



JHIS Prowler

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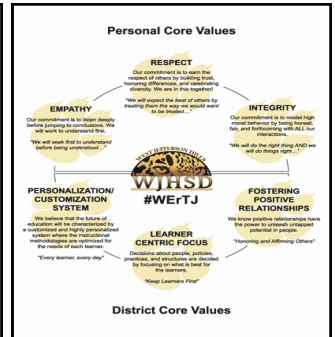
Students Are the Primary Focus of the West Jefferson Hills School District...

Message from the Principals...

It is hard to believe that we have already entered the second semester of this school year! It seems like only yesterday that we ushered students into a new school year that was filled with new beginnings for all of us. We are all very much looking forward to continuing this journey for the second half of the school year. Just a reminder that the second nine week report cards are currently available in Skyward. If you are having difficulty accessing or need a hard copy, please contact the office.

Additionally, please note that the annual Pennsylvania System of School Assessments (PSSA's) are right around the corner and will be here before you know it. Our entire staff and faculty continue to work diligently to prepare our students with the necessary skills to be successful on this assessment. 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 2019 PSSA testing window. Thank you all in advance.

PSSA Test	Testing Dates	Grade Level(s)
English Language Arts	April 15-26 (3 sections)	3, 4, 5
Mathematics	April 29-May 3 (2 sections)	3, 4, 5
Science	April 29-May 3 (2 sections)	4



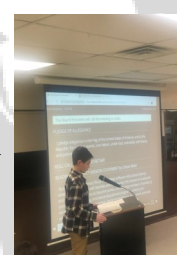
Upcoming Events

- 1. 100th Day of School
- 4. 2-Hour Delay
- 4-8. Jump Rope for Heart
- 5. PTA Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 14. Friendship Party (1:45)
- 18. Presidents' Day (No School)
- Book Fair Week
- 25. Read Across America Week
- National Aviary Assembly
- March 2 - BINGO NIGHT!!!

JHIS Students Celebrate School Director Appreciation Month



Several fifth grade students involved with the Paw Print News program recently attended the WJHSD school board meeting to celebrate School Director Appreciation Month. The students will be publishing a special edition of the PPN focused each of our board members. They utilized this forum to discuss the program as well as collect information about their interests, etc. On behalf of all of us at JHIS, thank you for your dedication to making the West Jefferson Hills School District the best district in the world!



Fourth Grade is Making "Paws"itive Choices!

Students in fourth grade worked extremely hard during the second nine weeks and saved up their "Scholar Dollars"! Their excellent behaviors earned them the opportunity to use Scholar Dollars to "purchase" various activities during the January 18



Rewards Day. Choices included a "Bring Your Own Device" Room, a Movie Room, "Minute to Win It" Challenge, Crafting Activities, Stem Challenges, Nintendo Switch Gaming, a Drone Activity, Virtual Reality Station, and a "Vintage Games" Room. Students had a blast, and they are already hard at work to rebuild their stash of Scholar Dollars!



Pleasant Hills Rotary Donates Dictionaries

On behalf of the third grade students at JHIS, we would like to thank the Pleasant Hills Rotary for their recent dictionary donation. All 265 third grade students received a new dictionary!



February is American Heart Month and JHIS is planning to participate in the annual Association's "Jump Rope for Heart", which will be held the week of Feb. 4-8. The physical education department (Mr. Guidash and Mr. Dulavitch) will lead our students in an engaging "jump rope unit" throughout that week. All fundraising forms and donations will be collected up until Feb. 22. Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

New Musical Opportunities for 3rd Grade Students

The music department of JHIS is proud to announce the inauguration of a 3rd Grade Strings program. JHIS is currently piloting a program that started in mid-January of this year, but in future years, we are hopeful that it will be offered at the beginning of the school year. All JHIS 3rd grade students will now have the opportunity to try out and explore string instruments, along with 4th and 5th grade students. This new exciting opportunity is just another example of JHIS commitment to the fine arts and its vital role in producing well rounded students.

