

PEEK OF THE WEEK

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JOHN READ MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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

Welcome special guest, Geshe Dhargey from the Tibetan Buddhist Center for Universal Peace in Redding, as he leads a discussion about compassion. Compassion lies at the heart of Buddha's teachings, but what does living a life of compassion mean? How can we relate to ourselves with gentleness and patience -- how can we be our own therapist, coach, and best friend? Come be a part of the discussion. Open to the community.

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

Shake off the winter blues at the first ever JRMS Super Sized Family Fun & Games Social! Music, pizza, giant Twister, giant Jenga, giant Connect Four, carnival games, Foosball, traditional board games and more...something for everyone! Permission slips and sign-up information coming soon.



▶ 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.

▶ 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. Snacks will be served. Look for Permission forms via Listserv. For more information, email: Lcpranzo@gmail.com, jackiefritch@optonline.net, mweiss@er9.org, or bspies@er9.org.

▶ JRMS Yearbooks: Order Yours Today at: www.jostens.com

REDDING COMMUNITY NOTES

Youth Mental Health First Aid

Tuesday, March 31st & Thursday, April 2nd, 9:00am-2:00pm at JBHS

Learn to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. This 8-hour training gives adults who work with youth the skills they need to reach out and provide initial support to adolescents (ages 12-18) who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem and help connect them to the appropriate care. The cost is \$18.95 to cover the textbook that you will receive. To register email mpieratti@er9.org with your name and phone number. Space is limited.

BGCRE Spring Baseball Registration is Open! (Ages 5-12) Registration Deadline is February 28th!

Our programs provide all kids the opportunity to have fun and learn the game of baseball! To register, please visit: SpringBaseballRegistration. Minors & Majors Divisions will be combined with Easton Baseball! For more information go to www.bgcre.net, or contact us at info@reddingbaseball.org.

Teen Minecraft & Pizza (Grades 5-8) Friday, March 6th, 4:00-5:00pm

Join us at the library for another fun Minecraft competition. All necessary hardware will be provided by the library; you do not need to bring your own devices. No experience necessary to participate. Students who wish to take bus #24 from JRMS to the library will need to provide permission notes to the main office. Registration is limited to 20 participants. To sign up or for more information, visit www.marktwainlibrary.org, or call 203.938.2545.

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.

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.

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: jrmspta.org or contact Lenore Pranzo: 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 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

Peek of the Week Submissions

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

Check out our website at JRMSPTA.org for more information. Follow us on FACEBOOK.