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Principal's Message

January 2, 2020

Dear Jeffreys Grove Families,

Happy New Year and Welcome Back! We hope the holidays have given our families the chance to slow down and enjoy the company of loved ones during this winter break. We are excited at Jeffreys Grove to see our students soon. The building is busy at the moment with teachers who are planning exciting learning experiences for our Eagles. It has been too quiet around Jeffreys Grove, and we are ready to open our doors again as we welcome the second semester.

Traditionally the start of the New Year is associated with renewed commitments and goal setting. As we reflect on 2019 and focus on 2020, here are 5 Eagle leadership traits that will continue to help us SOAR into the New Year:

1. Eagles Have Powerful Vision – Eagles teach us to have a profound vision for the future and constantly remind ourselves to stay focused.
2. Eagles are Fearless Hunters – Eagles remind us to take risks and face challenges head on by drawing strength from our passion and determination.
3. Eagles are Tenacious Defenders – Eagles, as opposed to other birds, spread their mighty wings when a storm comes and use the current to soar to greater heights.
4. Eagles are High Flyers – Eagles teach us not to scavenge on the ground, grumble or complain but glide with the current of the storm focused on that which inspires us.
5. Eagles Nurture Their Young – The last and perhaps most important lesson Eagles teach us is to invest our time in others by building strong and stable relationships to grow our students' talents and gifts.

Thank you for continuing to partner with us to be part of the Jeffreys Grove community!

Counselor's Corner

This month, with the Positivity Project (P2), we will be focusing on optimism, prudence and perseverance. We will also focus on one of the four P2 Mindsets - "Supporting Others When They Struggle." As we learn about the various character strengths and mindsets, we are learning how to build positive relationships with each other. Please click on the link to learn more about our P2 focus for this month.

[January P2 Newsletter](#)

Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) is an important focus currently for all Wake County Public Schools and here at JGE. Together we can help our students build positive relationships with others and also understand their own emotions and appropriate ways to express them.

Is anxiety causing concern for your child? Click on the link below to visit the Coping Skills for Kids website and read the article "Calming Anxiety in Children," to learn some coping strategies that could be helpful.

[Calming Anxiety in Children](#)

Thanks,

Mrs. Jacobs, School Counselor

Academic Updates

Spotlight on our Specialists Team

Media Center – The Media Center will kick off the New Year in K-2 with research that includes learning how to ask questions and find sources. Grades 3-5 will visit the media for library lessons that will help them find sources independently and launch their research units.

Spanish (grades 3-5)- In January, students will use the language to present information to an audience and work to complete a short skit inspired by The Legend of the China Poblana (Mexico) and present it to their peers. The second standard students will learn involves comparing cultures. Students will learn about the Hispanic holiday Dia De Los Reyes and compare it to other holidays. Lastly, students will understand words and concepts in the target language by learning and reviewing vocabulary with a focus on the family and the house.

Music - Students will be learning how to interpret rhythm patterns for quarter notes, quarter rests and eighth notes and will understand the relationships between music and concepts from other subject areas. They will also work to apply changes in dynamics and tempo when singing and playing music and ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. Students in upper grades will interpret simple pitch notation in the treble clef in major keys and use standard symbols to notate rhythm and meter in simple patterns.

Physical Education - The first of the year will be busy! Students will finish jump rope skills (a favorite every year), locomotor, and fitness. Quiz your child on the five components of fitness: flexibility, muscular endurance, muscular strength, cardiovascular endurance, and body composition. Team sports is up next: basketball, hockey, and soccer. All three have similar skills. Coach Smith will assess students dribbling, passing, and shooting skills and how they work cooperatively during game play. Early congratulations to those First in Fitness students! FIF is only for 5th through 2nd grade and selection is based on fitness scores. All students will use the data collected to set individual attainable fitness goals. Our posttest will include push-ups, pull ups, and pacer. See you in 2020!

PE Events:

- Family Fitness sign up soon.
- First in Fitness 3/11/20
- [Healthy Habits of January](#)
- *Take a look at the PE website:* <http://jgesspecialist.weebly.com/pe.html>

Art - 5th grade will be creating rain-sticks as a team (in collaboration with classroom teachers and music with a focus on the Rainforest). 4th grade students will be creating a tinfoil relief, and 3rd graders will focus on the art from the Art Museum, specifically ancient Egypt (Field trip on Feb 7th). 2nd grade will work to create the dinosaur that generated the fossils they have been studying (collaboration with classroom teachers-learning about fossils in classroom). 1st grade will be creating bird drawings (collaboration with general education curriculum) and kindergarten will focus on fine motor skills through projects, such as cutting, and practicing drawing skills.

Magnet Information

The magnet window application for base families will close on 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 for non-base families ends on 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

Important Dates – Mark your Calendar!

January 6- Back to School

January 6- January 31- Istation Literacy Assessments Grades K-3

January 14- Alicia Musical Performance

January 19- Spirit Night – Triangle Rock Club

January 20- Holiday

January 28- PTA Meeting 6PM

January 29- Teacher Workday – school closed to students

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

Yours in education,

Juli Ventura

Proud Principal of Jeffreys Grove Magnet Elementary