

“JOY!”

A Quarterly Newsletter

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School Is back! What we Remember . . .

The beginning of a new school year is always exciting. Meeting old and new friends continues to make the school experience extra special. We remember the nurturing of kind instructors as well as the eye of “the village” who promoted nothing but excellence – often filling in the gap when a parent was not around.

Over the years, some things have changed, however, some things remain the same. Following are some expectations that our parents set for us while preparing for a new school year. Interestingly, what worked in earlier years continues to work today.

- ✓ Get a good night sleep and remember to say your prayers
- ✓ Rise early to be more than on time.
- ✓ Prepare your assignments in advance.
- ✓ Lay your clothing out the night before.
- ✓ Organize your room before leaving for school -- remember “a cluttered room makes for a cluttered mind.”
- ✓ Eat a healthy breakfast – but not too much.
- ✓ Ask questions when you do not understand.
- ✓ Always dress for success.
- ✓ Do not compare yourself to others – work at your own pace.
- ✓ Make learning something new each day a priority.
- ✓ Remember to make good choices.

This school year we wish students and parents alike the best in studies. May this year bring great knowledge that will remain in your lives for many years to come. Enjoy!

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SUGGESTED READING: The “Wishtree” by Katherine Applegate, a story about friendship, belonging, respect, acceptance and the power of speaking up for truth and what is right. A short and sweet reading for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders and older. A KJGM youth book club reading.

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A Big Ol' Texas-Sized Welcome!!

A huge WELCOME to our newest media team member – ALEISA DANIEL. Aleisa and Jasmin will alternate “The Corner” bringing their strategies of effective interviewing each quarter to our readers. Aleisa is a great-niece to Mrs. Gilliam. She resides in San Francisco, CA.

Third Quarter Construction Update

Repairs to our beloved facility are still underway. Recently, The Real Estate Council ("TREC") joined our restoration efforts. The TREC team advises that they **"will take us over the finish line!!!"**

A **"Meet and Greet"** took place at the Museum on July 16, 2022. This was a special day to meet a few of the TREC team members as well as neighbors and friends of the Museum. Refreshments were provided as we shared our plans for the Museum with those who dropped by.

We are hopeful for a completed facility by October 2022. Planning for **"Reading Under the Oak"** upon completion of repairs. This event typically takes place during the summer months. However, due to our ongoing restoration efforts, the date has been pushed back a bit. Looking forward to presenting at least one reading under the oak event before the arrival of winter.



TREC Team with friends of KJGM

A LETTER TO STUDENTS: "NO LIMITATIONS"



By: Michael Murphy

Life holds many rich rewards for people of all ages -- both young and old, however, I would like to present the following letter to the younger crowd (the "generation of today" or "NextGen"). You are the ones who hold our future.

Dear Students:

This school year, I pray that you will be a positive role-model. A role-model is someone who knows how to behave, become involved in school activities, and sets good examples for others. You hold the key to creating a better and promising future. We all live together in a worldwide community, so in order for us to create the necessary conditions for a diverse and peaceful world, we have to respect one another. As a young person you have the capability and brilliant minds to set that path.

Always remember to keep God's word first in all that you do. Obey and honor your parents. Respect them. Over the years, I have heard young people challenge their parents with words such as, "Why do I have to do that" or "I don't want to" or "that's old school." I cringe

when I hear young people say these words because I know it goes against what God would have them to do. In every walk of life, there is going to always be someone instructing and directing you. Just know that adults have experienced things and know firsthand what works and what does not work. What do they have to gain in leading you astray? Think about it.

Also respect your teachers. Remember they are the instructors. Allow them to do their jobs. If you are having a problem with a teacher, allow your parent to be your advocate. That is what parents are to do.

Maintain a positive attitude throughout this school year. You can accomplish nothing being negative.

A qualified education can lead to a successful life. Over the years, I have learned that college may not be for everyone so there is nothing wrong with learning a skilled trade but learn one which will make you an earnest living. Viable trades such as electricians; welders; refrigeration coolant technicians; builders; roofers; automotive mechanics, etc. are much needed professions. Can you think of anything to add to this list? What about being a

seamstress or upholsterer. Both men and women can do these. Both have been around for a very long time. They allow the freedom to put your own taste into designing. They can be rewarding professions.

If you are seeking a college degree, majoring in history and music are a couple of degrees that are also rewarding. Set your mind on something that is going to give you a life-long, satisfying and established career. There are many more professions that people tend to ignore. Seek out the ones you never thought of and determine if that is something you could enjoy doing. For instance, foresters, geographers, geoscientists, or astronomers to list a few.

Lastly, be involved in your community. It's never too early to be an ambassador for a clean

healthy community. Try to be active in ensuring the area in which you live is safe and clean. I lost my eyesight when I was three years old, but I was never limited to what I could do or wanted to do for and in my community. I hope you will do the same.

I reach out to you in love, praying that Jesus Christ is the center of your life and that he will direct and guide you in all that you do. Have a great school year and remember, there are no limitations in what you can do.

Michael Murphy

Michael is a resident of Colonial Hills Neighborhood Association. Recently Michael has been asked to serve as an appointee to the City of Dallas' Commission on Disabilities.

Aleisa's Corner



Aleisa Daniel

As we embark upon an exciting new season for the KJGM debate team, we are pleased to have had a chance to catch up with a former debate team member, **Kaleb Thompkins**. Kaleb, who also plays



baseball, served on the debate team for two consecutive years before aging out of the program. During our Q & A, we spoke about school, his interests, and some of the

important takeaways he learned from his time with the team.

What is your favorite class or subject to study in school?

Algebra.

Nice! So, you like math?

Yes ma'am.

What do you like learning about most in algebra class?

Well, there's nothing [in particular] I like to learn about it, but the teacher makes the class fun and easier to solve problems.

I understand! What are some of your hobbies, interests, or extracurriculars?

I play baseball, and I like to watch football – I don't really like to play [football.] But I also like to ride horses and I like architecture.

What did you like most about being on the debate team?

[I liked] to socialize with my debate teammates, talk about different topics, and research.

Do you think that being on the debate team has made a difference in your everyday life?

Yes ma'am. It helped me speak in front of bigger crowds and to speak well when I talk to people.

Is there any advice you would give to first-year debaters who have recently joined the team?

Just get to know everyone, research your topics, have fun, and do your best!

I think that's really good advice! Thank you.

Thank you.



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