



Jaguar Journal

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A Message from Mr. Bloomquist...

Spring is just around the corner, and with the weather so mild this winter, it is easy to get excited about spring. The spring is a busy time here at JPIS. Better weather, end of year activities, transition programs being planned, and most importantly, the students are working hard to pass their classes and move to the next grade level. It has been a pleasure working with the 5th and 6th graders this year.

A few activities for the end of the year include: the sixth graders will be going to the Spartan YMCA for a day of swimming, food and fun on May 29th. The cost will be \$10.00 per student. Fifth grade teams will plan shorter activities for their students, with little or no cost to students. We also have two assemblies planned to recognize our students for doing such a great job here at JPIS. The Fifth Grade Honors Assembly is planned for May 30, at 9:00 AM and the Sixth Grade Honors Assembly on May 31, at 9:00 AM. If your student is receiving an award, you will be contacted and invited. We hope you will be able to attend.

As always, if you have questions please let us know.

Mr. Bloomquist



“From The Office”

Calling In Absences or Appointments...

Whenever your student is going to be absent,
please call the attendance line (257-9345)
by 9:00 a.m. excusing the absence. In the event they need to leave early, please send a note with your student and we will have them waiting for you in the office when you get here. That way, we do not need to disturb classes.

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Bentley's Corner

We are having some issues with students being disrespectful to each other on Facebook. When these issues arise, oftentimes it disrupts the education of the children involved. Let me remind you of some of the rules and regulations regarding a student having a Facebook account.

First and foremost, Facebook does not permit children under 13 to have an account. Please know that we are interested in your child's wellbeing but when a student comes to school with an issue that started on Facebook, we will bring it to their attention that they should not even be on Facebook. They must have opened an account fraudulently.

Children under the age of 13 are not permitted to have a Facebook account. In fact, according to Facebook, they aren't even allowed to access the website. They can open an account only if they have provided false information. As an educator interested in teaching our young people to be good citizens, I cannot disregard the rules. Our message will be that they need to shut down their account. I think that by shutting down the account, a lot of the issues will disappear.

It is much easier for kids to say disrespectful things to each other on-line then it is for them to be rude face-to-face. You can save your kids a lot of heartache if you follow the rules and not allow them access to Facebook until they are of legal age.

Many of these rules and regulations were put in place to protect young children. There are several safety issues connected with young people opening Facebook accounts. Children often post information that really should not be shared. Many researchers and other critics say allowing children to break the rules sends the wrong message. They argue, it sets children loose in a digital world they may not be prepared for — exposing them to the real-life threats of inappropriate content, contact from strangers and the growing incidents of bullying by computer. Please help us and your child. Don't allow your underage children on Facebook. Our students are very important to us and we would love to keep them all safe.

GO JAGS!!!!



Technology



Throughout 3rd Quarter, students will be participating in an internet safety unit in technology class. As the internet continues to play an increasingly important role in our everyday lives, it has become clear that we must make certain our children learn to use this resource wisely and safely.

The unit will include lessons on good and bad websites, social networking sites, your words and pictures in cyberspace, online shopping, e-mail scams and cyber bullying. We will spend a great deal of time discussing how to use the internet safely. We will also learn to evaluate websites for research projects.

1056 Reading Club

Every day at JP students work hard to improve reading and writing skills. For the last several years, we have been using the Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI) to measure our progress. Each time students are tested, they receive a Lexile score. Both readers and reading material measure on the Lexile scale. Books are labeled with a Lexile indicating the reading level. Students score a Lexile which indicates what level of books they should be reading to maximize comprehension and challenge. According to the new National Core Curriculum Standards, our goal is for all 6th graders to be reading on a 1000 Lexile level to be at grade level for 7th grade. Congratulations to these students who have exceeded that goal by scoring 1056 or higher on the most recent SRI. Keep up the good work! Readers succeed!

6th Grade

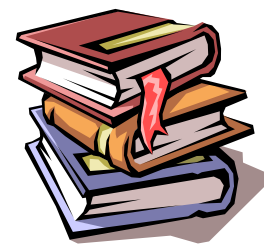
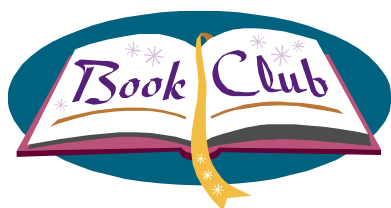
Alexa Abrahamson
Jackson Adams
Juliann Anstey
Aleeyah Bluntson
Rhayna Bortolussi
Trenton Bowen
Paige Bryant
Delaney Buchanan
Makenna Cowley
Cruz Culpepper
Megan Cvancara
Alisha Dagley
Brianna Delgado
Dominic Delgado
Joalis DeJesus
Sarah DeWent
Marissa DeYoung
Kalem Dinh
Alexei Eadie
Nathan Evans
Calvin Gondick
Claudia Gonzalez-Castaneda
Dakota Harris

James Hecksel
Clayton Howell
Megan Huyser
Jasmine Ivy
Heidi Jackiewicz
Jahayli Jackson
Shontiana Jackson
Alexis Jiminez
Elijah Johnson
Jalen Johnson
Kelley Kinkel
Mackenzie Kooiker
Victoria Lane
Maranda Mahon
Isaac Martinez
Marcos Martinez
Adriana Martorana
Tyler Reno
Echo Oliver
Olivia Schroeder
Alexis Soto-Rodriguez
Quentin (Solano) Schafer
Shay Sees
Alaysia Springer

Lillian Stolieckas
Flannery Sullivan
Christopher Talbot
Eileen Tejada
Skylar Thorpe
Gavin Tucker
Julia Vu
Raelyn Watkins
Trevor Wax
Riley Wisner
Jontae Yost
Ashley Zwyghuizen

5th Grade

Dakota Alberta-Wen
Brianna Barno
Dillon Boukma
Skylar Gelock
Rebecca Hanson
Shannon Jirous
Devin Jones
Olivia Grace Kamradt
Phuc Le
Madelyn Lichti
Anthony McCarty
Seth Martin
Avery Robinson
Michaela Rowell
Evan Saladin
Jacob Slachter
Cienna Smith
Ryan Sneider
Payton Stark
Alondra Soto
Jaelyn VerBurg
Nolan Weatherby
Micah Yakes



Media News Media News

Scholastic Book Fair is coming!



JP will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair this March. We will be open in the front lobby during Conferences on both March 1 and March 6. Students & parents will also be able to do any final shopping from 12:30pm-3:00pm on Wednesday, March 7 in the Media Center. This event is a great opportunity for students to add new books to their personal libraries, and it also serves as a fund-raiser for the Media Center.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Check out our Book Fair homepage for details and additional information:

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/jpjags>

Also, if you can't make it to the fair, please consider using the new Online Shopping feature. Online shopping will be available from February 27-March 16. Access via the Book Fair homepage mentioned above or by going to scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs and selecting our school. All books ordered from the online fair will be shipped to JP approximately one week after the fair closes.



JP to Welcome Author, Dan Wright

On March 15, JP students and staff will have the opportunity to hear from local author, Dan Wright. He will share his insider insights about the life of an author and also the process of writing. Students will also get a glimpse of the great outdoors and the many adventures it holds.

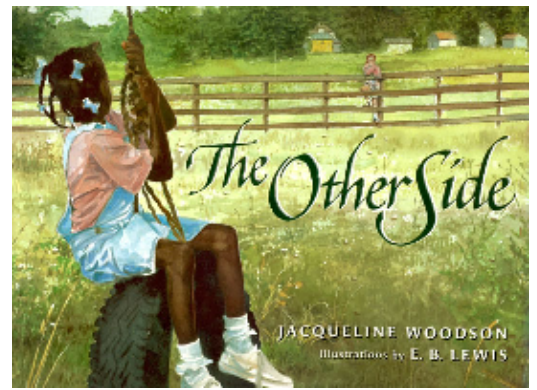
Find out more about Mr. Wright at <http://danwrightbooks.wordpress.com/>.

Mr. Wright will be selling copies of the two books in the Wild Adventures of Eli Johnson & Curly Bill series. *Pre-order forms will be sent home with students and are also available on the JP Media Center website (<http://jpjagsmc.wordpress.com/>).*

We are looking forward to this great opportunity to meet a published author and outdoor enthusiast.

Illustrator, E.B. Lewis, Visits with JP Students

On Feb. 2, our entire JP family had the opportunity to head to the Wyoming Park auditorium to hear award-winning illustrator, E.B. Lewis share his story. Mr. Lewis had a rough start in life, but with some strong role-models, he was able to overcome his early setbacks and go on to become a successful artist. In addition to his artwork, he has illustrated over 50 children's books, many of which have won numerous awards.



Thank you to the JP staff and students for representing our school so well!



**Read!
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March is Reading Month

Building literacy skills and helping our students develop a life-long love of reading are high priorities at JP. We do many activities throughout the school day to promote reading, but there are also many simple things you can do at home to help support and encourage reading and literacy. Try some of these ideas at home:

- Read a book out loud to your child
- Have your child read a book out loud to you
- Read a newspaper or magazine article together
- Read the comics together
- Have your child write out your grocery list
- Have your child sort and deliver the mail within your house
- Take a trip to the local library or bookstore
- Select a recipe from a cookbook and cook together
- Encourage your child to read to a sibling
- Listen to audio books while driving



PTO News!

The PTO would like to give a super big thank you to all of the parents and teachers who have donated their time to lead a student club. The response has been overwhelming.

We are planning an all school end of the year party on May 18, right after school. We'll need lots of parent volunteers, so please set that afternoon aside. Flyers will come home as the date gets closer.

You will notice, JP will be participating in an extra fundraiser this spring. We are selling El Sombrero Burritos to help fund a new physical fitness program at JP. Any support you can give will be greatly appreciated. Funds raised will be used to purchase exercise equipment for the program.

Please consider participating in the JP PTO. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 in the media center. Come make your voice heard and make a difference in your child's education.

Help Please!

Help the Wyoming Jaycees collect toiletry items for Mel Trotter's Hope-to-Hope Campaign! The drop box will be located in your school near the front office from Friday February 17th to Friday March 9th.

Some items we are looking for include:

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Hair brushes/Combs
- Floss
- Lotion
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Soap
- Unopened packages of women's "personal items"
- Towels/Washcloths
- Deodorant



Wyoming Jaycees and Mel Trotter Ministries greatly appreciate your help!

If you have any questions please talk to your office officials or contact Elizabeth Bonk at elizabeth.bonk@gmail.com.

JPIS Calendar February – April 2012

FEBRUARY - 2011

Mon. Feb. 27 Game Club @ 3:15
 Glee Club @ 3:15
 Tues. Feb. 28 Basketball Club @ 3:15
 Wed. Feb. 29 Art Club @ 3:15



APRIL - 2012

April 2 - 6 Spring Break
 Tues. April 10 PTO Meeting @ 6:30
 Thurs. April 12 Garden Club @ 3:15
 Thurs. April 19 Garden Club @ 3:15
 Thurs. April 26 Garden Club @ 3:15



If I Had My Child to Raise Over Again

If I had my child to raise all over again,
 I'd build self-esteem first and the house later.
 I'd finger-paint more, and point the finger less.
 I would do less correcting and more connecting,
 I'd take my eyes off my watch, & watch with my eyes.
 I would care to know less and know to care more.
 I'd take more hikes and fly more kites,
 I'd stop playing serious and seriously play.
 I would run through more fields & gaze at more stars.
 I'd do more hugging and less tugging.
 I would see the oak tree in the acorn more often.
 I would be firm less and affirm much more.
 I'd model less about the love of power,
 And more about the power of love.

Dianne Loomans

Drop Off/Pick Up Area

The parking lot in front of the building is for bus drop off only. If you are dropping your student off, or picking him/her up after school, you can stop in front of the building (on the street) or preferably, in back of the building off Robin Street. If you want to get in and out quickly then you will want to check out the back parking lot as this is by far the less congested area to access.
 Thank you for your cooperation!

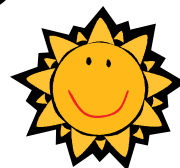


MARCH- 2012

Thurs. March 1 Parent/Teacher Conf. @ 4:00
 Burrito Sale Begins
 Chess Club @ 3:15
 Composer's Club @ 3:15
 Mon. March 5 Game Club @ 3:15
 Glee Club @ 3:15
 Tues. March 6 Parent/Teacher Conf. @ 4:00
 Wed. March 7 Art Club @ 3:15
 Thurs. March 8 Chess Club @ 3:15
 Composer's Club @ 3:15
 Fri. March 9 Burrito Sale Ends
 Mon. March 12 Game Club @ 3:15
 Glee Club @ 3:15
 Tues. March 13 PTO Meeting @ 6:30
 Wed. March 14 Art Club @ 3:15
 Thurs. March 15 Chess Club @ 3:15
 Composer's Club @ 3:15
 Mon. March 19 Glee Club @ 3:15
 Wed. March 21 Art Club @ 3:15
 Thurs. March 22 1/2 Day for Students - 11:45 Dismissal
 Fri. March 23 1/2 Day for Students - 11:45 Dismissal
 End of 3rd Marking Period
 Mon. March 26 Glee Club @ 3:15
 Talent Show @ 6:30
 Tues. March 27 Skating Party - Tarry Hall @ 6:30
 Thurs. March 29 Composer's Club @ 3:15
 Fri. March 30 Spring Break Begins!



Enjoy your
 spring break!



General Mills Box Tops

Yes, we are collecting General Mills Box Tops. Please help Jackson Park earn cash by clipping Box Tops and having your child bring them to the school office. Jackson Park will receive 10¢ for each one which will be applied towards educational adventures for our students. That can add up to big money if we all participate. Thanks for your support!