

# Jackson Charter Newsletter

March 2024



## Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Panther Parents!

As spring approaches, I'm thrilled to share our school's progress and upcoming events. Our students have shown remarkable growth, both academically as well as socially and emotionally, reflecting our dedicated staff's commitment. This month, we're excited to announce our first annual "Math Minds" event, including Jackson's own "Amazing Math Race" on March 21st, from 5:00--7:00 PM, a celebration of mathematical and critical thinking, creativity, and community. This is an opportunity for Jackson students to showcase their talents and for families to engage with our school community. Additionally, we are continuing to implement and embed mathematical practices into our school-wide STEM program to further enrich our curriculum and help prepare our students for the future.

Your involvement is key to our success. We encourage you to participate in our PTA ("Parents Taking Action!") meetings and volunteer for upcoming school events. Together, we can create a supportive and dynamic learning environment for our students.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

**Emily Wallen**

Executive Director

### IMPORTANT DATES

- 8<sup>th</sup> End of Trimester
- 12<sup>th</sup> Oscar Wilson and Billy Flynn Concert
- 17<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> Family Night PTA Meeting
- 25<sup>th</sup> Spring Break
- 28<sup>th</sup> No School
- 29<sup>th</sup> Good Friday No School

## Leaders of the Week



**Congratulations to All of Our Amazing Leaders!**

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## Oscar Wilson and Billy Flynn Concert

We're excited to be bringing a Blues concert to Jackson Charter School! March 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM we'll be featuring Oscar Wilson and Billy Flynn. It's part of our initiative to bring engaging speakers and guests into our school. Our music program has been extremely popular and we're so happy to be able to bring live musicians for our students.

"Oscar Wilson's powerful and deep voice harkens back to the golden age of Chicago blues. Nosek blows spirited, muscular harp. The Cash Box Kings serve up undeniable proof that they remain one of the top blues bands of this era." – Blues Music Magazine



## SchoolStore Fundraiser

Our SchoolStore fundraiser is officially under way! It's an easy way to help support our school through your day-to-day purchases. You can help our school raise money and win prizes year-round by reminding family and friends to buy gifts and make donations online through SchoolStore.

Visit [www.schoolstore.com](http://www.schoolstore.com) and use our code: 1665 to participate!



## Spring Break

Reminder that there will be no school from the 25<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup> of March as we observe our spring break. Be sure to check your student's backpack for any work or assignments that they may have.

We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday and we'll be excited to have our students back on April 1<sup>st</sup>!



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## Parent Resources

### Employment Resources

Name	Website	Phone	Address
Illinois Department of Employment Security	IllinoisJobLink.com	877-342-7533	
Workforce Connection	theworkforceconnection.org	815-847-7574	303 N Main Street, Rockford
Illinois workNet	illinoisworknet.com		

### Government Resources

Name	Website	Phone	Address
Illinois Department of Children & Family Services	dcfs.illinois.gov	815-987-7640	175 Executive Pkwy Suite 113, Rockford
Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services	hfs.illinois.gov		
Illinois Department of Human Services	abe.illinois.gov	815-987-7620	171 Executive Pkwy, Suite 101, Rockford
Winnebago County Health Department	wchd.org	815-720-4000	555 N Court St, Rockford

### Community Resources

Name	Website	Phone	Address
Children's Home & Aid	brightpoint.org	815-962-1043	424 7th St, Rockford
MENTality Unchained – Mental Health Services	mentalityunchained.com	815-566-7138	
New Zion Legal Clinic	administerjustice.org	855-818-4554	4747 W. Riverside Blvd., Rockford
Youth Services Network	ysnkids.com	815-986-1947	107 N 3rd St, Rockford
YWCA Child Care Solutions		815-484-9442	4990 East State Street, Rockford
MELD		815-633-6353	3703 N. Main St. #107 Rockford IL 61103

### Educational Resources

Name	Website	Phone	Address
YWCA Literacy Council	ywcanwil.org/litcouncil	815-968-9681	982 N Main St, Rockford
Rockford Public Library	rockfordpubliclibrary.org/digital-resources-for-kids/	815-965-7606	214 N. Church Street, Rockford

