

JHIS Prowler



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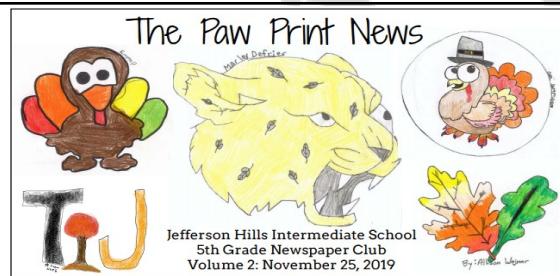
[Message from the Principal](#)

Happy New Year! We are all very excited to welcome all of our students into 2020 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 all likely to return from their holiday recess with the enthusiasm 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 Wednesday, January 22nd. Report cards will be available on Skyward shortly thereafter with directions on how access. Just a reminder that paper copies of report cards will not be distributed unless requested. Please continue to check Skyward regularly for updates.



We would like to thank all of you for your contributions to the P.T.A. sponsored "Angel Tree" program and especially Mrs. Melissa Morris for coordinating this outreach program. It is very heartwarming to witness the overwhelming response to this worthwhile cause. We would also like to thank our parent volunteers, especially Mrs. Vanessa Pielin, for facilitating such a wonderful Holiday Shoppe for our students. All of the continued generosity allowed the opportunity for all students to have a memorable holiday. Thank you!!!

The second round of the MAP GROWTH assessments (Reading and Math) will be administered to our students during the week of January 13th. The results of these assessments will continue to be utilized in an ongoing effort to accurately measure student performance and growth (i.e. how much growth has occurred between testing events) and, when combined with national norms, will show projected proficiency. Additionally, this data will also be utilized to appropriately plan individualized learning for all students. Detailed student reports will be sent home following the assessments.



Our young 5th grade journalists have been hard at work and recently published another volume of The Paw Print News. Under the guidance and leadership of Ms. McWilliams, this dedicated group of students meets regularly to create this highly professional publication. Please be sure to check out our website and click on the **Paw Print News** tab in the bottom right hand corner.

[Creative Dramatics Performs 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 *A Midsummer Night's Dream* before

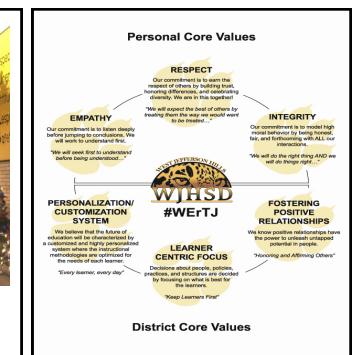


a live audience! A special thank you to Mrs. Lori Gephart, in collaboration with the Pittsburgh Public Theater, for once again coordinating this opportunity for our students.



[JHIS 2019 Holiday Concert](#)

On behalf of Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Myers, Ms. Demark, and Mr. Stewart, music education teachers, we would like to thank all of you for supporting this year's JHIS Holiday Program. It was great to see the new TJHS auditorium filled with our friends and families while our talented students excitedly performed many holiday favorites. For your continued enjoyment, the entire program was recorded via livestream and can be accessed using the following link: <https://livestream.com/accounts/14682220/events/8924304> or by visiting our website.



[Upcoming Events](#)

6. Welcome Back to School
7. PTA Meeting (9 am)
DARE Instruction Begins
13. MAP Assessments
20. MLK Jr. Day – No School
22. End of 2nd 9 weeks
29. Dental Exams (Grade 3)
31. Assembly – Attack Theater

JHIS recently launched a new 3D Printing Club for interested 4th/5th grade students. Under the direction of Mr. Gebhardt and Mr. Lauso, students meet weekly to design, market, and produce various 3D designs, which are then available for purchase.



The TJ3D Club recently received a generous \$5,000 donation from Blair Bogdan and All State Insurance to help support the mission of learning digital design software and fabricating student designs using 3D printing.

For more information on the TJ3D Club and to view their online store, please visit <http://www.tj3dclub.com/store.html>.

