

The Hornet's Buzz

Jackson Township Elementary

May 2022

A Note From the Principal

Dear Parents,

May 20, 2022

We have had a full and successful school year! The first part of May was spent finishing up ILEARN and IReady Assessments. Then we quickly transitioned to our end of year activities. This last full week of school has been awesome!!! In addition to our normal (yes, that word means so much more to all of us now) end of year activities, we are capping off our school year with carnival games and snow cones on the last day.

Many of you came to our Field Day, many came to enjoy the 500 Parade, and many came to experience Zooland. Webster's Wax Museum was a huge success, as well as the awards program that followed. It is always with mixed emotions that we celebrate the accomplishments of our fifth-grade students and send them on to sixth grade. For some families, there have been multiple children to come through Jackson Township Elementary, and this year was their last. I have said it before and it is so true - WE ARE A FAMILY. Like with any family, when the kids grow up and leave, it leaves a hole. But unlike most families, the hole will be filled with the next group of fifth-graders who will step up and do great things as well!

School begins on Tuesday, August 9, 2022. Class lists for the 2022 - 2023 school year will be posted on Monday, August 1, 2022. 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

Adlynn Bedwell	Carter Hill
River Bowman	Noah Isbell
Sydni Brown	Levi Penni
Paisley Byrer	Kenzie Pflueger
Calista Compton	Gracelyn Rohr
Brynleigh Evans	Brayah Sanders
Nolan Frye	Chloe Stanton
Owen Harms	Ava Vitz
Lucas Heffner	Samuel Webster

Congratulations 5th Grade!!

Corbin Cassidy
Kenlee DeWeese
Hunter Fitzpatrick
Liam French
Emmett Heiliger
Anna Hutcheson
Carver Jones
Allison Kumpf
Lilly Loden
Cooper Lovett
Haiden Mackey
Abygail Modglin
Keeley Sciotto
Bowen Smith

Zachary Styck
Colten Terril
Avav Vitz
Logan Wheeler
Schyler Wise
Emma Woolery
Heath Yockey
Kylie Aker
Sydni Brown
Jasmine Chance
Carley Deakins
Veronica Etling
Zoey Forker

Liam Hagan
Peyton Johnston
Cortez Jones
Jaxson Kent
Bryer Killion
Oliveau Klopfer
Lucas McNeely
Brayden Monteith
Noah Paitson
Gage Perkins
Melanie Selvage
Breanna Trackwell
Kyan Warner
Cadel Westfall

Good Luck in Middle School