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## Principal's Message

### October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

Dear Jeffreys Grove Families,

As we welcome October, I wanted to share with you exciting events and campaigns that we are participating in as a school. Students and staff are settling into their daily routines, and we are starting to experience a sense of flow, signaling the end of the back to school transition. As I write this update, I am reminded of the professional learning that is taking place across our district on September 30. Jeffreys Grove teachers are excited to be attending sessions on curriculum, social/emotional learning, classroom management, communication and tiered interventions. It's important to share that we are committed to our own professional development in order to continue to educate, challenge and support our students at the highest level.

## READvolution

We are excited to once again partner with the Carolina Hurricanes to implement **READvolution** at Jeffreys Grove. **READvolution** will kick-off on Monday, September 30 and wrap-up on Friday, November 22.

This year's challenge features both individual and school-wide components. We are excited to announce that the Carolina Hurricanes will continue to award students who achieve the reading goal of **20 minutes per day** throughout the allotted time frame (**for a total of 800 minutes**) **two** complimentary ticket vouchers to a Hurricanes home game!

For the school-wide component, schools that collectively read 2,020 books between September 30 and November 22 will be entered into a drawing by region to participate in this year's "Cool School Field Trip" to the PNC Arena in spring 2020. If Jeffreys Grove is selected from the drawing to attend the "Cool School Field Trip", students will have the opportunity to see a Hurricanes practice, participate in fun activities, and hear from the players.

Regardless of whether our school is selected from the drawing, we win when our students read. So please continue to support and facilitate 20 minutes of daily reading at home with your child. Research points to the importance of making reading practice a top priority for all students. Making reading practice a system-wide and school objective may be one of the most important things we can do for our students' long-term outcomes, especially when we combine it with high-quality instruction and effective reading curricula. Let's put as much focus on reading practice as we do on relationships, teaching and learning.

Let us know how **READvolution** is going at your home by highlighting student effort that makes us proud. We'd love for all our families to follow us on Twitter @JeffreysGroveES and use the hashtag #READvolution.

## Talking Points

Jeffreys Grove Elementary has started using a district approved software tool called Talking Points. Talking Points allows teachers to communicate with parents via text messages easily – including parents who don't speak English. The software will synch directly to parent contact information in PowerSchool. It's important that the information in our database is up to date and current so please email our Data Manager, Kim Podraza at [kpodraza@wcpss.net](mailto:kpodraza@wcpss.net) if your contact information has changed.

## From our Counselor's Corner

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. At JGE we will observe this month with anti-bullying classroom lessons and weekly announcements. We will also celebrate World Bullying Prevention Day on 10/7 by wearing blue and Unity Day on 10/23 by wearing orange. These two days focus on preventing bullying and showing kindness and inclusion throughout our school.

Through the Positivity Project (P2), we will focus on learning more about open-mindedness, being present and giving others our attention, integrity, perspective and creativity. Our Positivity Project October Newsletter is [HERE!](#)

## Important Dates – Mark your Calendar!

October 2<sup>nd</sup>- Walk to School Day  
October 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>- Fourth Grade Writing Residency  
October 7<sup>th</sup>- Bully Prevention – All students wear blue  
October 8<sup>th</sup>- Spirit Night – Gonza & Two Roosters  
October 9<sup>th</sup>- Teacher Work Day – No School for Students  
October 10<sup>th</sup>- Fall Picture Day  
October 18<sup>th</sup>- Last day for donations – Wake Relief Food Drive  
October 21<sup>st</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup>- Book Fair  
October 23<sup>rd</sup>- Unity Day – All students wear orange  
October 26<sup>th</sup>- Magnet Fair at Panther Creek High 9-12pm  
October 31<sup>st</sup>- Make up day for Hurricane Dorian  
November 1<sup>st</sup>- Teacher Work Day – No School for Students  
November 11<sup>th</sup>- No School – Veteran's Day  
November 12<sup>th</sup>- Report cards distributed

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

Yours in education,

Juli Ventura  
Proud Principal of Jeffreys Grove Magnet Elementary