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Principal's Message

March 1st, 2020

Dear Jeffreys Grove Families,

It's hard to believe March is here with the start of spring and daylight savings time already! As you may have heard the WCPSS Board of Education approved three additional language immersion programs to start in our district next year. WRAL covered the news by spotlighting Jeffreys Grove, and it was exciting for our students to see their school featured on TV! In case you missed it, you can view the piece [here](#).

Our "Lost and Found" closet is bursting at the seams. If you are looking to recover lost items, we need you to please come and claim them in the next few weeks. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of the month. And finally, be sure to see when your child's teacher is hosting APTT night this spring. We look forward to partnering with you on these nights to support you in your learning. During our Academic Parent Teacher Team Nights, we strive to create opportunities for community building and model strategies to help you support your child's learning from home. Teachers will share data and resources so that you can walk away feeling more knowledgeable and comfortable when working with your child at home. If you are unable to attend, you can always reach out to your teacher to get these resources too! We look forward to seeing you soon.

Read Across America Week

We will be celebrating Literacy and reading for pleasure with Read Across America Week March 2-6th. Please note the celebrations each day so your student can participate.

Monday, March 2 - Dr. Seuss' Birthday/Cat in the Hat Day - Wear your Seuss hat or other favorite hat.

Tuesday, March 3 - Fox in Socks- Wear your CRAZIEST socks

Wednesday, March 4 - Green Eggs and Ham Day - Wear Green

Thursday, March 5 - Cat in the Hat Comes Back, or One Fish, Two Fish - Dress like a friend and be twins.

Friday, March 6- There's a Wocket in My Pocket - Dress in your wackiest outfit

Participation is always optional, but we hope you would encourage your child to join in the fun. Additionally, we ask that you spend some time during the week reading with your child.

Lunch Accounts

Occasionally a student forgets their lunch at home, or they don't have enough money on their lunch account to cover their meal. When this happens, the cafeteria provides them with a lunch of veggies and fruit, but students often won't eat it. To ensure students don't leave lunch hungry, the cafeteria has an account that can be used to provide students with a balanced meal. This account is solely funded by donations from our generous community, but I was made aware that funds are running low at present. If you would like to donate, next time you visit us, let the cafeteria cashier know you would like to put money on the "JG Cafeteria" account. Another way you can donate to this account is by placing an

envelope with your donation in the PTA mailbox located in our mailroom next to the main office. When a student is unable to purchase lunch for any reason and the JG cafeteria account is used to provide them lunch, their parent/s will be notified via email. This is made possible by your contributions so thank you in advance!

Counselor's Corner

Hello JGE Families!

This month, with the Positivity Project (P2), we will be focusing on cheering others' success, social intelligence, love of learning, and fairness. Please click on the link to learn more about our P2 focus for this month.

[March P2 Newsletter](#)

Thanks so much for your support of the Warm Fuzzy Kindness Notes. As a school-wide service project, we were able to raise \$771.00 that was donated to the non-profit organization, Saving Grace! 😊

I often get questions about students having disagreements or fights with friends and how to handle these conflicts. Here is an article with great tips for families on how to help students navigate a fight with a friend.

[Fights with Friends: Help Your Child Learn to Resolve Conflicts](#)

Soar on Eagles,
Mrs. Jacobs, School Counselor

District Response to Coronavirus

WCPSS understands that some of you may have concerns over the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and/or questions about international travel. We want to share information about the measures our district is taking in partnership with the Wake County Human Services Department and their Public Health Division. wcpss.net/coronavirus
We'll continue to provide updates when more information is available.

Academic Updates

Spotlight on our Third Grade Team

Literacy- In the month of February Third grade students started working on EL Education's module 3, which is a case study of the literary classic "**Peter Pan**" by **J.M. Barrie**. They learned its historical context and about the author. They have also been reading chapters of Peter Pan, analyzing character traits and actions, and also comparing their point of view to the point of view of the characters. In March, students will move to comparing Peter Pan to another one of JM Barrie's classics, **Peter Pan in Kensington Gardens**. They will analyze how the stories are alike and different and what the author wants the readers to learn from these stories. **Third Graders will celebrate their Peter Pan learning with their annual Peter Pan Play on April 2nd with two performances during the school day.**

Math-Third graders have started their journey to understanding fractions. They started out by working to understand partitioned shapes in halves, thirds, fourths, sixths, and eighths. In March they will be moving into recognizing fractions on number-lines. With this knowledge base, they will begin drawing and analyzing equivalent fractions, which will lead them into comparing fractions.

Social Studies- Students are wrapping up their NC history unit. They discovered how our capital city got started, and who was involved in that process. They looked at how our city and state have changed over time including important people who took a stand to make important changes.

Science- They will be working on understanding the relationship between the Sun, Moon, and Earth, as moving parts that work together to provide structure and life for us living on Earth. They will also be **celebrating their learning with the Mobile Planetarium**, which will be visiting our school on March 12.



End of the Year Testing Schedule:

June 1- 5th Grade Science
 June 2- 3rd and 4th English Language Arts (ELA)
 June 3- 5th ELA
 June 4- ELA Makeups (all grades)
 June 5- 3rd and 4th Math
 June 8- RTA and 5th Grade Math
 June 9- Math Makeups (all grades)

Dates to Remember:

March 2-Energy Endgame Assembly, **3rd Quarter Interims and Istation Reports go home**
 March 2- March 30- NC Checking Window
 March 5- Welcome Event for Rising K parents
 March 6- 2nd grade field trip-Historic Oaks (non-immersion), 4th grade Writing Performance Task Assessment
 March 9- Teacher Workday – No School for Students
 March 11- First in Fitness, **Kindergarten APTT Night 5:30 pm**
 March 12- **2nd grade APTT 5:30 pm**
 March 13- 2nd grade field trip-Historic Oaks (immersion)
 March 18- **5th grade APTT 5:30 pm**
 March 19- **3rd grade APTT 5:30 pm**
 March 26- **4th grade APTT 5:30 pm**

June 10 - SUPER KIDS DAY
 June 11 - SUPER KIDS DAY (Rain date)
 June 12 - 9:30 am 5th Grade Graduation

Thank you for your attention to the March highlights! Have a great day!

Yours in education,

Juli Ventura
 Proud Principal of Jeffreys Grove Magnet Elementary