eating and sleep routines as close to normal as possible to prevent children from becoming cranky.

- Make time for family fun! Plan activities together such as baking cookies, trimming the tree or taking a drive to see local light displays. **MAKE MEMORIES TOGETHER!** From The Ohio State University Extension



Hey Dads and Kids...join us  
for another Jamerson  
Elementary All Pro Dad's Day\*

\*\*\*\*\*We Got Game!!\*\*\*\*\*

We will enjoy playing a variety  
of board games with our kids.

Come on out to  
have some fun!

\*Don't be fooled by the name, we also encourage  
Moms, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles & Guardians to attend as well!

**Date:** Friday, December 1st

**Time:** 7:30 A.M. (one hour)

**Location:** Douglas Jamerson  
School Cafeteria

**Breakfast Cost:** \$1.75 per adult;  
\$1.00 per child (Free/reduced prices apply.)

Come on out to join in the fun of the  
Jamerson All Pro Dad's Day  
breakfast. Assorted goodies will be  
raffled off. Join in parent/child  
activities, and you may win great  
prizes!

No RSVP is necessary.

Direct any questions to Ernie  
Segundo at: [ecsz2006@yahoo.com](mailto:ecsz2006@yahoo.com)

All Pro Dad is a non-profit program of NFL players  
who speak out about the importance of fatherhood.

For more information log on to

[www.AllProDad.com](http://www.AllProDad.com)

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