

# PEEK OF THE WEEK

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## JOHN READ MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

### ▶ Arctic Adventure Fall Book Fair: November 11th-15th

Takes place from 8am-9am & 11am-4pm. Join your child for lunch and visit the Book Fair. We are looking for volunteers, please use this link to sign up for a shift or two: [BookFairVolunteers](#). For more information go to [PTABookFairInformation](#).

### ▶ Redding Artisan Fair: Saturday, December 7th 10am-4pm

Join us for crafts, baked goods, live music, and so much more! Come and do some holiday shopping as you support local artisans and the JRMS PTA. This year's Artisan Fair will take place in the JRMS gym. Items include: accessories, jewelry, candles, leather goods, toys, ornaments, soaps, food, art, wall decor, and more! For more info go to the Artisan Fair Facebook [ArtisanFairOnFacebook](#) page or [JRMSPTA.org](#).

### ▶ Volunteers Needed: Redding Artisan Fair

We also need help transforming the gym into a festive winter market and will need volunteers to help us throughout the day during the event. Please use the signup to choose a time slot to help. Please click on the link to choose a volunteer time slot: [ArtisanFairSignUp](#).

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

### ▶ Help Wanted: PTA Grant Writer

Looking for a parent volunteer who likes to get free money for organizations! Person will write PTA grants and state grants to get money for JRMS for things like outdoor space and other cool stuff! Email: [Lcpranzo@hotmail.com](mailto:Lcpranzo@hotmail.com)



### ▶ PTA Reflections Program: 2019-20 Theme "Look Within"

Once again, it's time for the National PTA Art Contest, Reflections! Students are encouraged to explore their talents and express themselves. Each year, students are recognized for bringing a theme to life through dance, film production, literature, music, photography and visual arts. To learn more about the contest, please use this link: [JRMSReflections](#) or contact Lisa Cederbaum at [lcederbaum@gmail.com](mailto:lcederbaum@gmail.com). Contest rules can be found at [ReflectionsContestRules](#). Entries must

be submitted to the JRMS Front Office with a completed entry form by December 13th. For more info and to download a copy of the entry form go to [JRMSPTA.org](#).

## REDDING COMMUNITY NOTES

### Teen Minecraft Challenge & Pizza (Grades 5-6)

Friday, November 15, 2:00pm-3:30pm

Show off your skills at this fun Minecraft competition! You'll complete two team challenges with a pizza break in between. JRMS will have a 1:40 dismissal; students may take bus #24 to the library but will need to provide a permission note to the main office. To sign up or to get more information, visit [www.marktwainlibrary.org](http://www.marktwainlibrary.org), or call 203.938.2545.

### Author Talks: The Revolution Comes to Redding

Sunday, November 17, 3:00pm-4:00pm

Don't miss the opportunity to learn about the American Revolution in Redding, Connecticut, during this book talk by co-authors and Redding town historians, **Bruce Nelson** and **Brent Colley**! Based on the 1778 journal of a fourteen-year-old boy named Jonas Fairchild, *The Revolution Comes to Redding* is a fictional account of actual Revolutionary War events that took place during the fall and winter of 1778-1779 when the troops under General Israel Putnam's command were stationed in Redding. To sign up or to get more information, visit [www.marktwainlibrary.org](http://www.marktwainlibrary.org), or call 203.938.2545.

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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, December 5, 2019

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 [ihotakov@gmail.com](mailto:ihotakov@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.