

# Mrs. Ponte's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Families,

I'm scheduling Fall Conferences this week. Check your child's Monday envelope and select your top 3 times, please. Conferences will be held during the first 2 weeks of September.

Jamba Juice cards will be coming home in a manila envelope today labeled with your child's name (Thank you, Jabari's mom!!) Jamba Juice has requested all money be returned by *September 6<sup>th</sup>*. If you sell all 10 cards and would like more, please send in your money and let me know how many more cards you need.

## Learner Profile Trait of the Month:

**Caring** ~ We show empathy, compassion, and respect. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.

## Unit of Inquiry: Who We Are

Central Idea (written by your students!): Beliefs, values, and attitudes can connect or disconnect us to the world.

Focus of Inquiry: Students are very interested in learning about how our beliefs, values, and attitudes are expressed in the areas of Science, History, our cultures, and in current political events. We are reading *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* as a way to discuss how authors express their beliefs and values in the books they write.

Students will be writing an opinion essay taking a stance on the inquiry topic they've chosen. We will work in class on this writing.

## Important Dates

August 26 – Sept 13: Jamba Juice Fundraiser  
PYA PTA Picnic: August 31 from 11-1 pm,  
Victory Park  
September 23<sup>th</sup>: No School  
October 7-11<sup>th</sup>: Fall Break

## Important Notes for the Week!

- ✓ We will run the MILE on Monday. Please wear appropriate shoes!
- ✓ I have TWO Donors Choose projects online right now. If you are looking for a way to donate supplies to our classroom, I would definitely appreciate your support with either of these projects. The link to my teacher page is: [donorschoose.org/m.ponte](https://donorschoose.org/m.ponte)

## Book Pick of the Week:

*Found (Missing Series Book 1)* by Margaret Peterson Haddix

I'm totally hooked on this Sci-Fi book series right now! It would be a great series to read together with your child – it's very suspenseful and will keep you guessing! Here is the blurb from amazon.com:

One night a plane appeared out of nowhere, the only passengers aboard: thirty-six babies. As soon as they were taken off the plane, it vanished. Now, thirteen years later, two of those children are receiving mysterious messages, and they begin to investigate their past. Their quest to discover where they really came from leads them to a conspiracy that reaches from the far past to the distant future—and will take them hurtling through time.