

MEET OUR FRIENDS

Norris Middle School



Implementing leadership and community programs that enhance the curriculum of both schools. Norris students contribute in valuable ways, such as; pushing wheel-chairs to the cafeteria

or playground and staying to enjoy lunch and Neighboring Friends activities and camps. Emerging readers share and practice skills while JP Lord students listen and learn.

Hanscom Park United Methodist Church

Members impact and serve the community by participating in intergenerational activities, story telling, sensory walks, and enjoying lunch together. Members gather for JP Lord Stone Soup



Lunch, and Homecoming and Graduation celebrations. Students and family members of JP Lord students and families are invited to join in on the yearly Hanscom Park Block Party.

Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska



Creating a unique badge to gain appreciation and knowledge of youth with special needs, and provide badge opportunities within the garden and school. Tie in their mission statement with

people of disabilities in regards to having the courage to approach, the confidence to interact, and the character to think beyond themselves.

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER

You can join us in making a difference in these students lives by giving a tax deductible donation to:

<https://omahapublicschoolsfoundation.org/neighboring-friends/>

FACEBOOK

You can visit us at "Neighboring Friends" to see current photos of our students and the fun things happening at JP Lord School.



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Mission

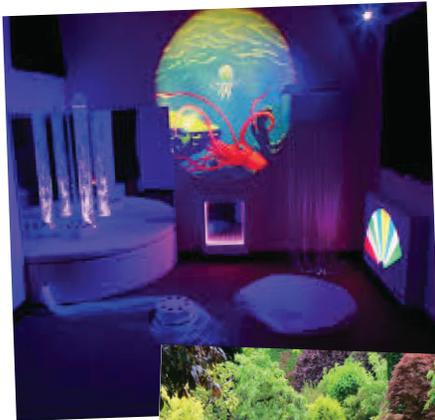
Our mission is to promote inclusion and communication with students who are nonverbal through purposeful and interactive activities with JP Lord School and partnering neighborhood organizations.

Vision

Build a community of reciprocity which promotes inclusion, provides peer models, and sparks new learning so that all participants grow and bloom to their potential.

A Great Gathering Place

JP Lord School is the first school building in North America built specifically for children with severe physical and cognitive delays. It has a fully accessible gym, cafeteria, and stage. There is also a sensory room and a therapy pool for students to enjoy. With the future playground and garden, this enriching environment is the perfect tapestry for community involvement. Students and neighboring friends can discover together the unique benefits of an outreach program whose curriculum promotes inclusion and communication with non-verbal students.



Need

JP Lord students have severe cognitive and physical disabilities and need a self-contained school so specialized staff can focus on meeting the needs of each individual child. Creating opportunities for role models who are non-disabled to participate in the program, builds enrichment and diversity into the school and is more representative of the inclusive school setting the district promotes.



Many people do not know how to appropriately communicate with people who are non verbal. Our program encourages community involvement and provides unique opportunities for people to connect and interact with non-verbal students in a purposeful and meaningful way which has a far-reaching impact in our community.



JP Lord School Student Leadership

The community needs JP Lord. Bringing the community into JP Lord provides opportunities for student leadership. Teachers can model communication and share interesting facts about the students personality and interests. Previous students participate in activities which give the community opportunities to engage with disabled people of all ages.



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FUN THINGS HAPPENING HERE

All Activities Are Multisensory, Interactive and Curriculum Driven

- Visits From Our Community...
Henry Doorly Zoo
Omaha Children's Museum
The Rose Theater
- Visual Arts Projects
Led by community artists in painting, clay, collage and more
- Performing Arts Projects
Music, Theater, Dance, Storytelling, Literature
- Gardening inside and out

