



Jeffreys Grove
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Principal's Message November 1st, 2019

Dear Jeffreys Grove Families,

It's hard to believe we are in November! November is a month that reminds us of the importance of gratitude, and the Jeffreys Grove community is one we are grateful for. Our biggest fundraiser of the year is in full swing and thanks to your generous contributions we have already raised \$6,252 toward our goal of \$20,000. I am so excited that the funds will help update our book collection so that our students can continue to check out books that are relevant and exciting to read. In full possession of my senses, I have agreed to be taped to the wall if we reach our bold goal. Just please make sure I am untaped before the last one out turns the lights off and locks the building up 😊 😊

Academic Parent-Teacher Team (APTT) Nights

We are happy to announce that we will continue to host APTT Nights (2) for each grade level once in the fall and again in the spring. The purpose of these nights is to offer our parents the chance to get linked-to-learning tools to assist our students from home in their academic efforts. The teachers have designed these nights around learning targets that are foundational for grade level success and will model strategies to help parents understand how to support our learners. Our own staff will be providing childcare for school-aged children to make it easy for parents to attend. The dates are as follows:

- Kinder – November 20 5:30-6:30 pm
- 1st grade – November 13 5:30-6:30 pm
- 3rd grade – December 12 5:30-6:30 pm
- 4th grade – November 7 5:30-6:30 pm
- 5th grade – December 4 5:00-6:30 pm

5th grade ONLY

On December 4th from 5:00 to 5:30 pm, Mrs. Jacobs, our School Counselor, will give an overview of the middle school transition process. This session will provide information about how parents and students will choose 6th grade middle school electives in the spring.

Counselor's Corner

In November we will be focusing on bravery and gratitude with the Positivity Project (P2). We will also focus on one of the P2 Mindsets - Knowing My Actions and Words Affect Others. To learn more about our P2 focus for this month check out our monthly student services [newsletter](#).

Thanks,

Mrs. Jacobs, School Counselor

Academic Updates

Teachers and students wrapped up the first quarter on October 30. Report cards for this period will go home on Tuesday, November 12. Quarter 2 will end January 27, 2020.

3rd grade students will take the CogAt assessment November 5-7.

Magnet Information

Magnet tours of our school have begun. Visit the school tours tab on our homepage to sign up. The magnet window application for base families is October 26-January 16. Applications can be picked up in the main office or printed from our website.

5th grade immersion students at Jeffreys Grove must apply online to attend Daniels Middle if this is not their base middle school. The WCPSS Magnet Application window is October 26-January 30. This application must be completed online after students are registered at their assigned base school.

If you have any questions navigating Magnet information, reach out to Denyse Osborne, our Magnet Coordinator at dosborne@wcpss.net

READvolution

There has been an update to the time frame for the READvolution campaign which will now go on until Friday, December 6th, 2019. Students can record the titles of every book they read by logging into their WakeID portal. You can find detailed instructions [HERE](#). Along with digitally logging their minutes students will also be able to write their names on paper "pucks." These "pucks" will be added to our school's Hurricanes hockey goal banner. Our goal is to collectively fill the banner with 2,020 pucks.

I know you are excited to hear about how we are doing as a school. As of November 1st, we have read a total of 1,233 books. That is a total of 70,835 minutes.

This is a good start to creating GREAT reading habits. The experience of reading (whether you're the reader or the one being read to) activates and "exercises" many areas of the brain. For our kindergarten friends, remember that being read to helps children develop good listening skills by keying them into the components of the language. So this time can also count towards READvolution. Through reading, students can learn to recognize phonemes (the sound building blocks of the language), learn new words to add to their oral vocabulary and connect written words to real world applications. Generally, the more time one is exposed to something and the more time spent practicing, the better one becomes at doing it.

Check out our Twitter account @JeffreysGroveES for pictures and updates of top classes. We would love to know how READvolution is going at your home. Highlight your child's effort with a Twitter shout out and be sure to use @JeffreysGroveES and the hashtag #READvolution.

Holiday Hugs

Each year our school's Holiday Hugs program helps to provide holiday assistance to families who are in need of extra support during the holidays. This program provides students with new winter clothing, toys, and books from a sponsoring individual. Your child's name will remain confidential. Parents of participating children will be responsible for picking up the wrapped gifts at Jeffreys Grove Elementary School in December (exact date to be determined later). Gifts cannot be sent home with children on the bus.

If you would like your child to participate in the Holiday Hugs program, please call Jennifer Pappalardo, our school's social worker, at 919-410-7067 no later than November 8th.

Important Dates – Mark your Calendar!

November 1st-30th – Kitchen Table at Relish Takeout Spirit Month.

November 8th – Boosterthon Fun Run (PreK-2nd 12:30-1:30pm, 3rd-5th 1:40-2:40pm, 5th Color Run 2:45pm)

November 11 – Veteran's Day – No School

November 12th – Report Cards

November 13th – Spirit Night – Mod Pizza

November 15th – Picture Day Make ups

November 19th – PTA Meeting

November 27th-29th – Holiday – No School

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

Yours in education,

Juli Ventura

Proud Principal of Jeffreys Grove Magnet Elementary