



# JGW PTO

Back to School Newsletter  
2023-2024

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Dear JGW Families,

Welcome back to school! We are excited and looking forward to a productive school year. The JGW PTO is a group of parents and staff who are dedicated to helping the students by creating a better school and a better educational experience for our children.

Whatever your own level of flexibility, the JGW PTO always appreciates its parent volunteers, as do our teachers and staff. Whether you have 30 minutes or a couple of hours, your ideas, your time, and your talents are truly needed. We can match your time constraints and interests to needed tasks. We have many ways in which everyone can contribute and we need your ideas and energy!

The JGW PTO meets once a month on the second Wednesday of the month from 6:00-7:00 pm. The first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at JGW. We hope to see you there!



The JGW PTO had a successful 2022-2023 school year. We accomplished a lot! We had a successful Cookie Fundraiser, JGW Apparel Fundraiser, JGW Christmas Craft Fair and Penny Wars. The PTO also hosted 2 Scholastic Book Fairs, which earned \$1,254.52 in Scholastic Dollars for the school.

We were also able to sponsor and donate to the following:

- Pumpkin Stroll
- JGW Thanksgiving Feast
- JGW Christmas Craft Fair
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance
- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Winter Dance
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- NJHS Induction Ceremony
- Grade 8 Promotion Ceremony and Dance

In April of 2023 the PTO and JGW Drama Club applied for the Youth Activities and Mental Health Initiative Grant through the City of Haverhill. In June, the PTO and Drama Club were notified that we were awarded our requested grant of \$20,000. The PTO used \$10,000 to purchase 6 additional metal, heavy duty outdoor picnic tables, 24 basketballs and 12 wobble stools for flexible classroom seating. The JGW Drama Club will use their \$10,000 to buy much needed sound equipment, purchase play rights and finance play productions.

Please watch for information that will be coming home with students about JGW's Annual Cookie Fundraiser. The funds raised will help support activities at JGW for the 2023-2024 school year. Your support is always appreciated!



## 2023-2024 PTO Meeting Dates

- September 13th
- October 11th
- November 8th
- December 13th
- January 10th
- February 7th
- March 13th
- April 10th
- May 8th
- June 12th



**September 2023:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Early Release
- 5<sup>th</sup> No School
- 27<sup>th</sup> Early Release

**October 2023:**

- 9<sup>th</sup> No School
- 25<sup>th</sup> Early Release

**November 2023:**

- 7<sup>th</sup> No School
- 10<sup>th</sup> No School
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Early Release
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> No School
- 29<sup>th</sup> Early Release

**December 2023:**

- 13<sup>th</sup> Early Release
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Early Release
- 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> No School

**January 2024:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> No School
- 13<sup>th</sup> No School

**February 2024:**

- 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> No School
- 28<sup>th</sup> Early Release

**March 2024:**

- 20<sup>th</sup> Early Release
- 29<sup>th</sup> No School

**April 2024:**

- 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> No School
- 24<sup>th</sup> Early Release

**May 2024:**

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Early Release
- 27<sup>th</sup> No School

**June 2024:**

- 11<sup>th</sup> Early Release (Last Day if no snow days)

