

JHIS Prowler

April 2021

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

Message From the Principals... BE SMART, BE SAFE, WEAR YOUR MASKS!

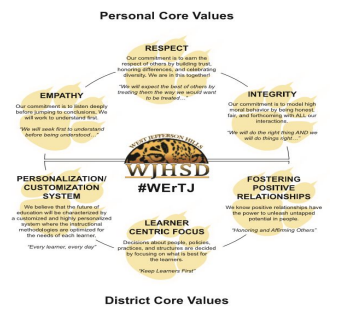
Spring has finally sprung and we remain optimistic that we are slowly returning to a sense of normalcy within our school with each passing day. While we still have numerous barriers to learning that we are confronted with, we are excited about what we are able to offer our students for the final quarter of the school year. It is hard to believe that we are already in the final 9 weeks! Please make sure that you are regularly checking Skyward/CANVAS to stay current on your son/daughter's academic performance. Having said that, report cards will be available on Skyward beginning Tuesday, April 13th.



The PA Department of Education has granted districts some flexibility with the administration of the 2021 PSSA. Therefore, we have decided to take advantage of that flexibility and delay this assessment by several weeks. The table below highlights the administrative dates for each of the various assessments. Additional details will be forthcoming.

| Assessment | Dates | Grade(s) |
|---|-----------------|------------|
| English Language Arts | May 10-14, 2021 | Grades 3-8 |
| Mathematics, Science and Make-ups | May 17-21 | Grades 3-8 |
| *Optional Additional Math, Science and Makeups* | May 24-28, 2021 | Grades 3-8 |

Finally, the final NWEA MAP (Rd/Math) benchmark assessment will be administered to all students during the week of April 26th. The science assessment will likely be administered the week of April 12. Detailed student growth reports to follow.



Upcoming Events

- 1-5: Spring Recess; No School
- 6: School Back in Session
- PTA Meeting (7:00 pm)
- 12: NWEA (Science)
- 13: Report Cards Available
- 22: Earth Day
- 24: BINGO (Floreffe Fire Hall)
- 26: NWEA (Rd/Math)
- 28: Dental Exam - Grade 3



PTA Reflections State Winners...

As you may recall, the JHIS PTA previously facilitated the annual Reflections program. The Reflections program is an arts-based awards program that recognizes excellence in a variety of art forms. Several students then had the opportunity to go on to compete in the state and national levels for additional recognition, awards and achievements. It gives all of us great honor to announce that three students have placed in the PA State Reflections Program, including one who will go on to compete at the National Level! Please join me in recognizing and congratulating the following students on this prestigious achievement.

- **Brooke Corey:** Photography, "I am Loved" (1st Place - Award of Excellence)
- **Ava Flood:** Dance, "I Won't Be Silent" (Award of Merit)
- **Danielle Parsons:** Literature, "What Really Matters...No Matter What"(Award of Merit); Music Composition, "Don't Turn Me Down...Because I Matter"(Award of Merit)

A virtual ceremony will be held on April 11, 2021. The first place entry in each art category and age division advanced to the National PTA's level of judging. The winners at the national level will be announced on May 1, 2021. On behalf of all of us at JHIS, congratulations and best of luck moving forward!

Jump Rope for Heart

Jump Rope for Heart is underway at JHIS. We have already received nearly \$1,000 in donations!!! All registrations and donations are only available online this year. If you are interested, please click [HERE](#) to register and make donations to the American Heart Association (AHA). Our fundraiser will conclude on April 4, 2021. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



JHIS Presents... Magician Super Magic (Virtual Assembly)



JHIS students and staff were recently mesmerized by magician Mike Super. Mike Super is an American magician who is the winner of the NBC show Phenomenon. He was a top finalist on Season 9 of America's Got Talent. He's also appeared on The Ellen DeGeneres Show and The Penn & Teller FOOL US TV series. A very special thank you to our wonderful PTA for bringing this virtual assembly to ALL of our students.