

The Hornet's Buzz
Jackson Township Elementary
February 2021

A Note from the Principal

Dear Parents,

February has been pretty wild to say the least! We have experienced a few 2-hour delays because of weather, and have missed several days due to all of the snow and cold conditions. Through it all, our students and staff have worked hard to maintain learning success through eLearning. Although nothing will replace face to face, direct instruction from a highly qualified teacher within a classroom setting, the option of continued education through eLearning has been a huge benefit to the success of our students.

We finished the Winter IREADY assessment at the beginning of the month. I am proud of our students as they have worked hard towards mastering required skills, which has resulted in much growth across all grade levels. As you know, assessment data is used to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching and learning. We use this data to make informed, data-driven decisions on the education of our students.

As we approach the one-year mark of when Covid-19 drastically changed education in our community, state, and across the nation, I am pleased that Jackson Township has not had an outbreak of Covid-19 cases so far this school year. Our students and staff have been vigilant when it comes to social distancing, wearing face coverings, washing hands, using hand sanitizer, etc. The custodial staff is working hard to keep surfaces clean and disinfected. In fact, the safety protocols we have in place have worked well in mitigating the spread of the virus within our school. Actually, our students have been awesome under these conditions and they are the real heroes in all this - they have lost so much since all this started, but they have risen to the challenge and have persevered. I am extremely humbled by their efforts and proud of them all.

Sincerely,

Brad Ennen
JTE Principal



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Parenting Practicalities

From the Principal's Desk

The **Parenting Practicalities** section is designed to provide you with common-sense tips on your most important role, that of being a **PARENT**.

Reading to your child is so important to his/her listening abilities, vocabulary development, and reading skills. This can also be a great time for parents to connect with their child and a time to consistently set aside each day. The following is an excerpt from "*The Bulletproof George Washington*." As we approach our first President's birthday, you might consider reading the entire story, which can be found online, to your child at home:

The Bulletproof George Washington

George Washington's part in the July 9, 1755, battle during the French and Indian War is indisputably one of the most significant events of his early years; his life literally hung in the balance for over two hours. This dramatic event helped shape his character.

During the two-hour battle, the 23 year-old Colonel Washington had ridden to and fro on the battlefield, delivering the general's orders to other officers and troops. The officers had been a special target for the Indians. Of the eighty-six British and American officers, sixty-three were casualties. Washington was the only officer on horseback not shot down.

Following the battle, Washington wrote a letter to his brother in which he readily and openly acknowledged:

"By the all-powerful dispensations of Providence, I have been protected beyond all human probability or expectation; for I had four bullets through my coat, and two horses shot under me, yet [I] escaped unhurt, although death was leveling my companions on every side of me!"

Fifteen years later, an old, respected Indian chief sought out Washington. The chief, explaining that he had led the Indians against them in the battle fifteen years earlier, revealed to Washington what had occurred behind the scenes during the conflict:

"I called to my young men and said, mark yon tall and daring warrior [Washington]? ...Himself is alone exposed. Quick, let your aim be certain, and he dies. Our rifles were leveled, rifles which, but for you, knew not how to miss--'twas all in vain, a power mightier far than we shielded you. Seeing you were under the special guardianship of the Great Spirit, we immediately ceased to fire at you...I am come to pay homage to the man who is the particular favorite of Heaven, and who can never die in battle."



CHARACTER CORNER

Each week, your child will be introduced to a **Character Quality**, which is part of the JTE Character Education Program. *Parents are encouraged to discuss these qualities at home and suggest ways your child can model these qualities.* The qualities for March are:

Thriftiness Thriftiness means careful use of time, money, and other resources to avoid waste.

Creativity: Creativity means having imagination and inventiveness.

Impartiality: Impartiality means respecting the individual differences, views, and beliefs of other people.

Respect for Yourself: Respect for yourself means to demonstrate a positive opinion of yourself.

February Birthdays

Kylie Aker
Tucker Cooksey
Carson Cox
Austin Dean
Carson Girton
Brynlee Kerns

Kynsley Kreiger
Dakota Kwiatkowski
Lincoln Morley
Iyla Myers
Kenzlee Neese
Kinley Pair

Kash Sawyer
Makenzie Sebastian
Addison Siples
Wren Trusler
Elaina Wegner

Schedule of Events

Mar. 1	Yearbook Orders Due
Mar. 10	End of Grading Period 3
Mar. 11	JTE Papa Johns Pizza Night
Mar. 16	Spring Pictures
Mar. 19	Report Cards go home
Mar. 19	Spring Break begins at the end of the school day
Mar. 29	Students Return to School
Apr. 2	No School—Good Friday