

PEEK OF THE WEEK

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JOHN READ MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

▶ PTA Monthly Meeting: Thursday, May 2nd, 9:15am

Join us in the JRMS Community Room. Curious about life for your student at Joel Barlow? Three current Barlow parents will be present to answer questions and talk about classes, activities, schedules, and life at JBHS as you prepare your children for high school.

▶ Reflections Celebration: Thursday, May 2nd

Come celebrate the achievements of the winners and all students who participated in this year's Reflections program. Join us in the Community Room at 8:30am before our PTA monthly meeting. Family and friends are welcomed to attend. Refreshments will be served.

- PHOTOGRAPHY: **Finn Bermingham** (5TH GRADE), *Winner Intermediate*
- MUSIC: **Mia Callot** (5TH GRADE), *Winner Intermediate (CT PTA State Winner)*
- MUSIC: **Emma Scheckner** (5TH GRADE), *2nd Place Intermediate*
- VISUAL ARTS: **Joseph Hotakov** (6TH GRADE), *Winner Middle School (CT PTA State Winner)*
- VISUAL ARTS: **Hannah Carlson** (8TH GRADE), *2nd Place Middle School*
- WRITTEN: **Finn Bermingham** (5TH GRADE), *Winner Intermediate*
- WRITTEN: **Ella Cederbaum** (6TH GRADE), *Winner Middle School*

▶ Referendum Vote: Tuesday, May 7th, 6:00am-8:00pm

Please come vote at the Redding Community Center! The deadline to register is May 6th. For more information go to: townofreddingct.org.

▶ JRMS Staff Appreciation Luncheon: Tuesday, May 7th

Show your appreciation for the JRMS teachers and staff and use this Signup Genius link to donate: [SignUpGenius](https://www.signupgenius.com). For the first time ever, you can now purchase a book for the Learning Commons from a Wish List created by JRMS Teachers through the Amazon link found on the Signup Genius page. For more information, please contact Laurie Jandura lauriejandura@optonline.net or Christie Cotter christiecotter@gmail.com.

▶ JRMS Spring Play Where the Harp Lies: May 9th-11th

Thursday, May 9th & Friday, May 10th at 7pm and Saturday, May 11th at 3pm. Tickets will be available at the door. To buy tickets in advance, email: JRMSplayers@er9.org.

▶ JRMS Digital Gallery Art Event: Wednesday, May 15th

Digital Gallery art event will showcase artwork of students in grades 6-8 and takes place on the same evening as the May 15th music concert for grades 6-8. The event begins at 5:45pm, followed by the concert at 6:30pm. Refreshments will be provided by the PTA.

REDDING COMMUNITY NOTES

Redding Troop 15 Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Saturday, May 4th, 4:45-8:00pm

Event takes place at the West Redding Volunteer Fire Department, 306 Umpawaug Road in Redding. Money raised goes to fund all activities including camping trips and end of school year trip. \$10 at the door, \$8 for kids and seniors prepaid, \$9 for adults prepaid.

Mark Twain Library Teen Duct Tape Crafts (Grades 5-12)

Friday, May 10th, 2019 4:00pm-5:00pm

Learn to master the art of duct tape! You will begin by creating your own wallet, and then select from a variety of small projects. Materials will be available to add your own decorative pizzazz! Light refreshments will be served. Registration required. Sign up or get more information online at www.marktwainlibrary.org, or call 203.938.2545.

Joel Barlow HS PTSA Sneaker Drive

This fundraiser takes place throughout the month of May. Donate your used, gently worn, and paired sneakers will be accepted. In addition to helping PTSA, you will help keep old sneakers out of our landfills! Collection box is located in the JBHS main lobby.

New Pond Farm Birding & Breakfast with Miley Bull

Wednesday May 8th, 7:00am-9:00am

\$10 per New Pond Farm adult member, \$15 per adult non-member. Registration required. For more information and to register, visit www.newpondfarm.org or call 203.938.2117.

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JRMS PTA INFORMATION

PTA POSITIONS AVAILABLE 2019/2020 School Year

The JRMS PTA is already looking to fill PTA positions for the upcoming school year. If you are interested in becoming an officer, grade-level assistant for socials, special events coordinator, etc., please contact, VP of Programs, Jackie Dyar, at jackiefritch@optonline.net.

NEXT PTA MEETING Thursday, May 2nd

Meeting starts at 9:15am in the JRMS Community Room. For more information, check out the PTA website the week of the meeting: jrmspta.wixsite.com/jrmspta

NEXT PTA PEEK OF THE WEEK Tuesday, May 14th

JRMS PTA FUNDRAISING

SHOP AMAZON SMILE

Our PTA is a Participating Charity

JRMS will receive a percentage of everything you buy at AmazonSmile. Support JRMS by shopping: smile.amazon.com. Select "PTSA Connecticut Inc John Read Middle School" as your charitable organization. Start shopping today!

FIELD GOODS

Fresh Veggies Delivered!

Buy seasonal produce from small local farms and support the PTA! It's flexible; put a subscription on hold and restart anytime! See details at: <https://jrmspta.wixsite.com/jrmspta> or contact Lenore Pranzo: Lcranzo@hotmail.com.

MABEL'S LABELS

Stay Organized This School Year

Order personalized labels and tags for school supplies that stay put through the dishwasher and laundry! It's easy, visit: mabelslabels.com and choose "John Read Middle School (Redding)" and proceeds go to our PTA!

JRMS COOKBOOK

Limited Number Still Available!

Complete online order form and deliver a \$10 check or cash to JRMS (\$8 for additional books). Visit: jrmsCookbookOrderForms

JRMS FUNDRAISING

SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT

Education Express Points @ Big Y

Register your Big Y card to benefit John Read Middle School. Use your card and JRMS earns points towards an award voucher for supplies and equipment. For more information, visit: www.bigy.com/rs/educationexpress

FIELD TRIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS

A+ School Rewards @ Stop & Shop

Stop & Shop helps fund JRMS field trips and scholarships. Register your Stop & Shop card to benefit JRMS. For more information, visit: www.stopandshop.com/school-rewards

Please email submissions for the **Peek of the Week** to ihotakov@gmail.com by 5:00pm every other Friday!

Check out our [JRMS PTA WEBSITE](http://jrmspta.wixsite.com/jrmspta) for more information. Follow us on [FACEBOOK](https://www.facebook.com/jrmspta).