

The Hornet's Buzz

Jackson Township Elementary

May 2020

A Note From the Principal

Dear Parents,

May 21, 2021

We made it! While many schools across the nation have continued to be closed during the pandemic, we have been open and running in-person learning this entire school year, except for a couple weeks before Christmas, and the days we were closed due to the snow. In spite of the challenges that WE ALL faced this school year, we have had a fantastic year at Jackson Township! I could not be prouder of our students, staff, and parents for meeting the challenging demands head on, and for the devotion to say, "We've Got This!" I am proud, but I am not surprised. This is the way our Jackson Township family tackles everything that comes our way. We evaluate, adapt, and overcome. Parents, you were a huge part of this journey throughout the 2020-21 school year and I thank you for the support that you continue to give our school. All of us are hopeful that normalcy will return to our school next year!

This time of year means we say goodbye to our fifth grade students. We congratulate them on their achievements at JTE and we send them, with confidence, on to middle school and beyond. Parents, if this is your last child to leave JTE, the staff would like to thank you for your support and for the guidance that you have provided for your child(ren) during their time at JTE.

For those who will be returning to Jackson Township after Summer Break, school begins on Monday, August 9, 2021. Class lists for the 2021 - 2022 school year will be posted on August 2, 2021. Be sure to check our website for school supply lists.

On behalf of the Jackson Township staff, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,

Brad Ennen
Principal, JTE



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Parenting Practicalities

From the Principal's Desk

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

(The article that follows has been included in the JTE Newsletter in the past, but I thought it would be a good reminder as the students begin their summer break.)

Quality-time became a popular buzz-term a few years ago. The *quality-time* premise was based on the idea that the amount of time a parent spends with his/her children was not important as long as the time was meaningful. This argument sounds good and very convenient in our busy daily lives, but most children want *quantity-time* with their parents, not just little-bits of *quality-time*. The following article from *Focus on the Family* explains this important truth much better than I; even though it talks about a father's role, it applies to moms as well.

It is my hope that you will be able to carve out some ever-important *quantity-time* this summer.

Brad Ennen



Quantity vs. Quality Time

Posted by [Jim Daly](#) on Jan 3, 2009 1:03:42 PM

In Dr. Dobson's original film series *Where's Dad?* He made a point that struck a chord with me all of these years, probably because I'm a father of two young boys. Specifically, Dr. Dobson described the difference between spending *quantity* time and *quality* time with our children. More often than not, Dr. Dobson heard parents make the comment that they just want to give their son or daughter *quality* time--when in reality our kids want *quantity* time.

I love the way Dr. Dobson illustrated the difference between these two perspectives. He said, imagine you're really hungry and decide to go to your favorite restaurant to order a steak. Then, imagine how you'd feel if the waiter brought you a delicious, perfectly prepared sizzling piece of beef about the size of a quarter instead of the generous cut you had envisioned. In that moment, is it quality or quantity that you're looking for? If you're anything like me, I'm going for the quantity.

The same is true with our kids. They long to spend quantity time with us. I've come to see that they don't need big productions, special outings, or super creative dates. While you can bet those extra efforts are appreciated, the simple investment of getting down on their level and engaging them in whatever interests them is what their heart longs for--be that throwing a baseball, shooting hoops, playing a board game, creating something with Play-Doh, or just wrestling on the floor. Why is this interaction of quantity time so important?

Dr. Dobson pointed out something that just blew me away. He said that dads will spend on average just 37 seconds a day with their kids. That's about the length of one commercial on television! That's tragic. When it comes to raising our children and passing our values on to them, I believe the lack of time spent with them is the core of the problem.

I'll be the first to admit that I don't always do it right. Try as I may, there are nights when I've got to work late. There are trips that take me away from the home, which is why I strive to carve out extended periods of unhurried time spent with my boys. We'll grab our bikes and ride through the neighborhood, or hit the local indoor pool and splash until we're soaked to the bone, or play indoor soccer in the basement and then celebrate with a bowl of ice cream. When I make that added investment in their lives, my wife and I can see a real difference in their spirit and in their behavior.

You know, it's not the stuff we buy them or the big vacations we plan. So often it's these little treasures of quantity time that they cherish. What's more, investing time in their world allows us to keep the doors of communication wide open. Let me encourage you to make a concerted effort to spend more hands-on time enjoying your kids in the New Year.

I know we can do better than 37 seconds, don't you?

May Birthdays

Laney Backfish
Adlynn Bedwell
Sydni Brown
Paisley Byrer
Calista Compton
Owen Harms
Lucas Heffner

Carter Hill
Noah Isbell
Kenzie Pflueger
Gracelyn Rohr
Bryson Sutherland
Ava Vitz
Samuel Webster

Congratulations 5th Grade!!

Good Luck in Middle School



Adam Baty
Isabella Boyer
Emileigh Carpenter
Christopher Critchlow
Fia Hyde
Reece Isbell
Kynsley Kreiger
Malakhi Lane
Ansel Ogborn
Giancarlo Pagliardini
Maddox Penrod
Reed Sawyer

Layla Skelton
Ethan Thompson
Owen Wegner
Drake Western
Trace Wilson
October Batchelor
Ashton Boyd
Kaelyn Burgess
Tyler Critchlow
Daryl Dewey
William Harms
Noah Heffner

Ayden Howard
Kaylee Krause
Vance Latta
Kenzey Linton
Sophia Lishka
Morgan McCullough
Colbie Roggenbuck
Ethan Schopmeyer
Alex Sebastian
Macalister Sheese
Gage Terstegge
Carter Webster