



# Jim Plain Elementary

## October 2016

### Dream. Believe. Succeed.

As a member of the Jim Plain Pride I will...

- P**ursue excellence,
- R**espect myself and others,
- I**mprove continuously,
- D**o my personal best and
- E**nter ready to learn!!!

**Ethical Principle:**  
**Pursuit of Excellence**

Jim Plain students are working toward on time performance. Our goal is for everyone to arrive on time. School begins at 7:45 a.m. and all students need to be in class at that time. Let's arrive on time.



The school doors open at 7:20 a.m. Students dropped off prior to 7:20 a.m. will be unsupervised. Please bring your students to school between 7:20 a.m. and 7:35 a.m. every morning. Tardy bell rings at 7:45 a.m. Students are dismissed at 2:50 p.m.

## WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

| Student A Reads  | Student B Reads  | Student C Reads  |
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| ❖ 20 minutes per day.  | ❖ 5 minutes per day.   | ❖ 1 minute per day   |
| ❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.                                   | ❖ 900 minutes per school year.                                     | ❖ 180 minutes per school year.                                     |
| ❖ 1,800,000 words per year.  | ❖ 282,000 words per year.  | ❖ 8,000 words per year.  |
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| ❖ Scores in the 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests. | ❖ Scores in the 50 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests. | ❖ Scores in the 10 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests. |

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

(Oney and Bruner, 1992.)

## WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

# OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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| October 6 <sup>th</sup>                     | Support Kinder Color Days – <b>Wear Purple</b>   |
| October 6 <sup>th</sup>                     | Menchie's Frozen Yogurt Spirit Night 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  |
| October 8 <sup>th</sup>                     | LEEF Mudstacle and Family Run 8:30 a.m.  |
| October 10 <sup>th</sup>                    | Staff Development/Student Holiday  |
| October 13 <sup>th</sup>                    | Photo Texas Fall Pictures  |
| October 24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Red Ribbon Week</b>   |
| October 26 <sup>th</sup>                    | Early Release @12:00 p.m. (Lunch will be served)   |
| October 24 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>  | Bookaneer Book Fair  |
| October 25 <sup>th</sup>                    | Book Fair Family Night 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Wear a costume, browse the book fair, and receive a candy treat. |
| October 26 <sup>th</sup>                    | EARLY RELEASE @ 12:00 P.M. LUNCH WILL BE SERVED  |
| October 27 <sup>th</sup>                    | Site-Based Planning Committee Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.  |
| October 28 <sup>th</sup>                    | PDQ Family Spirit Night 4:30 – 9:00 p.m.   |

**\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR PHONE NUMBERS ARE UP TO DATE WITH THE FRONT OFFICE\*\*\*\*\***



The month of September has been all about introducing myself to all of the classes. In K-1, we also learned how to be a better listener by using our whole body—eyes, ears, hands, brain—to listen. In 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, we learned about self-control and how to use a “remote” to control our brain. 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade learned how to respond to teasing and put-downs. For example, they learned to ignore, agree with the person, change the subject, laugh, or stay away. In 5<sup>th</sup> grade, we did an experiment about respect and kindness. Ask your child what they learned in our lesson this month!

Students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade will have the opportunity to apply for C2 this year. Applications are due on 10/5. Students in K-2 will have monthly kindness challenges. All students are welcome to purchase a C2 shirt from our website. Smiley shirts should be worn on Wednesdays. 😊

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Jim Plain Elementary School

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**Dream. Believe. Succeed.**

Please be specific in your transportation change notes to school. It helps us know how your child will be picked up and where you would like them to be after school.

**Car-rider**-driving in a car to pick up your child.

**Families on Foot**-child will line up by in hall by the office and can only leave school when guardian signs them out.

**Walker**-child walks home, or meets parent at the front of the school.

**Day Care/Bus**-children picked up by day care van or school bus.

**YMCA**-Children enrolled in the YMCA after school program

## Library News

October is an exciting month in the library. Check out what's coming soon!

**Bluebonnet Book Club-** This book club is for students in 3rd-5th. It will take place after school on Tuesdays. Students who participate will read and listen to books that have been nominated for this year's Bluebonnet Award. The first meeting date will be November 1st. More information and permission forms will be sent home later in October!

**Scholastic Book Fair-** ARRR you ready? The Bookaneer Book Fair is coming soon! The book fair will be at our school October 24-28th. It's a great chance to get some fantastic books while also raising money for the library. If you'd like to volunteer to help, contact the PTA Volunteer Coordinator- Christine Chaison.



**Shadow Factory Performance-** Matt Sandbank will be at our school on Oct. 26th to perform for us! I've heard wonderful reviews about his shadow performances. You can check him out here <http://www.sandbankshadowfactory.com/>

If you ever have questions about the library, please contact Mrs. Bresnehen at [carrie.bresnehen@leanderisd.org](mailto:carrie.bresnehen@leanderisd.org). You can follow us on Twitter @JPElibrary and if you're on Facebook, please like the Jim Plain Library page.

### Library Info

Parents, would you like to receive a text message the day before your child's library day? It's easy! Just sign up for library reminders on **REMIND**. Since classes don't visit the library on the same day of the week each week, it can be difficult to know when to return library books.

Here's how to get reminders:

1. Check the chart to see which color day your child goes to library (5th grade parents-ask your child which squad they are on for specials)
2. Text 81010
3. Type your child's library color day code (on chart) as the message
4. That's it! You should receive a text the day before your child's next library day. If you don't, or need help, please contact Mrs. Bresnehen.

Find your child's teacher and use the code for that color. Then text 81010 with that code in the message.

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| <p>@jpered</p> <p>Payne K<br/>Andreson 1<br/>Ripper 2<br/>Hushka 3<br/>Bleakley 4<br/>Squad 2</p> | <p>@jpeorange</p> <p>Honea K<br/>Ebmeier 1<br/>Casey 3<br/>Smith 4<br/>Squad 5</p>                   | <p>@jpeyellow</p> <p>Bentley K<br/>Aviles 1<br/>Coffee 2<br/>Corl 3<br/>Squad 1</p>               |
| <p>@jpegreen</p> <p>Pritts K<br/>DeShazo 1<br/>Coltharp<br/>Adams 3<br/>Robledo 4<br/>Squad 4</p> | <p>@jpeblue</p> <p>Turner K<br/>Casares 1<br/>Kisselburg 2<br/>Williams 3<br/>Meza 4<br/>Squad 3</p> | <p>@jpepurple</p> <p>Talley K<br/>Hair 1<br/>Danhauser 2<br/>Cravens 3<br/>Kidd 4<br/>Squad 6</p> |

## CULTURE OF KINDNESS SHIRTS

Culture of Kindness - C2 We continue to build a Culture of Kindness at JPE. Every Wednesday students wear smiley face shirts to promote kindness and respect across our campus and the community. Deadline to order October 7<sup>th</sup>: Order your t-shirt today @ <https://jimplainc2.itemorder.com/sale>

### Apparel



C2 Youth 100% Cotton T-Shirt  
\$8.69



C2 Adult Regular Cut 100% Cotton T-Shirt  
\$8.69



C2 Ladies Cut 100% Cotton V-Neck T-Shirt  
\$9.69

## JPE SPIRIT T-SHIRT DAYS

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| <b>Monday</b>    | Show your spirit by wearing your favorite Jim Plain t-shirt.   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Culture of Kindness – Wear smiley face shirt to promote kindness and respect.                                |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Wear Grizzly Shirts to support our feeder high school, Tom Glenn.  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Wear a college shirt to remind us that the learning we do during the week is to help prepare us for college. |

## Reading Club – 7:20-7:40

Reading Club is available for all students to practice their reading skills before school. Please bring your book to room 1701 from 7:20-7:40 for an opportunity to sharpen your reading skills. See you there!



### **Transportation Changes:**

To ensure that your child arrives at the appropriate location (car rider, bus, walker, families on foot, or daycare), please contact the office with any transportation changes no later than 2:00 p.m.

This important step allows us to get the transportation change to the teacher and student before dismissal begins. Please feel free to contact the office if you have any questions.

Transportation changes are made by calling our main number 512-570-6600. If you leave a message, state your name, your child's name, teacher, the specific transportation change, please include a phone number in case we have any questions.



### **Box Tops**

Continue clipping Box Tops for Education.

Hundreds of products participate in the program, and you probably already have several in your pantry, freezer, and fridge. For every Box Top you clip, Jim Plain will receive 10 cents. That may not sound like a lot, but it adds up quickly. Each school can receive up to \$20,000 per school year from clipped Box Tops. Imagine what Jim Plain could do with \$20,000: New books, playground equipment, supplies, field trips, classroom parties. There are no limitations on the use of funds. Our School can spend Box Top Money as needed.



The district's online tool, txConnect, allows LISD parents to easily monitor their child's achievement throughout the school year. LISD parents can use txConnect to access their child's grades and assignments, view their child's STAAR (or TAKS) results, immunizations, and much more!

<http://www.leanderisd.org/default.aspx?name=p.s.txconnect>





#JPEreads



Students at Jim Plain take pride in their reading! JPE students know the importance of reading and take every opportunity to open a great book!



We would love to display all the places that Jim Plain students are reading on our bulletin board.

**SHARE YOUR PICTURE of where you're reading!**

- Tweet your picture: #JPEsummerreading @JimPlain @JPElibrary

**MAKE IT FUN!!**

Reading is an important part of your child's education. As you find ways to incorporate reading and writing into your weekly routine, you can find great ideas and/or books at these websites:

- ★ Readingrockets.org
- ★ Readwritethink.org
- ★ Justreadfamilies.org
- ★ JPE online books: <http://schools.leanderisd.org/default.aspx?name=pln.library.online.books>
- ★ Overdrive: <http://digitallibrary.leanderisd.org>



Download and enjoy digital books on your device. Use your school Log-in: **User:** lastname\_lunch# **Password:** B-day: 4 digit year 2 digit month 2 digit day



**LEEF Mudstacle is a super fun, family-friendly, muddy obstacle run (or walk) with various lengths (1K, 2.5K, and 5K). Register by September 25th for the early bird registration rate! Be sure to select your school PTA or middle/high school team to help them win a cash prize! Ready to get Muddy?! #LEEFStrongerTogether**

<http://leef.tx.org/mudstacle2016/>