



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

### Message from the Principals...

*You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read with a child..."*

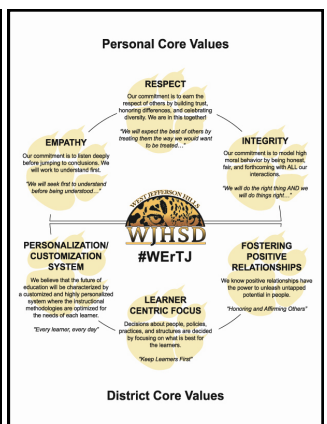
Jefferson Hills Intermediate School recently attempted to foster a passion for literacy as we celebrated the National Education Association's (N.E.A.) Read Across America Week (Feb. 25 -March 1), paying special tribute to Dr. Seuss and the impact he had on literacy. This week-long celebration of reading was filled with daily themes and activities that encouraged our students to remain avid, life-long readers. A special thank you to Mrs. Martinis for organizing this fun, and meaningful opportunity for all of our students!



On a separate note, the J.H.I.S. annual BINGO Night is just around the corner on Saturday, March 2nd. We are looking forward to filling our gymnasium with friends and family for what is sure to be another memorable evening. A special thank you to Mrs. Theiss and our wonderful P.T.A. for their facilitation of this event.

Finally, we have once again attached a copy of the 2019 PSSA schedule for your review and preparation. As was previously discussed, please make every effort to be in school and on time throughout the duration of the testing window.

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

- 2. JHIS BINGO Night
- 5. PTA Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 10. Daylight Saving Time
- 15. Bus Evacuation Drill
- 18. 2-Hour Delay
- 29. End of 3rd Nine Weeks
- Lockdown Drill (tentative)

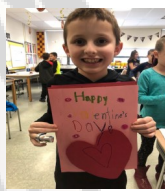
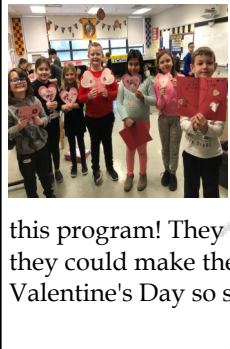
### America Bowl

On Friday, February 15th, students from the gifted program in grades 3-5 competed at the America Bowl at Baldwin High School. Students were quizzed on Presidents, Famous People, Physical Map/ Things to See, Pittsburgh, U.S. History, and U.S. Government. Students competed in both individual and group questions. A special congratulations to Marco Ferraro, Alayna Button, Isabelle Ciletti, and Ava Fleming for winning third place in the elementary division with a score of 158! We are very proud of all of the students who competed.



### 3rd Grade Spreads Love on Valentine's Day

Mrs. Sciotto's third grade writing classes made special valentines for the senior citizens at Vincentian Nursing Home. Students were very enthusiastic about this program! They were happy they could make the residents' Valentine's Day so special.



### SpotEd media

The reinvention of the Art and Innovation Room at JHIS is complete! This space has been equipped with state-of-the-art media equipment that allows our students, under the guidance of Mr. Gebhardt, the opportunity to create various media productions, including our daily morning announcements. Please be sure to visit <http://spoted.weebly.com/jhis-news.html> to view these amazing videos!



### Penguins Are Cool: National Aviary Comes to JHIS

An excited group of JHIS students recently filled the gymnasium for a highly interactive and engaging assembly, facilitated by the National Aviary. During the *Penguins Are Cool* presentation, students learned all about how the 18 species of penguins survive their world. We also had a very special guest visitor Disco, a five year old African penguin that resides at the Aviary. A very special thank you to our fantastic PTA for sponsoring another unique learning opportunity for all of our students.

