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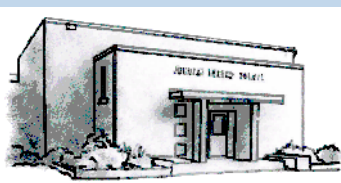
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**Character Trait  
for October:**

**Caring**



## Greetings from the Office

Jordan School had another fantastic beginning to a new year of fun and learning. It was terrific to see so many families at our Open House and BBQ last month. Special thank you to Shawn Watson for organizing a delicious BBQ dinner for our families to enjoy while they re-connected with friends and chatted with staff. Thanks to Beamsville Secondary School for lending us their BBQ. Once again, the Jordan community showed their generous support of our book fair. We look forward to purchasing more books and resources for our library with our profit.

With Thanksgiving approaching, it is timely for us to reflect upon the many reasons we have to be thankful at Jordan Public School. We are honoured and proud to work with such exceptional students and

families. We are thankful for the partnership that we have with all of you as we commit to achieve success for all students. It's not easy juggling the busy lives that we all lead! Thank you for stepping up and helping us provide great opportunities for our students. We appreciate when you are able to help with transporting students to and from events, spend time working in the library, volunteer your time to be on our school advisory council, help out in classrooms and with teams, and so much more. Please know that we value your time and efforts!! I am especially grateful for the dedication that Jordan's staff demonstrates every day. On behalf of our staff, I extend warmest wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Karen Leskiw-Janvary, Principal  
Hollyce Nunnenmacher, Vice Principal

## Professional Activity Day

Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> is a Professional Activity Day for all staff, which means classes for students will be cancelled for the day. During the PA Day, our staff will be examining student data to make informed decisions around curricular planning and best instructional practices. This information will assist our staff as we establish goals for our school improvement plan for the 2011/2012 school year.



## Power of One Anti-bullying Presentation ~ September 15, 2011

Jordan and Campden students enjoyed performances that reminded them about the important role they play in eliminating bullying. Thank you to Sydney and Josiah for sharing some highlights of their learning.

### **What is bullying?**

Bullying is when someone hurts someone else (physically, with their words, or on facebook or other social networks) on purpose and multiple times. *By Sydney T, grade 4*

### **What was the most important message that you received from this presentation?**

The most important message that I thought stood out was that you have the power of one. The power to stop bullying or stop yourself from bullying. You need to stand up for someone who is being bullied (the target). You have a huge part in making bullying stop: tell a teacher or tell the bully to stop if it's safe to do. *By Josiah M., grade 7*

Jordan students took "The Power of One" bully prevention oath following the presentations. They pledged the following:

I will not bully others.

I will not stand by while others are bullied.

I will report and deal with bullying whenever I see it ...

...because I have

**the POWER of ONE**

## Parental Support at Home

People for Education shared four very important ways that parents can help their children and that have a positive impact:

- Let your child know you have high but reasonable expectations.
- Regularly talk with your child about school.
- Focus on attitude rather than marks.
- Read to, or with, your child.

## 'To the Book Fair and Beyond'

What a wonderful event! Thank you to everyone who supported our first book fair of the school year. We sold over \$1100 in books and products, which meant we were allotted \$275 to spend on books for the library. Please watch in the spring, for information regarding our second book fair.



Special thanks to Ms. Woodcock and Mrs. Jeffcoate for their assistance in setting up and taking down the book fair. Thank you to the grade 5/6 and 7/8 students who helped during fitness/nutrition breaks and the 'Family Event'. Thank you to Mrs. Bering for her assistance. We appreciate *Mrs. Couture for organizing a successful book fair!*

Congratulations to Grace D. and Mrs. Bridges who were the winners of the 'Family Event' prize.

## Jaguar T-shirts

Do you have a Jaguar t-shirt at home that doesn't fit anyone? We'd love to have it at school to use for events such as cross country meets. Please send any t-shirts to the office. Many thanks!!

## Ice Dogs Visit and Special Event

Jordan students and staff enjoyed a visit from three Ice Dogs players and Bones, their mascot, on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Some lucky students and Mr. Koop had fun playing our visitors in a friendly game of ball hockey.

Jordan and Campden Night at the Niagara Ice Dogs will be **Saturday, October 22nd at 7pm**. All ticket orders are due by **Thursday, October 13th**. A ticket order form is available on the school's website and was sent home with each student on September 28th. **We are invited to enjoy a pre-game skate from 5pm to 5:50 pm**. See you at the game! Go Dogs Go!!!

## Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test

All grade 4 students in the school completed the Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test during the latter part of September. This test helps us identify individual student needs and abilities, along with other assessments and information. The test provides information which shows particular strengths/needs in verbal, quantitative, and non-verbal reasoning. This data provides a benchmark that we can use to judge how well our school should be expected to do on achievement tests, whether these tests are teacher generated, board-wide, provincial or national.

## Cheers and Media Coverage

Thank you to Mrs. K. Vail for being our school contact for recognition events with our local newspaper. If you think of an upcoming event that we are involved with, please feel free to give the office a call to remind us to call for media coverage.



### Safe Schools

We enjoy having a parent community that is actively involved in our school. It is important that school staff and students remain cautious with regards to strangers in the building. Although you may not be a stranger to your child's classmates, you may be to students or staff of another room or grade. **When visiting the school, kindly check in at the office upon your arrival.** You will be required to sign in and out during your stay. When dropping off nutrition snacks or belongings for your child(ren), please leave them at the office and Mrs. Bering or a student office helper will page your child to the office to pick it up at an appropriate time.

Morning supervision of the playground begins at **8:40 am**. Please ensure that your child(ren) are NOT arriving before that time unless you are prepared to wait with them until 8:40. Please review this time if your child walks or rides a bike to school. In the event of inclement weather, students will be permitted to enter the building at 8:40 under the supervision of a staff member.

When coming to the school to collect your child at dismissal time, please wait outside one of the exits. These precautions are for the benefit of our building and the safety of our students. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### Transportation

If you have questions about your child's bus, please call **Ann Erb at 905-346-0299**. Ann is the Transportation coordinator for the Lincoln, Grimsby and West Lincoln areas.

### Fire and Lockdown Drills

We held our first fire drill on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Each school is required to practice three times in the Fall and three times in Spring. Thank you for reinforcing the importance of being prepared in case of a real emergency and reminding your child to act safely in these serious situations. During October, we will practice one fire drill and a lockdown drill. Teachers will be reviewing the expectations with students prior to our practice.

### School Advisory Council

Our first meeting of the year took place on September 27<sup>th</sup>. The following people have graciously agreed to these council positions:

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| Chair         | Melanie Vander Veen |
| Vice Chair    | Erin Campbell       |
| Secretary     | Laura Blake         |
| Community Rep | Kelly Nemeth        |
| Staff Rep     | Suzanne Solyom      |

Names of our council members are posted on the bulletin board at the top of stairs outside of the office. Dates for future meetings are also posted.

We hope you will join us at our next meeting on **Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm in Jordan's library.**

A sub-committee of School Advisory Council is our Playground Committee. More information will follow after our first meeting. Please contact Amanda Ewert or Erin Campbell if you'd like to be a member of this committee.

Proposed fundraising initiatives for the school year are as follows:

Event	Date	School/SAC/Community
Magazines	September 8	School
Open House BBQ	September 22	SAC
Book Fair	September 22	School Library
Read or Walk a thon	October or November	School
Adopt a Family	December	Community-based
_____ a thon	February	School
Book Fair	April	School Library
Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Draw	April	SAC
Heart and Stroke	May	Community-based

School Advisory Council fundraising initiatives will be linked to, and with, the Playground Committee fundraising initiatives in order to work towards our goal of raising about \$40000.00 for a new play structure, as well as maintaining our current playground structure.

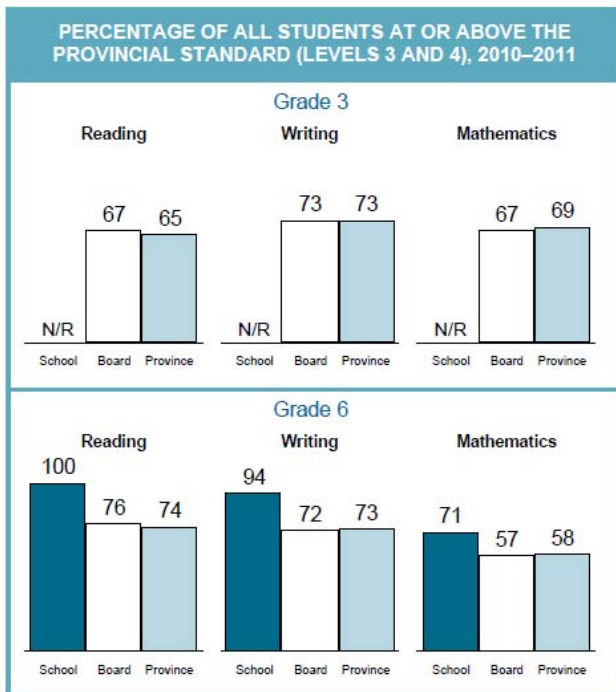
### Magazine Campaign

Thank you for all of your efforts to support a successful magazine campaign and encourage literacy! Jordan School's families sold about \$5000.00 worth of magazine subscriptions. Our profit is 37% after the HST is removed. We look forward to purchasing equipment for each class to use while on the playground, a new school camera, and more technology for student use. THANKS!!

*"Success is a journey. Not a destination."  
(Ben Sweetland)*

## EQAO

Throughout the province, EQAO data informs professional practice and acts as a catalyst for improving student achievement. These assessments provide a means of measuring students' learning. However, large scale assessments provide just one piece of information about how students are doing in schools. EQAO, along with school-based assessments, are used to identify strengths and needs and help set direction for our school improvement plan. If you have had a chance to explore the EQAO website, you would have noticed that Jordan's school results for grade 3 are not posted since our participant size was too small. The ministry does not publish results of small groups for privacy reasons. However, our grade 6 cohort was large enough to report results to the public. Below is what is available to the public. We continue to be extremely proud of our students for their efforts. As well, we are equally proud of Jordan's teachers for their commitment to ensure that all students are provided with the appropriate supports to achieve their highest potential, and a dedication to implement exceptional instructional strategies.



## Headphones for Technology Use

Providing your child with their own headset to use with all technology is a great practice. These headsets should be stored in a labelled zip lock bag for easy identification.

## Harvest Playday

On **Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**, students will be involved in various team-building activities during the last block of the day (2:00-3:15 pm). Our intermediate students will take on leadership roles as they run these activities and act as team leaders. Indoor activities will be planned in the event of inclement weather. Students may dress in school appropriate costumes which do not interfere with our harvest activities. The second fitness and nutrition break will provide students with the opportunity to change into a costume. We have designated October 31<sup>st</sup> as a school spirit day. All students are encouraged to wear orange and black.



## Junior Sports Program

With our student population declining and staff numbers decreasing, it is more challenging to do all of the many wonderful things we have been able to offer in the past. We have had to make a tough staff decision with regards to junior sports and what we can offer to our students. Since junior sports require fair and equal play, this means that we need to have two full lines of players for each team. We are unable to do that for our junior boys' volleyball and basketball teams. As well, we do not have staff to offer coaching for such teams. Jordan's staff will be offering one co-ed junior volleyball team this school year. As timelines for the next sport nears, we will consider all of our options and supports, and make decisions based on this information. We appreciate your understanding and support of this school-based decision.

## Newsletter Draw

Winner of the Newsletter Draw was Emily B in SK. She won a gift certificate to Tote Sweet.

## Green Club News

Litter less lunches have returned! Each Wednesday, the Green Club challenges you to bring a litter less lunch to school. That means that you should bring your lunch in reusable or recyclable containers. A Green Team member will be coming to check your lunches at first nutrition break. Individual students will be entered into a draw each time your lunch is litter less. During the Celebration assembly at the end of the month, the "Most Litter less Class" will be rewarded with the Litter less Lunch trophy. This is our first step to reduce, reuse, and recycle!

Also, we are planning a garden clean-up at the school before it gets too cold. If you would like to donate your time, some soil, or extra perennials for the gardens, please contact Mrs. Brydges.



Your help is greatly appreciated! Keep watching for more Green News! *Thank you, Mrs. Brydges, for organizing our Green Club!*

### Cross Country

As we look forward to October, the Jordan Cross Country team has been training now for several weeks. There are 23 student athletes from Grade 2 to Grade 8 on the team this year, and everyone is enthusiastic, dedicated and competitive. As a coach, I have enjoyed getting to know them all and look forward to our last upcoming meet. Our first meet produced several top 10 results and improvements of personal best times. Our next meet will be held on October 3rd at Nelles Public School in Grimsby (Centennial Park). The top eight competitors in each race category will advance to the finals at Fireman's Park in Niagara Falls on Wednesday, October 12th. Good luck to all the following Jordan Jaguar runners:



Jessica H, Kamryn B, Devon C, Abby G, Erika R, Emma M, Sydney T, Sunshine T, Naomi V, Timothy M, Sawyer R, Joseph A, Matthew T, Blake M, Nev V, Abby R, Carley T, Grayson R, Mathew G, Josiah M, Steven R, Zach W, Raimondo A.

*Thank you, Mrs. Solyom, for coaching our runners!*

### Character Education

During the month of September, Jaguars learned about ways to demonstrate "optimism". Congratulations to the following students who were optimistic:

Cody and Emily JK/SK  
Timothy and Nash 1/2,  
Erika and Madilyn 3/4  
Kyla, Evalyn, Emily, and Noah 5/6  
Grayson and Frank 7/8

Throughout the month of October, our character focus will highlight the importance of being a caring citizen. Thank you to Mrs. Solyom and the grade 3/4 class for preparing a fantastic skit and group activities to help us understand how we can all be caring individuals!! We hope you will join us on **Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:15** when we recognize our caring students and celebrate other school accomplishments.

### Intermediate Girls' Soccer

The Intermediate Girls Soccer Team had a fabulous season. They each displayed excellent sportsmanship and perseverance in improving their soccer skills each practice. Special thank you to Mrs. Rouse for her dedication to the team, and ongoing excitement at practices and the tournament. All the girls appreciated your help with coaching! Also, thank you to the junior girls who helped out the team and confidently

stepped up to the challenge.

Team members: Abbi, Sabrina, Madison, Maggy, Elizabeth, Sarah, Kayla, Grayson, Grace. Junior: Mackenzie, Abby, Carley, Emily and Chiara.  
*Thank you, Mrs. Sotola for coaching!!*

### Intermediate Boys' Soccer

The Intermediate Boys Soccer Team had a fantastic tournament. The boys played 4 games and finished with a record of 1 win, 1 loss and 2 ties. The boys highlight came when they defeated the Vineland Vikings. Vineland has been Jordan's biggest rival for years and finally Jordan came out on top. Unfortunately the boys missed the playoffs by 1 point but they had a very enjoyable day. Mr. Koop would like to commend the entire team for the sportsmanship they showed all day. The members of the team were: Steven R., Raimondo A., Parker V., Brayden V., Mathew G., Wiley J., Frank E., Josiah M.K., Aiden P., Curtis H., Aaron H., Zac W., Noah V., Tanner V., and Harley B.. Thanks, Mr. Koop, for coaching our boys!

### Student Parliament

We would like to congratulate the following students who were nominated by their peers to work on Student Parliament 2011. Thanks Mme. Chapman and Mrs. Jeffcoate for organizing this group.

Raimondo – Prime Minister  
Maggy – Deputy Prime Minister  
Kayla – Secretary  
Steven – Treasurer  
Frank – Gr. 8 Class Representative  
Sarah – Gr. 7 Class Representative  
Chiara – Gr. 6 Class Representative  
Nev – Gr. 5 Class Representative  
Naiomi – Gr. 4 Class Representative

### Spirit Days

Our next Spirit Day will be Autumn Colours Day on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Each class will wear one colour as follows:

JK/SK - Green  
1/2 - Yellow  
3/4 - Red  
5/6 - Brown  
7/8 - Orange

October 31st is orange and black spirit day.





**Health News....you can use!**



## Peanut Butter-less Lunches

### Peanut-Aware Schools



As of January 1, 2006, schools in Ontario are required to prepare safety plans for students with fatal allergies as part of Sabrina's Law, named after a Pembroke teen who died of severe allergic shock in her high school.

The law requires school principals to prepare individual plans for students with life-threatening allergies, and for school staff to be trained on how to recognize and aid students suffering from anaphylactic shock.

This means that your children, even if they don't have food allergies, may not be allowed to bring peanuts or peanut butter in their school lunches and snacks. This can make packing lunches and snacks a bit more challenging, but don't worry....there are plenty of other healthy and tasty high-protein options:

The following foods have approximately the same amount of protein as in two tablespoons of peanut butter:

- ◆ 30 g (1 oz.) lean meat, poultry or fish (roast beef, ham, chicken, turkey, tuna, salmon, etc.)
- ◆ 2 eggs
- ◆ 175 mL (3/4 cup) chickpeas, lentils or kidney beans
- ◆ 250 mL (1 cup) milk or chocolate milk
- ◆ 175 mL (3/4 cup) yogurt
- ◆ 30 g (1 oz.) cheddar cheese
- ◆ 125 mL (1/2 cup) hummus
- ◆ 250 mL (1 cup) split pea or beef soup
- ◆ 125 mL (1/2 cup) chili

### It's true!

One large bagel (136 g) has about the same amount of protein as in two tablespoons of peanut butter!



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## Sample Peanut Butter-less Menus

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Sliced meat, cheese and lettuce in a pita</li> <li>◆ Carrot sticks</li> <li>◆ Orange slices</li> <li>◆ Milk (white or chocolate)</li> </ul>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Crackers with cheese cubes (or cheese slices)</li> <li>◆ Cucumber slices or coleslaw</li> <li>◆ Canned fruit (in juice)</li> <li>◆ Milk (white or chocolate)</li> </ul>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Cold hard boiled eggs</li> <li>◆ Celery stuffed with soft cheese</li> <li>◆ Raisin bran muffin</li> <li>◆ Milk pudding</li> <li>◆ Fruit or vegetable juice (100% pure)</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Leftover pizza slice</li> <li>◆ Green pepper rings</li> <li>◆ Yogurt</li> <li>◆ Fruit or vegetable juice (100% pure)</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Hot soup or stew in a thermos</li> <li>◆ Vegetables &amp; dip</li> <li>◆ Fresh fruit or applesauce</li> <li>◆ Milk (white or chocolate)</li> </ul>

### Don't forget to pack food safely:

Use a wide-mouth thermos to keep milk cold and foods, like chili and pasta hot. To keep food cold, use frozen juice boxes or frozen bread for sandwiches (they will thaw by lunchtime) or use an insulated lunch bag. Sandwiches made the night before will stay colder than those made in the morning.


### Plus ... peanut butter-less snacks!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Plain yogurt mixed with fruit</li> <li>✓ Nut-free milk puddings (not pistachio or peanut butter)</li> <li>✓ Fruit cups (canned in water or juice)</li> <li>✓ Any fresh fruit</li> <li>✓ Celery sticks stuffed with soft cheese</li> <li>✓ Cheese and crackers</li> <li>✓ Whole grain cereal</li> <li>✓ Whole grain muffin</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Half bagel with cheese</li> <li>✓ Juice boxes-vegetables or fruit</li> <li>✓ Popcorn (for older children)</li> <li>✓ Vegetables with dip</li> <li>✓ Sliced meat wrapped around cheese sticks</li> <li>✓ Mini pitas stuffed with cheese - try cheddar, swiss, gouda</li> <li>✓ Mini bagels with cream cheese</li> </ul> |
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# October 2011



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3 day 10 A.M. Cross Country Meet	4 day 1 Jr. Soccer Tournament at Smith School	5 day 2 World Teachers' Day Raindate for Jr. Soccer Tournament Litterless Lunches	6 day 3 A.M. Raindate for Cross Country	7 P.A. Day	8
9 	10 day 10 <b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b>	11 day 4	12 day 5 DSBN Cross Country Meet P.M. Litterless Lunches	13 day 6 DSBN Raindate Cross Country Great Canadian Fire Drill	14 day 7 Fall Colours Spirit Day Salad/ Veggie and Dip Day	15
16	17 day 8 Int. Volleyball begins	18 day 9	19 day 10 Litterless Lunches	20 day 1 11:30 School Health Nurse Gr. 7/8 Immunization Instruction	21 day 2 Antipastos Lunch	22 5:00 Pre-game Family Skate 7:00 Jordan/ Campden Night at the Niagara Ice Dogs
23	24 day 3	25 day 4	26 day 5 Hep B, Men C, and HPV vaccinations for Gr. 7/8 Litterless Lunches EA Appreciation Day	27 day 6	28 day 7 9:15 Celebration Assembly "Caring" Hamburger/ Hotdog Day	29
30	31 day 8 Orange and Black Day 2:00 Harvest Play Day	