



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Fundraiser Events
- School News
- Sports Shorts

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Meet your 2009/10 PTA Executive Committee



Front Row, l-r:

Ralph Williams, Bethany Powery, Felicia Deslandes, Evanel Hunter, Angela Lumley, Shena Ebanks, Lovisa (Antonette) Vernon-Hamilton, Mr. Wallace

Back Row: Gerry Robinson, Mrs. Lumsden, Mrs. Bennett

Message from PTA President

Greetings,
My name is Bethany Powery and I am excited to be involved with the John A. Cumber Primary School Parent-Teachers Association (PTA) for this year. As President, I want to welcome you to another great year at the school. Firstly, I would like to congratulate the PTA on the "Cool Cumber"

newsletter! Job well done!
We have a year of fun programs, activities and fundraiser events planned as you will see in our newsletter. Our objective is to help each child have the opportunity to reach his/her full potential. I would like to encourage you to get involved in any way possible. Find out what might suit

your personal interests and time commitments. My desire is for us to remember that children are the heart of our PTA volunteer service.

Together we can make a difference!

Cool Cumber News



From the desk of the Principal
Dear Parent/Guardian

Please allow me the opportunity to remind you of the following dates/ events:

Monday February 8: Reporting Session

This takes place from 3:00 to 7:00 PM on Monday 8th February. This is an excellent opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and review his/her progress so far this year.

We have implemented a new "Rewards Program" to encourage good behaviour amongst our children. More information available from your child's teacher or the School's office.

Student Council Elections:

Elections took place for positions on the governing body of the student Council.

Candidates presented their campaign speeches on Tuesday January 12, in the Hall and the results were;

President: Jake Bennett

First Vice President: Kameisha McKenzie

Second Vice President: Grace Christian-Welcome
Secretary: Shakira Ebanks

Public Relations Officer: Hugh Thomas.

Congratulations to the 2010 Student Council

The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up.
~Mark Twain

School Blog & Email

The school blog site is now operational. It can be found at : <http://jacps.blogspot.com/>
Please visit regularly and check the links for various bits of news and information about what's happening at school.

Email Test

Most of you would have received test emails. we are in the process of setting up an email system for the school that will allow us to communicate better with the parent body. If you did not receive an email from

the school, it is either because the school does not have an email for you or your address was one of the many that "bounced back".

Please update your information with Miss Joy at the office.

Haiti Relief

In response to the tragedy taking place in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, as a school community we feel compelled to show our empathy. The Red Cross is asking for monetary donations to be made toward the Haiti Relief Fund either to your child's class or to the office. We will collect the funds and make one donation on

behalf of the children of JACPS to the people of Haiti.

Below is a list of items being collected by Mrs. Porter that Haiti is in desperate need of:

- Canned food/ dry food
- Bottled water
- Bleach
- Gently used clothes and shoes
- Medicines – rubbing alcohol, peroxide, bandages etc
- Soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hairbrushes etc.
- Gently used towels, sheets etc.
- Building materials - nails, hammers etc.

JACPS Sports Day

2010 Sports Day has been finalized as

February 24 and 25, 2010.

Because of factors outside the school's control the original dates had to change;

apologies for any

inconvenience this change may have caused.

Rally Team Players

Front row, L-R:
Kaled Giron,
Chelsea Green,
Cameron Mendez,
Lucien Watson,
Leighton Thomas

Middle row:
Miguel Rodriguez,
D'Angelo Bodden,
Karim Murray,
Ashante Jackson,
Stephen Rivers,
Jose Ruiz,
Javier Johnson,
Rory Barrett,
Brandon Lawrence

Back row:
Akeem Hyde,
Nasim Gordon,
Mr Smith.

Netball Players

A Team

Khailan O'Connor
Alyanna Ebanks
Yoandra Carter
Allyssa Connor
Shania Ebanks
Adryanna Brown
Kacie Ramos
Shenelle Carnegie
Deandra Kelly
Mikayla McLaughlin
Shakeria Ebanks
Kamiesha McKenzie
Keylin Lopez
Micah Ebanks

Football news

We were the Primary Football League Rally winners – our team which comprised of both 'A' and 'B' team players, pictured **below**.

The A team was undefeated until Saturday, 16th Feb. Unfortunately the A team had a penalty against them which Triple C scored. Like Coach Cheeky said, 'football is about winning and learning.' Hey, even the best professional team loses every now and again

so... Players, all anyone expects of you is your best. And remember, a good sport is always a winner!

Please support our teams in the football finals this Saturday 6th February at the Annex play field ; B team plays at 9am while the A team plays for 1st place at 1:30pm.

Congratulations, players and coaches! A big 'thank you' to the many supporters.

Netball news

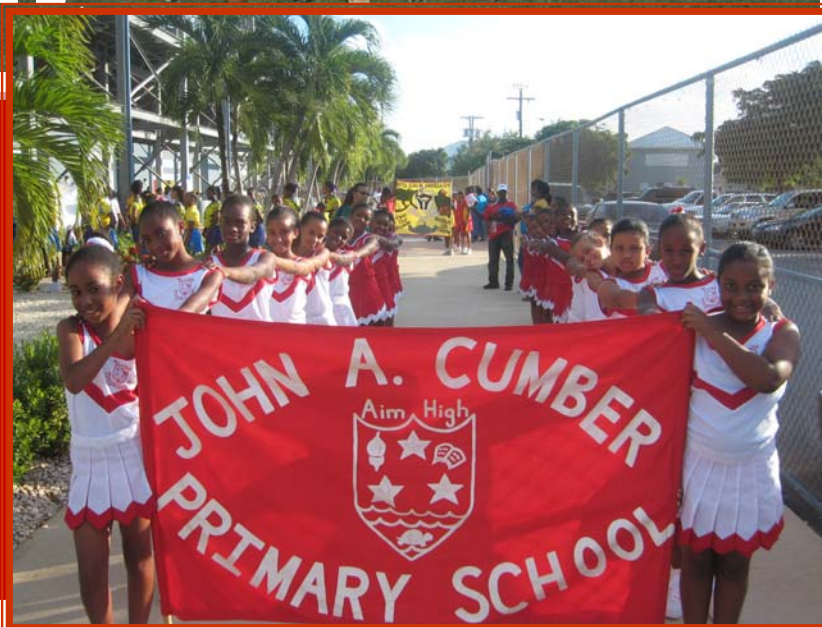
In the Parade of Uniforms our 'A' team placed 2nd and our 'B' team, 3rd.

Congratulations to all the players and coaches. Thank you to the parents and supporters , including staff, who helped to ready the teams.

Our first games of the netball playoffs were against East End on Friday, 21st Feb. A loss didn't dampen the spirits of the B team as they cheered for the A team who came from three points behind to win in fine style.



Look for more action photo's the games to come in the next issue



Netball Players

B Team

Jasmine Powery
Katelyn McKenzie
Destine Bush
Grace Christian-Welcome
Venise Elliott
Deandra Bush
Zariah Parchment
Abigail Webster
Dayanna Alexander
Glastastayasia Dawkins
Zariah Parchment
Latysha Powell
Vai'Ann Hamilton
Kaylee Collins



John A Cumber Primary School held its Annual Christmas Concert on Thursday, 10th December the school field.

The support shown to the children was amazing!!!!!!.

The performances were spectacular. They displayed the high standards we've come to expect.

Congratulations to Miss Jefferson, other staff, students and all who helped make it a memorable night.





Fundraiser Events

This year's PTA Executive Committee has a fun filled year for students, teachers and parents. We would like to thank all who have volunteered to assist with fundraising/special events this school year. We have come up with some great plans for this year's fundraiser efforts and will be sending out updates on events planned each month and appeal for your support whenever possible.

February event:
'Educate 2 Create' craft day
 Date: February 15th 2010
 Location: School Hall
 Time: 10:00am to 1:00pm
 Children can come enjoy a story telling hour and reading after which they can make crafts based on the books they

have just read. Snacks and lunch will be on sale. Keep an eye out for event flyer.

Cost: \$4 per child

March event:
'Healthy Steps' 2 Mile Walk
 Date: March 6th 2010
 Location: JACP School field
 Start Time: 7:00am
 After the walk, you are invited to visit health booths setup with health advice on how to pack heather lunches for kids' and adults; quick and healthy meal ideas etc. During the 2009 part of the school term we had accomplished the following events

October— Dress Up Day and a Kids' Halloween Party. At the party the kids

had a blast and 2 lucky parents in a surprise raffle won a Swedish Massage and a pedicure compliments of Renaissance Beauty Salon and Spa.

November we had snacks on sale at the school football games held in West Bay.

December snacks were on sale at the Christmas concert and a Dress Up day.

I would like to thank the teachers, parents, kids and of course the PTA members who helped make these events a success.

Upcoming events include :-

- ◆ School Carnival (May 2010)
- ◆ Bake Sale
- ◆ Car wash

“ Nobody made a greater mistake in life than he who did nothing because he could only do a little.”

— Edmund Burke

Benefits of Being Involved

Research shows that when parents are involved in their children's education, the children are more likely to:

- ◆ earn better grades
- ◆ score higher on tests
- ◆ attend school regularly
- ◆ have better social skills
- ◆ show improved behavior
- ◆ be more positive in their

- ◆ attitude towards school
- ◆ complete homework assignments
- ◆ graduate and continue their education.

Would you like to contribute?
Complete a Volunteer Assistance Form available from your child's teacher.

All comments, questions and Please email your contribution to Gerry Robinson or Shena Ebanks at webaya@hotmail.com & shenaebanks@yahoo.com



Community Event — 1st District Screening, WB

SATURDAY, 6th FEBRUARY 2010

John A Cumber Primary School Hall West Bay
 8:30am – 11:30am
ADMISSION FREE!!!!
LIGHT BREAKFAST WILL BE PROVIDED

ST. MATTHEW'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE & CAYMAN HEART FUND

Blood Pressure Testing

BMI (Body Mass Index Testing)

- Blood Pressure Testing
- BMI (Body Mass Index Testing)
- Blood Glucose Testing
- Cholesterol Screening (THIS TEST REQUIRES THAT YOU MUST FAST FOR 10 HOURS PRIOR TO TESTING!!!!)

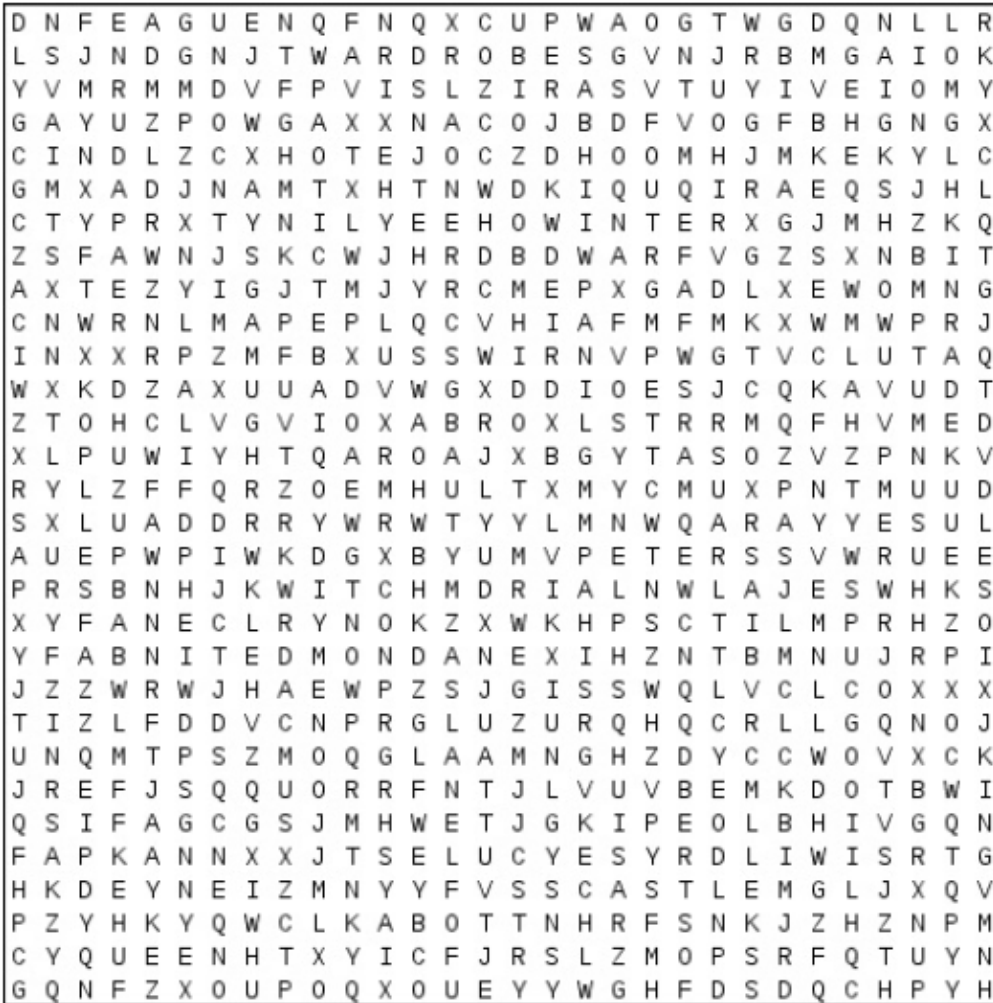
Residents will learn to recognize the signs and symptoms of an acute coronary event and signs and symptoms of CVD (Cardiovascular Disease).

“Think of your fellow man, Lend him a helping hand, Put a little love in your heart”

CHILDREN SCREENING
 - BMI (Body Mass Index Testing) & Nutritional Guide

Kid Activity Corner

Word search - The Lion, Witch and Wardrobe



WORD BANK

- WARDROBE
- LION
- WITCH
- EDMOND
- PETER
- SUSAN
- LUCY
- ASLAN
- CASTLE
- TRIBES
- TURKISHDELIGHT
- TUMNUS
- BEAVERS
- FAWN
- MINOTAUR
- DWARF
- WINTER
- FATHERCHRISTMAS
- NARNIA
- KING
- QUEEN

Ready! Set! Go! How many differences can you spot?



Tease Your Brain!

1. What do you do with dead elements?
2. Where do fish keep their money?
3. What do you get when you cross an automobile with a household animal?
4. The more of them you take, the more you leave behind. What are they?
5. From what heavy seven-letter word can you take away two letters and have eight left?
6. What three numbers have the same answer when added together and multiplied together?
7. What bone has a sense of humor?
8. What did the leg bone say to the foot?
9. What did the rib cage say to the heart?
10. What is round as a dishpan and no matter the size, all the water in the ocean can't fill it up?

The Read Aloud Difference!!!!

The Benefits of Children's Stories

The Read Aloud Difference

Parents who read children's stories aloud to their kids provide a strong, positive influence and build a foundation for a lifetime of significant benefits. But what really are these reading aloud benefits? What kind of difference are we talking about?



Below is a summary of the *significant ways in which reading stories aloud to kids will change their lives . . . and yours.*

It won't happen overnight, as change is gradual, but continued and dedicated reading will most definitely bring noticeable, long-term changes.

Did you know . . . ?

In this day and age of hectic lives and busy schedules, reading together is a simple and enjoyable way for parents to take time out and focus on the family. Young children need lots of special, dedicated time with their loved ones.

- Reading children's stories aloud to our kids is just plain **FUN!!**
- Reading children's stories is a wonderful **bonding** experience that fosters meaningful **one-on-one communication** with our kids.

It shows our children in no uncertain terms that **they are important to us.**

Taken from : <http://www.littleonesreadingresource.com/childrens-stories.html>

"A house without books is like a room without windows."
--Heinrich Mann (1871-1950)

Did You Know...?



...we are the only public primary school with a School Song?

Our song was written by the late Gloria McKenzie, to the tune, *Danny Boy*.

Brainteaser Answers:

1. Barium!
2. In a river bank of course!
3. A carpet!
4. Foot prints!
5. Freight or weight!
6. 1,2,3
7. Humorous
8. Stick with me and you'll go places.
9. Got ya covered
10. A sieve

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You may leave ~~your~~port. Cumber, but John Cumber never leaves you.

Thank you in advance for your