



## Jeffreys Grove Magnet | PTA NEWSLETTER

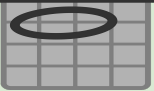
### Jeffreys Grove families,

Sunday January 10th, 2021

Welcome back; I hope you all had a wonderfully relaxing Winter Break! Can you believe we're heading into the 3rd quarter?! I feel like this school year has gone by so slowly; but I am hopeful for the new year, and the Spring semester! The PTA still can't host events, but we will continue to keep you informed of the happenings at Jeffreys Grove. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email me at [JGPTAPresident@gmail.com](mailto:JGPTAPresident@gmail.com).



Regarding the 3rd quarter, please read Ms. Ventura's message on the next page concerning Materials pick up for Virtual Academy students and the APTT Schedule for all students.



### Save the Date!

January 13th - New Teacher Assignments shared with families

January 15<sup>th</sup> - **LAST DAY** for *Base* Students to register for the Magnet Program

January 18<sup>th</sup> - Holiday (**NO SCHOOL**)

January 19<sup>th</sup> - Teacher Work Day (**NO SCHOOL**)

**January 19<sup>th</sup> - MATERIALS PICKUP (see schedule)**

January 20<sup>th</sup> - 3rd Quarter Begins

January 21<sup>st</sup> - 5th Grade APTT @ 6:00pm

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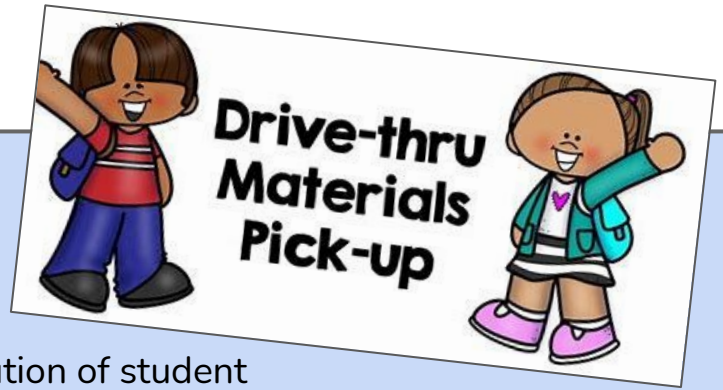
## Principal Ventura

Dear families,

On **January 19** we will do grade leveled distribution of student materials for **Virtual Academy only**, based on the schedule below:

**\*\* Families with siblings *may* come at the time of their youngest child to get all of their children's materials.** Families will come through the bus loop to pick up their child(ren)'s bag(s). Our teachers will

distribute bags to families using proper social distancing protocols and PPE. **We ask that families remain in their vehicle at all times.** Your children's teacher will let you know if EL books will need to be returned that day.



| <u>Grade level</u> | <u>Time</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|
| K and 1st grade    | 10:00-11:00 |
| 2nd and 3rd grade  | 1:00-2:00   |
| 4th and 5th grade  | 3:00-4:00   |

## Academic Parent-Teacher Team (APTT) Nights (for all students)

We are happy to announce that we will host APTT Nights for each grade level once during the month of January. 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.



| <u>Grade</u>          | <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u>  |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Kinder/1 Combo        | January 27  | 5:00-6:00 pm |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> grade | January 28  | 5:00-6:00 pm |
| 2nd grade             | January 28  | 5:30-6:30 pm |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade | January 28  | 6:00-7:00 pm |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> grade | January 28  | 5:30-6:30 pm |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> grade | January 21  | 6:00-7:00 pm |

WE ♥ HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!



## Advocacy

Ms. Plum, the school Social Worker, provided the following slide as a resource to help parents talk to children about the events that transpired at the Capitol this past week; you can also [click here](#) for additional Resources provided by Wake County (in English & Spanish).

### Talking to Kids about the Violence at the U.S. Capitol

#### Kids age 2–7

Young kids aren't yet fully able to understand complex situations. Kids at the younger end of this group still can't tell the difference between fantasy and reality. If you can, try to turn off the news when young kids are around. Of course, they may still hear about scary news from their siblings or friends -- or overhear an adult talking about it. If they do, let them know that they and their family are safe, and use these questions to support them:

- What did you watch/hear about what happened? (Ask follow-up questions without adding unnecessary information.)
- How did that make you feel?
- What would make you feel better?

Source: Common Sense Media

#### Kids age 8–12

Older kids can have various reactions to what they see on the news and platforms where they spend lots of time, such as TikTok or Roblox. Some are more sensitive than others to news of violence. Think about how they've reacted in the past, and use these guiding questions to learn more about what questions they have and how they're feeling:

- What did you watch/hear about what happened? (Ask follow-up questions, clarify misconceptions, and give them additional perspectives.)
- How do you feel? How do you think your friends and other people in your family feel, including people from different backgrounds and races?
- For more mature kids: What differences do you see in the way the media is talking about the situation compared to the Black Lives Matter protests? Do they use different words to refer to this event and the people involved?
- What do you think about the lawmakers who came back and completed the job of certifying the election? What do their actions communicate?

The past year has been difficult for so many, in so many different ways. We, as parents, never imagined we'd be talking to our children about viruses and assisting them with Virtual school, and now, trying to make sense of the violence at the Capitol. These are all new and traumatizing realities we're experiencing. Everyone's experience is different, but it's important to remember we aren't alone. If you need additional help, or if your child needs someone to talk to, please reach out to Ms. Plum, the school Social Worker, at [mplum@wcpss.net](mailto:mplum@wcpss.net) or Mrs. Jacobs, the School Counselor, at [bjacobs@wcpss.net](mailto:bjacobs@wcpss.net).

## Spanish Immersion Program Magnet Application Information



- WCPSS Spanish Immersion application window for base rising kindergarten students **closes on January 15, 2021**. If you are interested in applying, please complete this form: [Spanish Immersion Base Kindergarten Application 2021-2022](#)
- If you are not a base family, you must apply for our immersion program by completing a magnet application on the WCPSS website [Magnet Schools / Application Process](#) which **closes on January 28, 2021**.
- **Middle School Pathway** - If you would like your 5th grade student to continue to Spanish Immersion program at Oberlin Middle and Oberlin is not your base, you must submit a magnet application [Magnet Schools / Application Process](#) which **closes on January 15, 2021**. **There are no automatic assignments.** Students that do not apply will be assigned to their base middle school.

**Questions?** Contact our Magnet Coordinator, Odry Melendez - [omelendezmorel@wcpsss.net](mailto:omelendezmorel@wcpsss.net)

### No Fuss Fundraising Masks

If you registered your student for the Jeffreys Grove PTA No Fuss Fundraiser prior to October 9th, your child should have received a Jeffreys Grove "No Matter the Distance" mask.



If your child has not received their mask and is enrolled in Virtual Academy for the Spring Semester, their mask will be included with their 3rd quarter materials. If your student is enrolled in Plan B, their mask will be given to their teacher and distributed once students return to in-person instruction. If you have any questions, please contact Cheri Thomas at [JGPTAPresident@gmail.com](mailto:JGPTAPresident@gmail.com).



### Discounted Spirit Wear!

Past year's spirit wear is on sale! The popular retro and state t-shirt designs from last school year are available for a discounted price of \$8 each (these short sleeve blue shirts are so soft and comfy). Only three hats left... discounted price is \$10 each. And a handful of cozy hoodie sweatshirts... discounted price is \$10 each. [Click here](#) before they sell out!

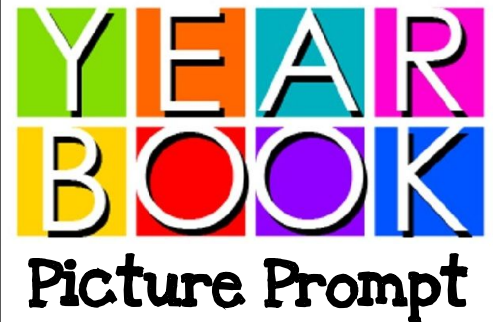


## Weekly Yearbook Picture Prompt

**This week's Picture Prompt:** Send in pictures of your student(s) from Winter break.

Though we are providing a weekly picture prompt, you can submit any photos you would like included in the yearbook, including past picture prompts. Simply upload them using the TreeRing App, or email them to the yearbook committee at [JGPTAYearbook@gmail.com](mailto:JGPTAYearbook@gmail.com) (please include your students name, grade and teacher).

**Past Picture Prompts include:** Pictures of your student participating in Virtual Learning, with their family pet or favorite stuffed animal, participating in Spirit Week.



## Yearbook Form

[Click here](#) to complete the Yearbook Form for your child. If you have More than one child, please [complete a separate form for each child](#).



NOTE: Your child **CANNOT** be included in the yearbook if this form is not completed. **You do not have to submit a picture now;** the Yearbook Committee will contact you in March if they have not received a picture of your child.

**\*\* If you DO NOT want your child included in the yearbook, please let us know ASAP by emailing [JGPTAYearbook@gmail.com](mailto:JGPTAYearbook@gmail.com)**

THANK YOU!



## Purchase a 2020-2021 Jeffreys Grove Yearbook

Yearbooks are now available for pre-purchase. To create your yearbook account [click here](#). Softcover yearbooks are \$14 after tax, hardcover books are an additional \$6.95. All yearbooks come with two *FREE* customizable pages at the end of the yearbook! (These pages will only be visible in your child's yearbook).

Once you have an account, you can upload photos via the web, download the TreeRing app or email them to [JGPTAYearbook@gmail.com](mailto:JGPTAYearbook@gmail.com) (Please include names/grade/teacher)

## Resources

**Utility Bill Assistance:** Wake County launched a new utility bill payment assistance program called WakeHELPS to help households impacted by COVID-19 pay back what they owe to their utility providers. [Click here](#) for more information.

**Child Care Assistance:** WakeSUPPORTS provides funding to working parents, so they can afford to pay for their kindergartners through sixth graders to attend virtual school at a safe location with reliable oversight, or receive before and after school care. [Click here](#) for more information.

**UPDATED Calendar for 2nd Semester:** Remote Learning/Asynchronous days have been updated. [Click here](#) for more information.

**Breakfast & Lunch:** Through June 30, 2021, all Wake County students may receive breakfast and lunch via Curbside Service at no cost. Meals will not be available on holidays designated on the student's calendar. [Click here](#) for more information, including food pick up locations and ways you can help with this effort.

**Food Resources:** Meal sites for children are open across Wake County to serve meals to students daily. Other food resources such as mobile food markets, food pantries and emergency food boxes are available to serve families through curbside delivery. [Click here](#) for more information.

**WCPSS Tech Support:** If you are experiencing technology difficulties, please don't hesitate to contact the WCPSS Technology Help Desk at 919-694-8100. WCPSS Technology Services has also created a support page for families experiencing difficulties or needing support to learn new tech tools. You can access their website [here](#).

[Click here](#) for more resources and information offered by Wake County







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| DATE       | TOPIC   | DATE       | TOPIC  |
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| 08/06/2020 | A Great Start for Your Kindergartener!  | 12/03/2020 | Communicating with Your Teenager Effectively                             |
| 08/11/2020 | Navigating the different virtual platforms that teachers use in Elementary School | 12/10/2020 | How to apply for Early College and Magnet Schools                        |
| 08/18/2020 | How to communicate with your child's teacher virtually (Google Meet and Zoom)     | 01/07/2021 | Developing Good Homework Habits  |
| 08/20/2020 | How to Support Academic Growth Your Child Using Online Learning Tool              | 01/12/2021 | Tips for Successful Parent-Teacher Conferences                           |
| 08/25/2020 | Transitioning to Middle School  | 01/21/2021 | Teaching Your Child How to Deal with Peer Pressure                       |
| 09/03/2020 | Transitioning to High School  | 02/04/2021 | Identify Bullying and Protect Your Child Against It                      |
| 09/10/2020 | Navigating Wake County Public School System (WCPSS)                               | 02/18/2021 | Preparing Your Child for the End of Grade (EOG) Tests (3 -8th)           |
| 09/17/2020 | Getting to Know the U.S.A. Educational System                                     | 03/04/2021 | Helping Your Child Reduce Test Stress                                    |
| 10/01/2020 | Parent Advocacy and Engagement in Your Child's Education                          | 03/18/2021 | Today's Math: "I didn't learn math like that!" (K-5th)                   |
| 10/15/2020 | How to identify that your child is suffering from cyber bullying                  | 04/08/2021 | Connecting your child to College and Beyond through CFNC                 |
| 10/29/2020 | Learn How to Motivate Your Child to Thrive in School                              | 04/15/2021 | Developing Academic Vocabulary at Home Using Hands-on Activities (K-5th) |
| 11/12/2020 | Today's Math: "I didn't learn math like that!" (K-5th)                            | 04/29/2021 | Getting Ready for College/University                                     |
| 11/19/2020 | Building a Positive Relationship with Your Elementary School Child                | 05/20/2021 | How to Support Academic Growth over School Breaks                        |

**FAMILY ACADEMY DISTRICT SPECIAL EVENTS**

- Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 11:00 am Don't miss this presentation! "No More Wimpy Parenting" With our special guest Dr. Wynns, expert in child psychology and parenting issues.
- Thursday, December 10, 2020 "How to Apply to Magnet Schools" at 5:30PM.
- Tuesday, January 19, 2021 "How to Apply to Pre-K". " at 5:30PM.

**DON'T MISS THESE SPECIALS EVENTS!**



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