

# PEEK OF THE WEEK

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Bi Weekly News & Notes from the JRMS PTA / Issue No. 10

## JOHN READ MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

### ▶ Thank You! 5th, 6th & 7th Grade Winter Social Volunteers

Thank you to all the volunteers that made the 5th, 6th and 7th grade glow socials a success!

### ▶ Thank You! 8th Grade Snowball Dance Volunteers

Where would the 8th Grade Snowball dance be without all of the parents that volunteered to make it so magical? Thank you to all of you!! Especially Susan Steneck who lead the charge!

### ▶ March PTA Meeting: Thursday, March 5th at 9:15am

Join our special guest, Geshe Dhargey, from the Tibetan Buddhist Center in Redding as we have a conversation about compassion at the heart of Buddha's teachings and what living a life of compassion means. This event is open to all of Redding and Easton.

### ▶ Family Game Night: Thursday, March 12th, 6:30-8:30pm

Save the date for our first Family Game Night Social. Details to follow shortly.

### ▶ Career Day 2020: Wednesday, April 1st, 9:00-10:25am

Career Day 2020 will allow 7th and 8th grade students to explore the day to day responsibilities of various careers, how a career connects to their education and various pathways taken to find a fulfilling career. We will use a Career Fair format, which has volunteers stationed at tables allowing for informal career conversations. If you or someone you know are interested in sharing your career with students, please contact Jesse Shalett at [jshalett@er9.org](mailto:jshalett@er9.org).

### ▶ Art Con 2020: Friday April 24th, 3:45-5:30pm

This fun, creative, free event for students in grades 5-8 will take place directly after school. Food and drinks will be served. Permission forms will be sent via Listserv. For more information, please email: [Lcpranzo@gmail.com](mailto:Lcpranzo@gmail.com), [jackiefritch@optonline.net](mailto:jackiefritch@optonline.net), [mweiss@er9.org](mailto:mweiss@er9.org), or [bspies@er9.org](mailto:bspies@er9.org).



### ▶ Tom Will Tell Question Submissions

Dr. Tom McMorran, superintendent of the ER9 school district, is happy to answer questions from parents and members of the community. His responses to those questions are shared in our *Tom Will Tell* newsletter. If you'd like to submit questions for this newsletter, please email them to [TomWillTellRedding@gmail.com](mailto:TomWillTellRedding@gmail.com) or via our contact page at [JRMSPTA.org](http://JRMSPTA.org).

### ▶ JRMS Yearbooks: Order Yours Today at: [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com)

## REDDING COMMUNITY NOTES

### ER9 Special Ed Committee Sip & Chat Tuesday, February 11th, 6:30pm at Tusk & Cup

Come and be part of a network of resources and support for families with children in special education. We welcome ALL families in our schools who seek guidance to learn. For more information email [dgaravito@optonline.net](mailto:dgaravito@optonline.net) or [ihotkov@gmail.com](mailto:ihotkov@gmail.com).

### BGCRE/RESB Spring Girls Softball Registration is Open!

Girls Pre-K through 8th Grade spring softball divisions will be based on experience, skill level and numbers in different age groups. Spring 2020 registration divisions and fees are: **T-Ball** (PRE-K-1ST GRADE): \$130; **Double A** (2ND-3RD GRADE): \$130; **Triple A** (4TH-5TH GRADE): \$230; **Majors/Juniors** (6TH-8TH GRADE): \$230. If you have questions about registration, please email [perirbgc@aol.com](mailto:perirbgc@aol.com), or call the BGCRE at 203.938.3166. For more information or questions, please email [reddingeastonsoftball@gmail.com](mailto:reddingeastonsoftball@gmail.com)

The Mark Twain Library would appreciate **YOUR INPUT** on how to enhance the library for the future. Please answer this survey:

<https://marktwainlibrary.org/survey/>

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Open Position  
\*VP Fundraising

\*If interested, contact one of the PTA board members.

## JRMS PTA INFORMATION

### PTA MEMBERSHIP

#### Join Today, We Need You!

We have lots of exciting plans for this upcoming school year and we need your support. Join to enjoy the benefits of membership and access to the online directory. Click on the link to register: [jrmspta.membershiptoolkit.com](http://jrmspta.membershiptoolkit.com).

### NEXT PTA MEETING

#### Thursday, March 5, 2020

For more information about our next monthly PTA meeting, please view the PTA website the week of the meeting: [jrmspta.org](http://jrmspta.org).

## 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](http://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: [jrmspta.org](http://jrmspta.org) or contact Lenore Pranzo: [Lcpranzo@hotmail.com](mailto:Lcpranzo@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! Visit: [mabelslabels.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.stopandshop.com/school-rewards)

## Peek of the Week Submissions

Please email all submissions for the *Peek of the Week* to [ihotkov@gmail.com](mailto:ihotkov@gmail.com) by 5:00pm every other Friday!

Check out our website at [JRMSPTA.org](http://JRMSPTA.org) for more information. Follow us on FACEBOOK.