

The Hornet's Buzz

Jackson Township Elementary

A Note from the Principal

December 2020

Dear Parents,

What a wild and crazy ride we have been on so far this year! I'm extremely proud of our students and staff (and parents) for meeting the requirements of "doing school" during the pandemic. I realize the past few weeks have been challenging, but I am encouraged by everyone's dedication to having a successful school year. None of us have ever experienced this before, yet we continue to push ourselves to overcome the challenges before us - and we all will continue to do so!

The holiday season is upon us! This time of year is always special at JTE. Seeing the excitement and wonder on faces of our students is a treasure that we look forward to each day. As a parent, I know how much excitement children bring to the holiday season. As I watch my own daughter grow-up much too quickly, I encourage you to cherish these precious times with your children and cling to the memories that will be made this holiday season. I also invite you to read the *Parenting Practicalities* section of this newsletter.

On behalf of the JTE Staff, I want to wish you and your family a very blessed Christmas and a safe, happy, and prosperous New Year!

Merry Christmas!

Brad Ennen

JTE Principal



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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 January are:

Fairness: Fairness means to be honest and just

Cleanliness: Cleanliness means free from dirt; neat and tidy.

Helpfulness: Helpfulness means to be useful in helping others.

Cooperation: Cooperation means working together for a common purpose.

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**.

The following bullet points were taken from the article written by Dr. Marie Hartwell-Walker, a licensed psychologist and marriage and family counselor. These are good reminders for us, our children's parents.

- Holidays are not an "extra". They are essential markers in the rhythm of life.
- Embrace holidays. There are never enough reasons to celebrate life.
- If you don't like the commercialism that has come to surround some holidays, make up your own traditions.
- Be thoughtful about the values and traditions that you want to pass on to your children through your holiday activities.
- Include your children in the planning, creating, cooking, storytelling, gifting, visiting, etc. Kids who are part of it all will know how to carry it on when it is their turn.

November Birthdays

Iyla Adkins
Reese Clements
Bentley Deer
Corbin Evans
Zoey Froker
Isabelle Gregory
Liam Hgan
Jayce Hickman
Noah Keller
Anden Litz
Ava Moore
Karter Query
Colbie Roggenbuck
Stella Rubeck
Kenzley Sciotto
Layla Skelton
Madison Swearingen
Branma Trackwell
Emma Vitz
Charlie Weddle
Oakleigh Wells
Schyler Wise
Emma Woolery

December Birthdays

Hess Beasley
Ashton Boyd
Isabella Boyer
Case Brown
Kamdyn Grigsby
Malakhi Lane
Regan Li
Maci Marietta
Brayden Monteith
Vivian Moore
Ansley Myers
Parker Nees
Liam Reed
Haley Rohr
Elsie Schopmeyer
Kallee Vanatti
Raya Wall

Schedule of Events

Dec. 18	Christmas Break begins after school
Jan. 5	Students return from Christmas Break
Jan. 8	Report Cards sent home
Feb. 10	Planned eLearning Day—Students work from home
Feb. 15	Great American's Day—No School