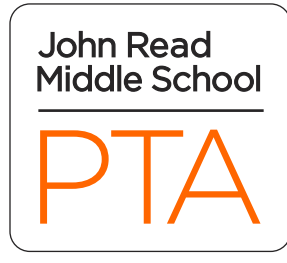


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## JOHN READ MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

### Next John Read Middle School PTA Meeting via Zoom Thursday, November 5th at 7:30pm

**TOPIC:** Media in Balance: How to Create Media Literacy & Balance in Your Home, with **Liz Jorgensen**. Liz has 30 year's experience with adolescent and adult psychotherapy and counseling. She is a nationally recognized expert in counseling, particularly in engaging resistant teens and motivating them to change.

**UPCOMING MEETING:** Special Engagement with **Dr. Rydell Harrison, ER9 Superintendent** at our December 3rd PTA Meeting at 9:30am. Details to follow.

### PTA Membership Drive: Renew Your Membership Today

Once registered you will have immediate access to our online directory so you can find and stay in touch with friends and classmates. PTA membership costs just \$30 for the 2020-2021 school year and you must be registered in the PTA database to stay in-the-know with our direct communications. To join now, or to access the John Read Middle School PTA Membership Toolkit, please click here: <https://www.jrmspta.org/join>.

### PTA Fundraising: Fall Giving Campaign

The PTA launched its first Fall Giving Campaign with a goal to raise \$15,000. Thanks to your generous contributions and dues, we've raised over \$6,000 (41% of our goal). We ask every John Read Middle School family to consider making a donation in lieu of traditional fundraiser events. Visit <https://www.jrmspta.org/fall-giving-campaign> and click the "DONATE" button. Every dollar makes a difference in our ability to provide our programs! Credit & debit cards accepted.

### Virtual Book Fair: Monday, October 12th - Monday, October 23rd

Support the JRMS Learning Commons Virtual Book Fair! Shop hundreds of fun, engaging, and affordable books that will keep your kids reading and learning. Mrs. Frederick has highlighted some incredible books that she and her students love. Just click on her recommendations link found on the book fair home page. All purchases support the JRMS Learning Commons. <https://athomebookfairs.com/home?bfstring=qTeqE0wJ>

## REDDING COMMUNITY NEWS & NOTEWORTHY

### Two Homeschooling Workshops (Virtual via Zoom for parents with children of all ages)

- **The ABC's of Teaching Your Child at Home: Thursday October 22nd, 7:30-8:30pm**
- **Creating an Inclusive Curriculum Thursday: October 29th, 7:30-8:30pm**

Join the **Connecticut Homeschool Alliance** for a homeschooling Q&A. We'll discuss curriculum, legal requirements, styles, resources, schedule, and how to incorporate inclusive and antiracist resources, books and curricula into homeschooling.\*

### Young Writers Workshop Series (Virtual via Zoom, 4 consecutive Tuesdays, Grades 7+8)

- **Poetry: Tuesday, November 10th**
- **Screenwriting: Tuesday, November 17th**
- **Fiction: Tuesday, November 24th**
- **Creative Non-Fiction: Tuesday, December 1st**

Redding teacher and writer, **Emma O'Leary**, will lead this multi-genre writing workshop through writing exercises and short readings. This casual program has no homework.\*

**\*For more information or to register for the above mentioned Mark Twain Library events, please visit: <https://marktwainlibrary.org>**

### Redding Troup 15 Popcorn Fundraiser

- **Saturday, October 24th 10am-2pm at the Boys & Girls Club of Redding Ball Fields**
- **Saturday, October 24th 8-11am at the Redding Ridge Market**

Please contact our Committee Chairman, **Jacob Cedusky**, at [jcedusky@gmail.com](mailto:jcedusky@gmail.com) for more information, to be contacted by a Scout, or to place a contactless order.

## PTA INFORMATION

### PTA MEMBERSHIP

#### Join Today, We Need You!

Join our community of parents and faculty, committed to our children's well-being and to improving school performance. Your involvement demonstrates to your child the importance you place on education. Stay in the know about important issues and programs and have influence over how funds are used to benefit our school. We encourage every JRMS family to join: <https://jrmspta.membershiptoolkit.com>

### NEXT PTA MEETING

#### Thursday, November 5, 2020

For more information about our next monthly PTA meeting, please view the PTA website the week of the meeting: <https://www.jrmspta.org>

## JRMS PTA FUNDRAISING

### SHOP AMAZON SMILE

#### John Read Middle School is a Participating Charity

Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to JRMS PTA with no fees and no extra cost. Simply go to <https://smile.amazon.com> on your web browser or activate Amazon-Smile on your Amazon Shopping app on your iOS or Android phone (found under settings on your app). Bookmark [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) on your browser. Select "John Read Middle School PTSA" as your charitable organization.

## WITH GRATITUDE

### THANK YOU...

#### Mike Hoffman

Tremendous thanks for the beautiful potted arrangements at the JRMS front entrance. They offer a bright welcome to the students and staff each day.

## WELL WISHES

### GOODBYE + GOOD LUCK...

#### Cordy Crane

Friday, October 23rd will be Cordy's last day at JRMS. Many thanks and big hugs to her for all the support over the years. We'll miss her dearly and wish her much happiness and sunshine filled days in her next endeavor.

## Your Submissions for Peek of the Week

Please email submissions for the **Peek of the Week** to [ihotakov@gmail.com](mailto:ihotakov@gmail.com).

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