

*The Hornet's Buzz*  
*Jackson Township Elementary*  
*March 2021*

*A Note From the Principal*

Dear Parents,

Spring Break has come and gone! I am hopeful that everyone took time to relax and have re-charged those batteries to prepare for the fourth and final grading period of school year. As I am writing this, I am reminded that we didn't have a Spring Break last year because of the onset of the pandemic. What a year it has been! I am thankful that we have been in school since August - only shutting down for a brief period before Christmas because of Covid-19 related issues in the corporation. I am hopeful that Clay County will continue to progress towards "normal" and that there will be an end to all of this soon.

Before Spring Break, third grade students' reading skills were assessed with the state required assessment call IREAD-3. Preliminary results indicate that our students have done pretty well. Later in April, we begin our final round of standardized testing with the IREADY Spring Assessment. Our third, fourth, and fifth grade students will also begin taking the Indiana assessment called ILEARN. Data from these assessments helps teachers evaluate teaching strategies, develop lesson plans, and enable teachers to better meet the needs of all of our students. These test results are also helpful in determining student growth, skill levels, and overall achievement. I encourage you to spend some time reviewing skills with your child and stress the importance of doing his or her best on the test.

In closing, I want to extend gratitude to all for staying the course with us as a school and as a school corporation. The pandemic has impacted all levels of life as we know it. In spite of this, the dedication of our school family has proven successful this school year. We only have a few weeks to go until we can call it a year - a successful and full year of school!

Sincerely,

Brad Ennen  
JTE Principal



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## Parenting Practicalities

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

Because you, your child's parent, are the MOST influential and important person in your child's life, a Parenting Practicality section is included in each month's newsletter. This month's practicality is a brochure written by Jim Trelease that has been included at the end of the newsletter. Mr. Trelease is a renowned reading expert, and JTE has used many of his strategies throughout the years. You are encouraged to read *A Math Formula to Explain: Why Some Read a Lot and Some Read Very Little*.



## 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 April are:

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

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

Dependability. Dependability means able to count on, depend on, and trust.

Respect for the Environment. Respect for the environment means to feel or show honor for the environment.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

April 10                      No School—Good Friday  
May 24                        Student Last Day of School/Report Cards go home

## March Birthdays

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Brinley Backfish      | Jaxson Kent       |
| Wyatt Benskin         | Kaylee Krause     |
| Croy Castor           | John Nickless     |
| Christopher Critchlow | Ansel Ogborn      |
| Adrian Herron         | Caitlin Olah      |
| Addilyn Hill          | Chayton Pingleton |
| Fia Hyde              | Heath Yockey      |