

Hello everyone,

Highlights of PTSA meeting:

Ms. Wise's update:

Jarrett has won a **450,000 grant** we will share with 5 schools to start a SPARCs program! More information will be coming home from the school about this soon, but hopefully in the next couple weeks or so it will begin with some after school tutoring and various clubs (those are still forming, but may include chess and Spanish club).

Jarrett was also awarded **620.00** to use to coordinate a program for music and songwriting using computer software. . A brief article was in the paper last Thursday, but is not found on the website.

The **website** is being redesigned by a webmaster, and will be totally renovated soon. The hope is that it will be ready by open house night, September 22.

Ms. Wise informed us Jarrett students scored higher on the **MAP testing** in ALL areas but one!

This is very encouraging news.

The teachers were very enthusiastic about how the **Arts Integration program** is being implemented in the school. Ms. Martin shared a story how a math concept was being reinforced using this method, and the students were engaged and learning well. If you want to learn more

about the program, here is a link to a description of how Portland Oregon is planning on implementing the program:

<http://www.racc.org/arts-education/kennedy-center-announces-arts-education-partnership-with-portland-metro-area>

A program called “**Fast Math and Fractionation**” has been implemented to help students develop more fluency with math. It is a computer program that is designed like a game.

The new class “Gateway to Technology” is going well; students are enjoying the 30 new computers that were recently added to Jarrett.

Mastery Grading is going well, and is being implemented with the 6th graders. The teachers who attended the meeting were so excited about it that I thought they were going to jump right off their seats as they were describing how well it was going! The kids are actually **asking** for homework and learning much more quickly!!

Other News:

Ms. Martin, the librarian spoke to us about how although she has enough money for an author this year, next year she would like to request 400.00-500.00 to bring in an author for next year. We decided to table the request for now, and revisit it after we have a better idea of our funds.

Budget and bylaws were approved

45.00 was approved for 3 teachers to register for LAD fair in the spring.

OPEN HOUSE: Thursday September 22, 6-7pm.

Please stop by the PTA table. We will have sweatshirt order forms if you are interested in ordering a Jarrett sweatshirt or hoodie. I will have more details about cost, etc. in the next day or so.

Also, you can purchase a PTA membership for 5.00

If you signed up to bring goodies to sell at open house and would like to still do so, please send me an email at jamnsharon@sbcglobal.net or call me at 496-2334.

Dance:

The dance was **AWESOME!** THANKYOU THANKYOU to ALL of the volunteers for chaperoning and selling snacks! I will let you all know when I have a final count on how much we made for the evening.

A special thank you to the planners, the dance would not have been a success without you:

Jennifer Sickinger- who MADE all the adorable pac-man decorations

Ryan and Jennie Hart- who made a special trip to Sam's to pick up and priced all the snacks in a nice grid

Amy Mooney and Charity Day- who kept us supplied in soda throughout the evening.

Also, thanks to **Katie Ames, professional photographer** who volunteered her time and services to take pictures for us at the dance!! I will have her cards at the PTA table at open house!