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Welcome Back!

Juliette Low-Down

FALL EDITION 2014

NEWSLETTER CHANGE

We will be distributing the newsletter on a less frequent basis this year as we transition to a more ongoing communication through our website. The Juliette Low Newsletter will be shared in September, December, February and May. It contains important news and announcements related to school programs and events. You can also find this information on a more frequent basis on our website at low.ccsd59.org. Please continue to check back on our website for upcoming school events. Also, if you are on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#), please visit the Juliette Low pages.

START OF THE YEAR

It was wonderful to see so many families at Parent Orientation Night. It was a great opportunity for Mrs. Farfan, new assistant principal, and I to meet everyone and for our parents to visit the classrooms and meet the teachers.

Our PBIS system is up and running again this year. We spent the first few days of school teaching students about the expected behaviors and rewarding these behaviors via our P.A.W.S. tickets. I am so proud of our students at the amount of tickets they have already earned. Congratulate them on their "Pawsitive" behavior!

SCHOOL SAFETY

A copy of the letter explaining the "Kiss n Drive" process has been included in this newsletter.

We ask that Preschool and Kindergarten parents do not park in the parking lot during the noon pick-up time. The parking lot becomes congested and unsafe for our students during this time. Thank you for following the procedures to keep our students safe.

AM SUPERVISION

We have adult supervision beginning at 8:40 AM in the multipurpose room for breakfast or the gym if students do not want breakfast. For safety reasons, please do not drop-off students prior to that time.

IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT WEDNESDAYS

We have early release every Wednesdays to provide professional learning time for our teachers. Students are dismissed one hour early (at 2:50) on these days.

TECHNOLOGY

Our 3rd-5th grade students have their chrome book and tablets for instruction. Teachers are already working with students on becoming familiar with their Google account and how to use it for instructional purposes. There has been some great collaborative learning with these tools in the classroom. The PreK-2nd grade students

will be receiving their tablets soon.

ASSESSMENTS

This month our students in K-5th grade will be tested in their reading and math skills with various district-wide assessments. These assessments are being used to help determine instructional groupings. During goal-setting conferences in October, the assessment results will be available.

ACCELERATED READER (AR)

This year we will no longer be having Accelerated Reader. As we learned more last year about 21st Century Learning and Common Core State Standards, we reflected on our current programs and practices in relation to these areas. We have found that AR is not aligned to our curriculum. We will be looking for other ways to promote reading at Juliette Low. If you would like to provide feedback and learn more about this, please attend our parent forum night.

PARENT FORUM NIGHT

Please join Mrs. Ejma & Mrs. Farfan on Thursday, October 2nd at 7:00 pm in the LRC for a parent forum. With all the exciting changes occurring in the district to align to 21st Century Learning practices, we would like to provide parents an opportunity to meet, share ideas and give us feedback. Some of the topic areas are the new technology, instruction, and overall school experience you have had this year.

SPIRIT WEAR FRIDAYS

Join in on Juliette Low's School spirit! Every Friday wear your Juliette Low Spirit Wear or our school colors (navy blue, yellow or gray) to school. The classroom wearing the most spirit wear/ colors will be presented with the Spirit Wear trophy. The classroom can proudly display the trophy in their room. Let's see which classroom has the most spirit! Our first spirit wear Friday will be on **Friday, October 3rd**.

CLASSROOM PARTIES

Please refer to our website calendar for the classroom parties this year. We will continue with our regular classroom parties as we have done in the past. We will follow the District Healthy Snacks guidelines for the party. If you are to bring food for classroom parties, please make sure it's on the healthy snacks list. The district has formed a healthy choice committee to discuss healthy snacks/birthday treats and classroom parties. There will be a new policy developed from the committee to be presented to the Board of Education.

A WORD FROM MRS. EJMA

It is my pleasure to welcome you to a new school year at Juliette Low Elementary School. As the principal, it is my goal to get to know each and every child as well as their family. I believe very strongly that every child who walks through the Juliette Low School doors should feel safe, cared for and validated for who they are as an individual. I will work closely with the staff to ensure the students are getting the best education possible.

As we continue to dig deeper into the Common Core State Standards, it causes us to reflect and revisit the way we assess and instruct our students. In order for our students to be 21st Century Learners, we need to think beyond the test for the one right answer and prepare our students to be critical thinkers, effective communicators and collaborators, and to foster their creativity. Administrators and teachers will collaborate every Wednesday to refine these practices. Throughout the year we will continue to share more information and pictures on 21st Century Learning practices in the classroom. If you would like to learn more about the standards, please visit the following website. <http://www.corestandards.org/resources/frequently-asked-questions>

As the year unfolds, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to email or call. It's important that we work together to best meet the needs of your child.

NOTES FROM THE NURSE

- Physical forms for all kindergarteners and new students are due by **September 20th**.
- Vision forms for all kindergarteners and new students are due by **October 15th**.
- Students must be fever-free for 24 hours before they can return to school.
- Please call our nurse, Donna Szilvagy, at 847-952-5183 with any questions or concerns.

BOX TOPS! BOX TOPS!- CLIP YOUR FRESH BOX TOPS!

We are wrapping up our first competition of this school year and a winner will be announced soon. Who will be the winner of Movie Tickets for turning in collection sheets for the summer?! Shortly we will announce our next promotion so check your child's backpack and keep clipping! We will also continue to post updates on our Facebook page. Thanks for your support and we look forward to a great year.



The Box Tops Committee - Cindi Jensen, Dawn Mandarino, Pauline Pietroske

ALL FOR BOOKS CLASSROOM COMPETITION 9/15-9/19**All for Books Competition for Pizza...Mmmmmm!**

The All for Books classroom competition is under way. This competition will help us purchase extra books and supplies for our school and donate books to children in need at the same time. The classroom competition takes place all week starting Monday, 9/15.

Please bring in:

Pennies on Monday
Nickels on Tuesday
Dimes on Wednesday
Quarters on Thursday
Dollars on Friday



The two classes with the most money collected will win a pizza lunch! Questions, contact Megan Fruzyna at 103megan@gmail.com.

CO - PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNIQUÉ

First of all, for those new families out there reading their first Low Down newsletter, welcome to Juliette Low! For the rest of you veterans, welcome back! I remember what it was like when I first joined Juliette Low: I didn't know hardly anyone, I didn't know many kids in my son's class and I didn't know Fun Fair from Book Fair!

Fortunately I found my way to a PTO Meeting and found the best resources there are: other experienced parents and the JLow staff. Soon I had found a circle of other parents whom I could call if I was running late to pickup or if forgot about Early Release (I've done this more than once). I have also been able to build relationships with my children's teachers, the principals and other staff.

66 days out of the school year, there are parent volunteers running some kind of PTO event at Juliette Low. There are all kinds of activities where you can get involved at whatever level of commitment fits your schedule: take a shift at the Book Fair, volunteer to help for an afternoon during your child's classroom party, or if you want more, run an event!

If you are new, or a veteran of Juliette Low, and want to be a part of the PTO, shoot me an email. Before you know it you'll be meeting new parents, setting up play dates and car pools...you never know, you may find yourself a great friend too, I have found many.

Email me anytime about anything and I can direct you where you need to go,

Amy Powers (apowers119@yahoo.com)
PTO President



Juliette Low PTO

Sign up for PTO Email Notifications:

Go to: <http://bit.ly/JLowPTOEmail>

Click Subscribe to this Group and follow on screen instructions

NOTE: all email addresses are private and you can opt out at anytime

BOOK FAIR & ICE CREAM SOCIAL 9/25 6:30PM-8:30PM

Our annual book fair will take place 9/24-9/26.

Wednesday 9/24: Students will view the Book Fair during the school day

Thursday 9/25 6:30-8:30pm: Book Fair Sale is open to the public. Come to the school and buy books, have a bowl of ice cream and check out our Spiritwear clothing!

Friday 9/26: Students can still make purchases throughout the school day.

Volunteers Needed!

We need volunteers to make this event a success! Please contact Megan Fruzyna at 103megan@gmail.com if you can volunteer either Wednesday or Friday during the day or Thursday night.



NEW SPIRIT WEAR CLOTHING! ORDERS DUE: 9/30

Check out our NEW Spirit Wear clothing hanging in Mrs. Ejma's office! Order forms are included at the end of this newsletter! You can either send your order to school or you can place your order online @ <http://www.headsupapparel.com/collections/Juliette-Low-2014>

You can also view and order items at the Book Fair & Ice Cream Social on Thursday, September 6:30-8:30pm. Items will be displayed in the lunchroom that evening and you can place orders while you're there eating ice cream!



Orders are due on Tuesday, September 30th

Items will be delivered 3-4 weeks after the order deadline.

Spirit Wear Fridays...don't forget to send your kids to school in their JLow Tigers spiritwear every Friday!

Questions? Contact: Vickie Marienau, 847-494-4604 or vmarienau@comcast.net ; Laena DiVito 847-612-0604 or ldivito@gmail.com

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY WEDNESDAY 10/8

Don't forget to walk, bike or take the bus safely to school on Wednesday October 8. All students will be able to walk around the school during recess and all participating students will be entered into a raffle for 2 tickets to any 2015 Schaumburg Boomers game (Sun-Thurs).



MANNA SCRIP FUNDRAISER FIRST SALE: OCTOBER



Introducing: FOUR SEASONS of MANNA! It's simple . . . You buy gift cards at face value, and Juliette Low PTO earns a percentage from each purchase. Starting this year, we have cut back on the number of sales but are offering FOUR SEASONS. Each season will have a different focus: Beginning of the Year (1 sale in Oct), Holidays (3 sales in Nov & Dec), Spring (2 sales in March & April), and End of the Year (2 sales in May).

To keep Manna a healthy fundraiser for Juliette Low, we encourage all parents to order gift cards in at least one season this year. No order is too small. It is the combination of many orders that makes this fundraiser a success. Flyers will go home during each season, check your child's backpack and thank you!



Healthy Snack / Birthday Treat

Why healthy snacks and non-edible birthday treats?

- To promote healthy lifestyle choices for students
- This year parents and teachers are asked to provide an alternative to food for birthday and holiday celebrations, student motivators, and rewards. There are some wonderful methods to celebrate birthdays/holidays and reward positive student behaviors and achievements without using edible treats.
- [USDA comparison of old to new standards](#)

Healthy Snacks:	Birthday Treats/Holiday Treats:
<p>For those classes that have snack as part of the instructional day, please make sure that a healthy snack is packed for your child. Please keep the snack simple to eat. <u>Specific classroom guidelines should be discussed with your child's teacher, especially if there are food restrictions of food allergies.</u></p> <p>Please send a snack from one of the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frozen fruit/juice popsicles • Sliced fruit • Low fat muffins • Cereal party mix • Granola bars • Low fat pudding cups • 100 calorie packs of treats • Flavored rice cakes • Pretzels • Dried fruits • Low fat yogurt • Baked chips • String cheese 	<p>Cupcakes with frosting, cakes, cookies, doughnuts, candy, brownies etc. are all part of a high sugar diet that does not follow a healthy eating routine.</p> <p>Juliette Low School would like to ensure that our students are making healthy choices not just as part of hot lunch but also with birthday and holiday treats.</p> <p>We ask that you do not send Halloween or Valentine candy during the holidays. We will celebrate during classroom parties with either a selection from the healthy snacks list or a non-edible treat.</p> <p>Non-edible treat suggestions may include but are not limited to the following: •</p> <p>Pencils</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Books • Erasers • Markers, Crayons, Colored Pencils • Post It notes

KISS AND DRIVE - SAFETY REMINDERS

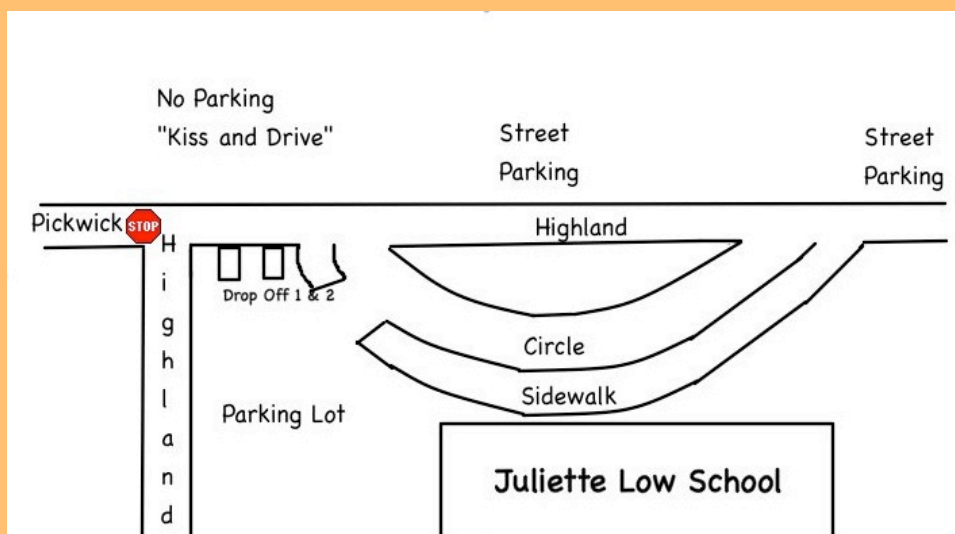
Welcome back to another great school year at Juliette Low Elementary School! **As always, it is imperative to work together to make safety the "Number 1" priority on our school campus.** Please read the following **Kiss and Drive** guidelines carefully. These must be strictly followed to insure the safety of everyone.

- Absolutely no parking is allowed in the Kiss and Drive Drop Zone between 8:40 AM and 9:25 AM.
- Only the first two vehicles are allowed to drop off children. Please use The small walkways (labeled below).
- Do not pull away from the Drop Zone until the front vehicles have pulled away.
- Never allow children to exit on the street side. In the winter, snow will be removed next to vehicles 1 and 2 for easy exiting.
- Do not make U-Turns into neighboring driveways. It only takes a few extra moments to go around the block or go down to the Park district and turn around in the circle.
- For those of you not currently utilizing the Kiss and Drive Drop Zone, please keep in mind that the number one priority is the safety of the children, regardless of where children are being dropped off.

Our School Resource Officer from the Arlington Heights Police Department will be monitoring the traffic, as well as overall school safety. If you should witness anyone who is putting student safety at risk, please report the incident, as well as important information such as the license plate number, make and color of the car, etc. to Officer Veenstra. You may call the police department at 847.368.5310.

Thank you for your cooperation. Remember it is important to model best safety practices for your children at all times. If you have questions or suggestions regarding the Kiss and Drive, please contact me.

THE KISS AND DRIVE DIAGRAM IS BELOW FOR YOUR CAREFUL REVIEW.



JULIETTE LOW SCHOOL						
September 2014		School Office Phone Number: 847-593-4383 <u>24 Hour Attendance Number: 847-472-3891</u>				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day No School	2 A	3 W Early Release- 2:50pm	4 B	5 C	6
7 National Grandparents Day	8 A BOE Meeting 7:00 PM	9 B	10 W Early Release- 2:50pm PTO Meeting 7:00 pm	11 C	12 A	13
14	15 B	16 C Fall Picture Day	17 W Early Release- 2:50pm	18 A NEW to TDP Parent Night 6:30pm	19 B	20
21	22 C BOE Meeting 7:00 PM	23 A	24 W Early Release- 2:50pm Book Fair Student Viewing	25 B Ice Cream Social - Book Fair Night 6:30-8:30 PM	26 C Book Fair	27
28	29 A	30 B				

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			1 W Early Release- 2:50pm	2 C Parent Forum Night 7pm	3 A	4
5	6 B	7 C	8 W Early Release- 2:50pm National "Walk To School" Day Goal Setting Conference	9 A Goal Setting Conference	10 Student Non- Attendance Day No School	11
12	13 Columbus Day No School	14 B Manna Scrips Delivered BOE Meeting 7:00 PM	15 W Early Release- 2:50pm	16 C Boss's Day	17 A	18
19	20 Institute Day No Student Attendance	21 B Fall Picture Retakes	22 W Early Release- 2:50pm	23 C Vision and Hearing Screening	24 A Vision and Hearing Screening End of First Quarter	25
26	27 B BOE Meeting 7:00 PM 5 Gr. Orchestra Practice @ Holmes 3:30 pm	28 C	29 W Early Release- 2:50pm Life Style Catalog Fundraiser Begins 10/29-11/12	30 A	31 B Halloween 	