

*The Hornet's Buzz*  
*Jackson Township Elementary*  
*February 2019*

**A Note from the Principal**

Dear Parents,

The month of February has flown by! We have had snow days and two hour delays, but the impact on education in our school has been little to none. This is due to the dedication to education by all stakeholders (school staff, students, and parents) - to continually push towards excellence! Thank you all!!!!

JTE continues to put safety above all else. We are required by the state of Indiana to hold fire drills and severe weather drills. Our students and staff are trained on what to do and where to go for these hazards. We are also required to train and drill for man-made hazards, such as violent intruders. Clay Community Schools has adopted the ALICE approach to preparing students and staff for dealing with this type of event. We have been training since the beginning of school in the various pieces of ALICE. Because of the age appropriate, non-threatening nature of the training, our students are well prepared - not scared. This was proven during our ALICE drill on February 20. Our students and staff executed their responsibilities without flaw! Although I believe it is sad that we must practice for these types of events, I am extremely proud of our students and staff! We will conduct another ALICE drill in the near future.

The JTE PTO Spring Carnival is fast approaching! The carnival will be on March 15 from 6:00 to 8:00. We need volunteers to help make this a successful event!

Finally, since flu season doesn't seem to want to end, both students and staff need to be more vigilant when it comes to washing hands, using hand sanitizer, etc. Our custodial staff is working hard to keep surfaces clean and disinfected. I encourage you to stress to your children the importance of keeping their hands clean so that they will have a better chance of staying healthy and not missing school.

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."*

Teacher Request Forms for grades 1-5 for the 2019-2020 school year will be available in the office starting March 11th. *These will need to be turned in to the office no later than March 15, 2019 for a request to be considered.* Many factors are considered when placing students in classrooms. Standardized test scores, skill levels, report card grades, personalities, and student behavior are some of these factors. Because of the diversity of the student body, it is difficult and sometimes impossible to honor every parent request. Because of this, please understand that every effort will be made to provide the best learning environment possible for all students.



## 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:

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

Courage: Courage means to meet a challenge without giving in to fear.

Kindness: Kindness means being friendly, considerate, and willing to help others.

## February Birthdays

Kylie Aker  
Carson Cox  
Jeyden Crews  
Brinley Deakins  
Lillian Dewey  
Gunner Godsey  
Maylee Herbert

Evan Hoover  
Kailee James  
Kynsley Kreiger  
Lily Lake  
Aubrey Miller  
Iyla Myers  
Gavin Perkins

Jordyn Ray  
Everett Smiley  
Carsyn Stemm  
Wren Trusler  
Allison Vitz  
Elaina Wegner  
Bryland Westenhaver

# Schedule of Events

Mar. 1	Spring Pictures / Yearbook Orders Due
Mar. 15	Report Cards go home
Mar. 15	PTO Spring Carnival 6pm-8 pm
Mar. 22	Spring Break Begins at the End of the Day
Apr. 1	Students Return to School
Apr. 4	Kindergarten Round-Up at 9 am—Tentatively
Apr. 19	No School—Good Friday

## 2019 Science Fair Participants

The following students participated in the Science fair held on Saturday, February 16, 2019. Everyone did a great job! Pictured below: Kaliliah Kramer, Lucinda Etling, Allison Kumpf, Veronica Elting, Leah Archer, Ashton Boyd, Ethan Schopmeyer, Hunter Harvey, Marley Rea, Kyler Bland, Kyan Warner, Bryer Killion, Hayden Archer, Brantley Knust, Sophie Rubeck, Brantley Knox, Elsie Schopmeyer, Evan Killion, and Karma Bemis. Not Pictured: Nataley Robinson and Jenna Archer.



## February Enrollment

Kindergarten	50
First	40
Second	47
Third	38
Fourth	49
Fifth	<u>45</u>
Total	269