



JHIS Prowler

August/September 2018

Students Are the Primary Focus of the West Jefferson Hills School District...

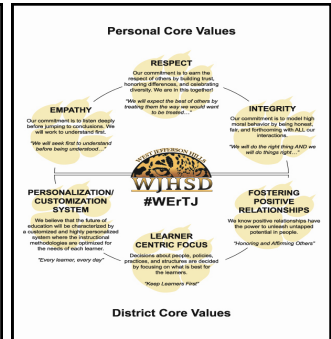
Message from the Principal...

On behalf of the entire staff and faculty of **Jefferson Hills Intermediate School (JHIS)**, I would like to welcome everyone back for what is sure to be another exciting and rewarding school year. We have all been working diligently throughout the past several months to welcome back our students and prepare our school to accommodate the 725+ students in grades 3-5 that will grace our classrooms this school year. Please join me in welcoming the newest additions to our educational family, *Ms. Jodi Merwin* (Assistant Principal), *Ms. Meredith Hazen* (Learning Support), *Ms. Melissa Papinchak* (5th Grade Extension), *Ms. Courtney Booher* (5th Grade), *Ms. Lauren Arico* (Learning Support), *Ms. Brittany Stephanik* (Life Skills), and *Ms. Diane McGrady* (School Nurse). We are all very excited about the additions of our newest team members and the collective contributions that they will afford our students, staff, school, and community.



Given the many great things that are regularly occurring throughout our school and district, Jefferson Hills Intermediate School has created a **Twitter** account to increase effectiveness and efficiency with our ongoing communications with all stakeholders. Please follow us at **@JHIS_wjhsd** to “experience” what makes JHIS such a magical place. Additionally, monthly versions of this newsletter will continue to be emailed.

Finally, for the continued safety of our students, **please note students will not be permitted into the building until 8:00!!!**



Upcoming Events

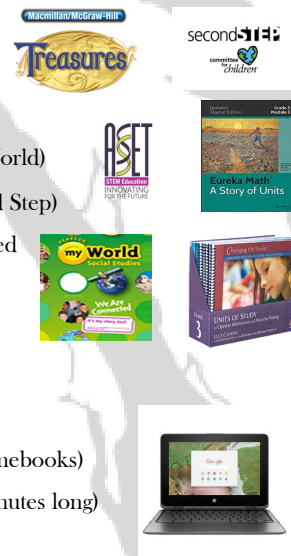
- 27: Welcome Back!
- 29: JHIS Open House (6-9)
- 3: Labor Day – No School
- 4: PTA Meeting (9 a.m. & 7 p.m.) - both the same
- 4-6: NWEA MAP Growth Assessments (Grades 3-5)
- 14: Bus Evacuation Drill
- 17: Instrument Demo Night
- 18-21: Instrument Exploration

New Beginnings and Educational Opportunities at JHIS:

Educational Resources that Support Our Curricula:

- Math**—Eureka Math
- Science**—ASSET STEM Education
- Writing**—Calkins Writing Units of Study
- ELA**—McGraw-Hill (Treasures)
- Social Studies**—McGraw Hill (My World)
- Social Emotional Learning** (Second Step)

***New, Innovative Scheduling that Promotes Personalized Learning will be Implemented



Other Notable Changes and Opportunities:

- Skyward Student Management System
- Major Upgrades to Safety and Security Resources
- 1:1 Learning Environment for All Students (Google Chromebooks)
- Additional Time Allocated for Recess (Will now be 30 minutes long)
- New School Name and Logo
- Upgrades to the Physical Environment (Including Air Conditioning!)
- Addition of Life Skills Program



In an ongoing effort to accurately measure student performance and growth, as well as appropriately plan an individualized learning experience for all students, the West Jefferson Hills School District will continue to implement the benchmark assessment system (NWEA MAP GROWTH) for all students throughout the district. This assessment will be administered at least three times throughout the duration of the school year (*September, January, May*).

NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) is a global non-profit organization that has assessed over 4.5 million students. MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) is an adaptive online assessment which measures what students know and what they're ready to learn next in the areas of Reading, Language Usage by dynamically adjusting to each student's performance, MAP creates a personalized assessment experience that accurately measures performance. The data obtained from this assessment will reveal how much growth has occurred between testing event and, when combined with national norms, will show projected proficiency. Additionally, this data will also be utilized to create small group and individualized learning pathways for every student. Detailed student reports will be sent home following the assessments.



**Please note that the first administration of this assessment is scheduled for the week of September 3, 2018*

STUDENT PICKUP AND DROP-OFF AREA

Student Drop-Off/Pick-Up

We kindly request that you strictly adhere to the established drop-off/pick-up procedures in order to maintain the safety of our students during these times.

We request that parents/guardians DO NOT drive through the bus lane or park in front of the building. Signage/markings are posted near the entrance to assist with these safety procedures.

Which "Day" Is It?

The entire WJHSD has implemented a "Day A-E" schedule cycle as opposed to the traditional Mon.-Fri. schedule. This primarily will effect the day your son/daughter will have their designated "Encores". Please refer to the district website (www.wjhsd.net) for additional information and the complete 5-Day Schedule Cycle.