



JHIS Prowler

January 2019

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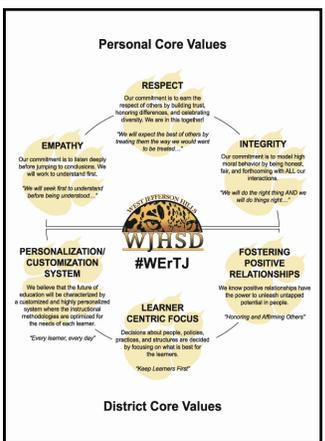
Message from the Principals...

Happy New Year! We are all very excited to welcome all of our students into 2019 at JHIS. Inevitably, the New Year will bring with it a renewed sense of energy and commitment to an increase in student achievement and growth. The staff, faculty, and students are likely to return from their holiday recess with the excitement and energy similar to that of the beginning of the school year. We continue to remain dedicated to our Core Values (Respect, Integrity, Empathy) and meeting the needs of each and every student at Jefferson Hills Intermediate School. Additionally, this month will mark the end of the first semester (*2nd 9 week grading period*), which will be on Friday, January 18th. Report cards will be available on Skyward shortly thereafter. Just a reminder that paper copies of report cards will not be distributed unless requested.



On a separate note, I would like to thank all of you for your contributions to the P.T.A. sponsored "Angel Tree" program. Your continued generosity allowed the opportunity for all students to have a memorable holiday. It was amazing to witness the overwhelming response to this worthwhile cause.

Finally, please join the Mr. Patterson and the "JHIS Writing Team" for an informational presentation regarding the Title 1 program and an overview (expectations, grading, rubrics, scope and sequence) of the newly adopted writing program, Lucy Calkins' Writing Units of Study. The presentations will be held on January 8, 2019 in the JHIS cafeteria beginning at 6:00 p.m. The monthly PTA meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m.



- ### Upcoming Events
- 2: In-Service Day: No Classes
 - 3: Students Return
 - 8: PTA Meeting (7 pm)
 - Title I / Writing Pres. (6 pm)
 - 18: End of 2nd Nine Weeks
 - 21: MLK Jr. Day—No School
 - Jan. 3—School Resumes



Creative Dramatics: Students Perform at O'Reilly Theater

Congratulations to all of the fifth grade JHIS students that recently performed at the O'Reilly Theater as the culminating performance of the Creative Dramatics Program. The students performed an adapted version of Shakespeare's *The Tempest* before a live audience! A special thank you to Mrs. Lori Gephart for coordinating this opportunity for our students.

Students will participate in **OUTDOOR RECESS** if the temp. is at or above **32** degrees. Please have students dressed appropriately for the weather.

Community Outreach

The students in Miss Stephanik's class recently completed a service-based learning project to raise money for animals awaiting for their forever homes in animal shelters. After reading an article titled "Operation Santa Paws", the students wanted to help animals too. The class decided to make and sell pet treats to help raise money to buy supplies for animals in a shelter. A total of \$281 was raised, and the donations will be taken to Angel Ridge Animal Shelter.

JHIS Paw Print News



Fifth-Graders at Jefferson Hills Intermediate School expressed an interest in journalism and started their own Newspaper Club this year with the help of Ms. McWilliams and Mrs. Morgan. This dedicated group of students meets once a week during their recess period to work on the JHIS Paw Print Newspaper. Students cover a variety of topics and events, and recently published their second edition, which can be located on the JHIS website (*The Paw Print News tab*).

Jefferson Hills Intermediate School has been selected to participate in the annual Kids of STEEL (Toyota of Pittsburgh Kids' Marathon) program. Information regarding this opportunity is available on our website (under the *Kids of STEEL 2019 link* on the left hand side menu) and **registration is currently open!** We are currently exploring opportunities for those students wishing to participate to earn "mileage" during designated times throughout the school day. More information will follow.

2018 Holiday Concert



On behalf of Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Myers, and Mr. Stewart (music education teachers), we would like to thank all of you for supporting this year's Holiday Program. It was great to see the TJHS auditorium filled with our friends and families while our talented students excitedly performed many holiday favorites. For your continued enjoyment, the entire program has recently been added to the JHIS website (*2018 Winter School Concert tab*).

