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Quote of the Week for September 24th:

**"We are more alike my
friends than unlike"**

- Maya Angelou

Congratulations to Martha Sammartano, Seventh Grade Math Teacher

We have just received notice that in August, Martha Sammartano was honored at the 2nd Annual Fifteenth Assembly District "Women of Distinction" Awards Ceremony, sponsored by State Assemblyman, Rob Walker. Martha is truly devoted to her students. Providing extra help, talking about problems, cheerleading on the sideline of a game, or just being there when a student needs someone to talk to, Mrs. Sam will never say "no." She is always there with open arms and a heart of gold.



Middle School Yearbook Portraits

On September 26th and 27th, our students will be having their pictures taken in the Auditorium for the Jericho Middle School Yearbook. Information will be forthcoming from Advisor, Lois Zegel.

After-School Clubs and Sports Programs

Many of our after-school clubs and sports programs are now in session. There are many opportunities for students to get involved in something of interest to them after school. For example, we have the Newspaper Club, Kung Fu, Scrabble, Scientific Taste Testers Club, Study Skills, Language Clubs, Student Council and intramurals to list a few of the choices available to students. These clubs are a great way to make new friends and have fun at the same time. You will find a club calendar by clicking on the following link: <http://www.jerichoschools.org/ms/clubcalendar/MSClubCalendar.pdf>

Extra Help Schedule

Extra help is given by teachers on various days and times throughout the week. For a complete listing, please click on the following link:

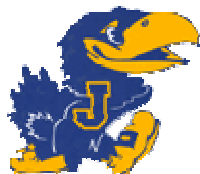
<http://www.jerichoschools.org/ms/announcements/extrahelpschedMS2007-2008.pdf>



Congratulations to Amelia Xu, Seventh Grade Student

At Liberty Skating Championship in Philadelphia (a national event participated by over 1,000 skaters from all states), Amelia placed 8th out of 130 skaters at the Juvenile level (she got 2nd place at the 1st round out of a group of 18 and 8th place at the final round out of a group of 21.) We are extremely proud of Amelia's accomplishments.

The Jayhawk



We will be naming our school mascot, The Jayhawk, and need your help! All students, faculty and parents should e-mail their suggestions for the new name of our mascot to namethejayhawk@jerichoschools.org. We will review your suggestions, select a few favorites and then give YOU the chance to vote on the new name!

Jericho Athletic Association Night

Please click on the following link to view the Jericho Athletic Association Night flyer regarding a hockey event scheduled for Saturday, November 10th.

<http://www.jerichoschools.org/ms/announcements/JerichoAA.pdf>

Jericho School Community Service Project To Assist Divorced and Widowed Women

This year, several Jericho staff members have created the Jericho Project for the Advancement of Women (JPAW) to assist Jericho school community women transitioning back into the workforce after being divorced or widowed. The goal of JPAW is to identify the existing resources of participants and provide them with the skills and supports necessary to successfully obtain gainful employment. Classes in basic computer training, emotional support, personal finances, interpersonal skills development, resume building, interview preparation and job hunting. There is no fee for the program; all instructors are generously volunteering their time. Applications for the program are available online at <http://www.jerichoschools.org/jpaw>. Please contact Marie Salerno at 516.203.3600, ext. 3269 or via email at jpaw@jerichoschools.org for further information.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| September 21 | State Required Emergency Evacuation Drill – Dismissal at 1:45 p.m.
All after school activities will be canceled for the day. No student will be permitted to remain in the building. |
| September 24 | Board of Education Meeting – Middle School Library – 7:30 p.m. |
| September 25 | SEPTA Meeting – Middle School Library – 7:30 p.m.
What the Brain Hears: <i>A Lesson In Auditory Processing</i>, Speaker: Dr. Donna Geffner, Ph.D. |
| September 26-27 | Middle School Yearbook Portraits – A reminder to all students you must bring in your picture envelope on the day you are scheduled for pictures. Picture envelopes should be given directly to the photographers. Your team teachers will tell you whether your scheduled day will be September 26 or 27th. |