The Hornet's Buzz Jackson Township Elementary

SEPTEMBER 2020

Dear Parents:

It has been a busy month at Jackson Township! Earlier this month, students were assessed using IREADY. The information from this standardized assessment helps to establish short- and long-term goals regarding the different levels of performance in Reading and Math at all grade levels. The data drives our instruction so that we can provide the best possible path for students to be successful in mastering the necessary skills. You will receive student reports with report cards in October.

Due to the pandemic, parent/teacher conferences will not occur as normal in October. Teachers and parents are encouraged to maintain an open line of regular communication. With this being said, conferences will be on an as needed basis for the 2020-21 school year.

Clay Community Schools held a planned eLearning day on September 16. This was a successful day of using eLearning, as well as providing time for staff professional development. CCS eLearning provides students the opportunity for continued skill development during times when school is cancelled because of weather or staff professional development.

As always, we appreciate your support and involvement in your child's education.

Sincerely, Brad Ennen JTE Principal



Schedule of Events

Sept. 30 Trash Bag Pick-Up
Oct. 9 Report Cards Go Home
Oct. 12-16 No School—Fall Break
Oct. 21 Picture Re-take Day
Nov. 26-27 Thanksgiving Break

September Birthdays

Carson Anstead	Bryer Killion	Mason Priest
Bowen Bidaman	Khloe Lark	Alexandria Romas
Ryan Braswell	Vance Latta	Cambree Romas
Kaelyn Burgess	Lucas McNeely	Sophie Rubeck
Keason Burgess	Allison Miller	Cree Staley
Carley Deakins	Mandee Oellig	Kyan Warner
Drake Hood	Conner Perdue	Trace Wilson



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 **October** are:

<u>Citizenship.</u> Citizenship means demonstrating your rights and privileges as a citizen of the United States.

<u>School Pride.</u> School pride means proper delight or satisfaction in your school's achievements and status.

<u>Diligence.</u> Diligence means working hard in a careful, steady manner.

<u>Joyfulness</u>. Joyfulness means happy: filled with cheer.

Clay County Holiday Assistance Program

**The *Clay County Thanksgiving Basket Program* offers food baskets to families in need. This year it is combined with the Christmas Assistance Program. Applications for this program can be picked-up by calling the office. These forms are due to the Clay County Dept. of Child Services & Family Resources, Hamilton Center, or the Brazil Housing Authority by 5pm, Friday, November 13, 2020. PLEASE DO NOT RETURN TO JTE! THANK YOU!

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*.

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 his *Why Read Aloud to Children?*

