

JHIS Prowler

January 2021

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

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

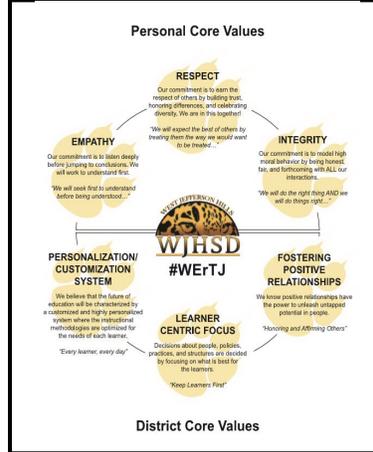
On behalf of all of us at JHIS... Happy New Year! We are all very excited to welcome all of our students into 2021. Inevitably, the New Year will bring with it a renewed sense of energy and commitment to providing the very best educational experience possible for our students given the numerous barriers we all continue to be confronted with. It is also a great opportunity for all of us reflect on our commitment to ensure that we are collectively guided by our Personal and District Core Values.



Over the next couple of weeks, we will closely analyze the results of the recently administered MAP Growth assessments, which were mostly administered prior to the holiday break. The data obtained from these assessments will continue to be utilized in an ongoing effort to accurately measure student performance and growth and, when combined with national norms, will show projected proficiency.

Additionally, this data will continue to be utilized to appropriately plan individualized learning pathways for all students. Detailed student reports will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Finally, the end of the first semester (second nine week grading period) is approaching quickly and will conclude on January 20, 2021. Once again, report cards will be made available on Skyward shortly thereafter. Just a reminder that paper copies of report cards will not be distributed unless requested. You are encouraged to regularly check both Skyward and CANVAS for the most current academic performance.



Upcoming Events

- 4: Welcome Back!
- 5: PTA Meeting (7 pm)
- 18: MLK Jr. Day - No School
- 20: End of 2nd 9 Weeks



D.A.R.E. Coming Back to JHIS



We are happy to inform our fifth grade students and families that the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) will be returning to JHIS beginning early January 2021.

Under the leadership and guidance of our School Police Officer, Officer Foulds, fifth grade students will be equipped with additional skills to resist the pressure of using drugs while being introduced to the DARE Decision Making Model. Additional information regarding this 10 week program will be forthcoming.

Outpouring of Generosity at JHIS

Although the pandemic has prevented the JHIS PTA from planning our traditional festive holiday parties, it has not diminished the generosity of our school community. In lieu of the usual mounds of colorfully wrapped packages, JHIS families pitched in to donate gift cards that will be distributed to brighten the holidays for those who are less fortunate. Many families in need will also be receiving holiday meals thanks to the kindness of Ashley Delgado and the Jefferson Hills Recreation Board. We cannot possibly express our gratitude to those who worked so hard to organize these endeavors and ensure that others have a happy holiday season despite the various hardships that have been faced throughout 2020.

Community Holiday Cards



Our students have been working hard to spread the holiday spirit to our neighbors at Atria, Manor Care Jefferson Hills, and Arden Courts. Students designed and created nearly 500 holiday cards to distribute to those residents. Thank you to the JHIS PTA for facilitating this program.

"I Matter Because"... Reflections Award Winners Announced!



Congratulations to all of our talented JHIS students who competed in this year's Reflections program. Students entered amazing works of art in several different categories including: 2D Art, 3D Art, Literature, Music Composition, Dance, and Photography. Even though we missed celebrating the winners with the traditional awards ceremony, we are still proud of all of our JHIS artists!

<https://www.wjhsd.net/VideoUp/26bc826e-7d2c-48f1-9388-0440b8517006.m4v.mp4>

