

Respect...
Integrity...
Empathy...



"The J.E.S. Prowler"

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Learning Centric Focus...
Personalization/Customization System...
Fostering Positive Relationships...



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

Message from the Principal...

The WJHSD will soon embark on an exciting new chapter, reconfiguring our 3 elementary schools and offering a full day Kindergarten program. Both Gill Hall and McClellan Elementary will service students in grades K-2, with Jefferson servicing ALL students in grades 3-5. Undoubtedly, this change will raise many questions and cause anxiety amongst all of us. Therefore, we have included a link to a resource with some strategies/tips on how to address as a family. While we will continue to share resources and develop transition plans to aid with some of this anxiety, it is important that we all remain attentive to our students' needs and are best prepared to address their questions collaboratively.

<https://www.theguardian.com/childrens-books-site/2014/aug/19/top-10-tips-changing-schools-students-parents>

Please note that the annual Pennsylvania System of School Assessments (PSSA) are right around the corner and will be here before you know it. Please make every effort not to plan a vacation for any student in grades 3-5 during the various testing windows throughout the duration of the 2018 PSSA testing window. Additional information related to this assessment will be forthcoming.

PSSA Test	Testing Dates	Grade Level(s)
English Language Arts	April 9-13, 2018 (3 sections)	3, 4, 5
Mathematics	April 16-20, 2018 (3 sections)	3, 4, 5
Science	April 23-27, 2018 (2 sections)	4



Upcoming Events

1. PTA Meeting (9 a.m.)
5. 2-Hour Delay
Spelling Bee
100th Day of School!
7. Jump Rope for Heart
Kick-Off Assembly
14. Friendship Parties (1:45)
15. K Registration (4:30-6)
19. Make-Up Day
22. Assembly (Laser Show)
26. Read Across America
Week (Daily Themes k-2)

March 3 -

"Kids on the Block" Assembly



JES welcomed the Children's Institute for an interactive "Kids on the Block" presentation. This program helps educate elementary school students about disabilities in order to break down

barriers, and create empathy (District Core Value) and understanding for their peers with disabilities – and to do it in the most fun, interesting, and interactive way.



Geography Bee

Congratulations to Logan Pellegrini on taking top honors once again at this year's J.E.S. Geography Bee, with Jacob Simon taking runner-up. Students in both fourth and fifth grade answered questions related to political, economic, cultural, and historical geography during multiple rounds of competition. Logan will now try to qualify for the state and national level competition. Jefferson Elementary is very proud of your accomplishments and wish you the best of luck at the upcoming competitions!!!



Kindergarten... Here We Come!

Jefferson Elementary will hold a Kindergarten Registration session for parents/guardians of children who will be entering kindergarten in the fall. This session will be held on **Thursday, February 15, 2018** from **4:30-6:00 p.m.** at Jefferson Elementary School. It is not necessary to bring your child with you. Additional information related to Kindergarten can be found in our student handbook, which can be found on the J.E.S. website.

JES Students Celebrate School Director Appreciation Month



Students involved with the Creative Dramatics program throughout all three elementary schools came together to celebrate our School Board at last month's meeting. Our students engaged the Board in a very entertaining and interactive warm-up exercise before performing a collaborative short skit for the audience. On behalf of all of us at JES, thank you for your dedication to making the West Jefferson Hills School District the best district in the world!

