

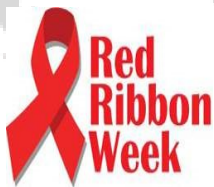
JHIS Prowler

October 2019

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

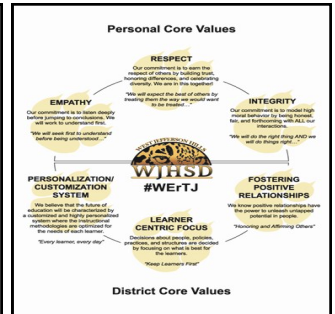
Message from the Principal...

What a great start to what is sure to be a fantastic school year! We are all extremely impressed with our students' ability to adapt to a new instructional schedule and accepting ownership of additional responsibilities throughout the school. Additionally, we would like to thank all of you who were able to attend this year's JHIS "Open House" nights. It was a pleasure to see so many people take the time out of their busy schedules to tour the facility and meet the new educational team at Jefferson Hills Intermediate School. It's hard to believe, but we are even more excited about the school year after experiencing the overwhelming show of support on both of those evenings.



The week of Oct. 21st will mark the nationally recognized **Red Ribbon Week**. This week is part of an effort to empower our children to take a stand against drugs and violence. Throughout the week, each student will have the opportunity to sign the Red Ribbon Pledge against Drugs and participate in daily "themes" that support this message. The culminating activity will include hosting some very special guests for our annual "Hero Lunch". Thank you in advance to our PTA and Red Ribbon Committee for facilitating such wonderful opportunities for our students.

The NWEA MAP Growth assessment was successfully administered to all students at JHIS. The data collected from this assessment will be utilized to monitor student growth over time as well as to assist our educational team to design appropriate instruction for each and every one of our students. As previously mentioned, the student reports, and what they mean, will be communicated with all of you in the coming weeks. Additionally, JHIS has implemented Students Goal Setting Worksheets to assist in developing appropriate instructional plans and to raise individual student awareness on what the data means and how it is utilized. This powerful tool also allows our students to take ownership of the data and contribute to their instructional plan for making growth.



Upcoming Events

1. Picture Day
- PTA Meeting (9:00 am)
2. Picture Day
3. ALICE Drill
14. OLSAT Testing (4th)
21. 2-Hour Delay
- Red Ribbon Week Begins
23. Assembly – Tim Hartman
25. HERO LUNCH
29. End of 1st Nine Week
31. Halloween Party (1:45)

JHIS PICTURE DAYS

SMILE! JHIS is scheduled to have classroom pictures on **October 1st and 2nd**. Picture forms and schedules were recently sent home with the students, however the schedule is listed below:

Tuesday, Oct. 1

Beth Thomas (120); Poziviak (121); Short (106); Stefl (107); Ben Thomas (220); Burke (221); Fite (101); Chropka (103); Pearson (218); Gilchrist (219); Hartbauer (208); Arndt (209); Rybka (210); Hutton (211)

Wednesday, Oct. 2

Kline (204); McWilliams (205); Holzer (116); Gai-taniella (117); Dobos (222); Rometo (223); Gephart (206); Steigerwald (207); Andrascik (224); Macuga (225); Lawry (108); Baleno (109); Zang (118); Pollack (119)



Alert
Lockdown
Inform
Counter
Evacuate

A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) provides "choices" for responding to emergency situations, rather than relying on a "Lockdown" in all situations. The adult in charge, after assessing the situation, may decide that other options are available, such as the opportunity to evacuate the building rather than go into a "Lockdown." Safety will always remain our number one priority and we remain hopeful that this response will never be needed, but much like our monthly fire drills, it is imperative that we are proactive in our response to a variety of situations. Please note that we will hold one of our first drills on **Thursday, October 3, 2019**.

5th Grade After School Intramurals

JHIS is excited to launch an after school intramural program for our 5th grade girls and boys. Mr. Guidash (Phys. Ed. Teacher) recently met with all 5th grade students to introduce the program as well as disseminate the required information and paperwork. Additionally, this program will also serve as a fundraising event for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Hope to see our 5th grade students on the court!
BOYS – Oct. 1 and 3 **GIRLS – Oct. 8 and 10**



Creative Dramatics Returns to JHIS

Creative Dramatics, an after school collaborative performing arts program offered to our 5th grade students, has returned for its third year at JHIS. Under the guidance of Mrs. Gephart, students work with Pittsburgh Public Theatre actors and educators, along with their partner school, Clairton Elem., to develop a culminating showcase performance at the O'Reilly Theatre. This year's show will be an adapted version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.



D.A.R.E. Coming Soon to JHIS!



The D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse and Resistance Education) program will be offered to our 5th grade students beginning this school year. This highly acclaimed program is a police officer-led series of classroom lessons that teaches children how to resist peer pressure, make responsible choices and live productive drug and violence-free lives. Our School Resource Officer, Officer Foulds, will be facilitating this 10 week program to our students during their designated Personalized Learning Time. Stay tuned for additional information!

