

The Hornet's Buzz

Jackson Township Elementary

NOVEMBER 2023

Dear Parents,

November 30, 2023

The holiday season is here, which means lots of excitement and fun at Jackson Township! The holidays are a wonderful time to make memories and celebrate family traditions. The holiday traditions we experience as a child will stay with us forever. Family gatherings, school and church functions, music, food, decorations, etc. are what make this time of year so special and memorable.

During the month of November, JTE celebrated and honored 60 veterans of the armed forces during our successful Veterans Day program. We all dressed in our nation's colors as well, decorated our walls with Veterans Day themed student art, held an essay contest about Veterans Day - as you can see, veterans are important to us at JTE and we are honored to salute them and show our gratitude for their service to our country. While many school corporations take the day off, Clay Community Schools takes the opportunity to teach students about the importance of thanking our veterans for the sacrifices they make to secure the liberties we enjoy as Americans.

Jackson Township Elementary has a rich tradition of putting on great Christmas programs. For many years, we have worked to provide memorable programs for our students and families. This year is no exception! Ms. Miller has selected fun and exciting arrangements of music for all of our students to sing. In addition, our fourth and fifth grade will be presented a revue called, "An All-American Christmas." Our program is December 7, 2023, so mark your calendars! Be sure to watch your child's back pack for future information regarding performance times.

Sincerely,
Brad Ennen
JTE Principal



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 December are:

Politeness. Politeness means showing good manners.

Fairness. Fairness means to be honest and just.

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



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**.

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.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Dec. 4-6 Food Drive
- Dec. 7 Christmas Program
- Dec. 21 Christmas Break begins at the end of the school day
- Jan. 3 Teacher In Service Day
- Jan. 4 Students Return to School

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Iyla Adkins	Ava Moore
Harper Bridwell	Madelyn Morris
Reese Clements	McKenna Morris
Bentley Deer	Jaymie Mullenix
Corbin Evans	Prestyn Robinson
Karalynn Floyd	Stella Rubeck
Isabelle Gregory	Kenzley Sciotto
Malcom Heilliger	Spencer Spillmann
Jayce Hickman	Madison Swearingen
Kyden Lark	Weston Vanatti
Shiloh Martin	Charles Weddle
Mayson McGuffin	Oakleigh Wells
Lylah Montague	Aubrey Yocom

Soon we'll be collecting food for Christmas baskets. These baskets will only go to JTE Families in need of assistance. We are asking for the following donations, from each grade, to be brought in December 4th-6th.

Kindergarten: canned corn

First Grade: canned green beans

Second Grade: boxed instant mashed potatoes and jars/cans of gravy

Third Grade: boxed stuffing mix

Fourth Grade: bag of dry noodles and cans of chicken broth

Fifth Grade: boxed cake or brownie mix

Several other perishable items for the baskets will be purchased by our generous PTO.



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