



Jay Shideler Elementary School

# Blues News

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## Principal Note

### Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thank you to everyone for attending our Parent/Teacher spring conferences. As always, we had excellent attendance from our parents. This is a great time for teachers to give you updates regarding diagnostic and formative assessment scores, as well as another method of communicating with parents. Thank you for your attendance!

### Kindergarten Round-Up

We will host our annual Kindergarten Round-Up on 4-6-18. Notices have been sent out to Kindergarten-aged children already. This is an exciting event and I'd like to thank our PTO and volunteers for their continued support in order to make this a fun, yet important day for our future Kindergarten students.

### Volunteer Luncheon

I want to take the time to say a great big "thank you" to all of our volunteers. Jay Shideler is fortunate to have so many interested and caring parents and grandparents. I know our teachers and staff appreciate our fantastic patrons. As our way of saying 'thank you', we will again host our annual volunteer luncheon, this year on 4-23-18. Please make plans to attend.

### Dress Code

With spring here finally, I wanted to remind everyone about the dress code. Please refer to the Elementary Handbook for the official appropriate dress. Halters, midriiffs, tank tops, and spaghetti straps are not allowed. Also, short and/or tight skirts or shorts will not be acceptable. The BOE has given the principal the final decision on the appropriateness of individual student dress and appearance. Our students are always fantastic regarding dress code and I appreciate that. My advice to students is always: "If you're not sure it's appropriate, don't wear it".

### Next Year Classroom/Teacher Selection

Jay Shideler will soon begin the process of selecting teachers and class rosters for next year's schedule. This is a long and daunting process. Those involved include grade level classroom teachers, SPED teachers, counselor, school psychologist and principal. Many hours are put in by many people who consider numerous factors in determining the makeup of each classroom. We all must consider personalities, schedules, special events, classroom management styles, etc. before we complete our final list. My policy has always been that I do not accept specific teacher requests. If you feel that your child would not do well with a specific teaching style I will consider that. Your request must be in written form (an email is acceptable), and received on or before May 25, 2018. However, please do not request that your child be placed with a specific teacher as I cannot accommodate those requests. As always, call or email me with any specific questions.

Proud to be a Blue Jay,  
Mr. Freeman; Jay Shideler Principal

## School Calendar

4/2	No School
4/6	Kindergarten Round Up No school for Kindergartners
4/10	PTO Meeting 630pm
4/11	Early Release-45 minutes
4/19	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip (Discovery Center)
4/20	One in the Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
4/25	Early Release-45 minutes
5/4	No School

## Music Events

4/24	- District-wide 6th Grade String Fest, WRHS, 7pm
4/26	- District-wide 6th Grade Band Fest, WRHS, 7pm
4/27	- Shideler Singers Tour: Frist Apartments - 9:30am, Presbyterian Manor - 1:15pm, JSE - 2:30pm
4/30	- 5th Grade Band, Chorus, and Orchestra and Shideler Singers Spring Concert, JSE, 7pm
5/3	- 4th Grade Music Fair, WRHS, 6:30pm
5/11	- Kindergarten Recognition, JSE, 2pm
5/18	- 4th/5th Talent Show, JSE, time 2:15
5/23	- 6th Talent Show, JSE, time TBA

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## Counselors Corner

The older I get the faster the school years go by. It's Spring! We are heading into our last quarter of the school year. We ask our students and ourselves to "Finish Strong." Personally, I have been thinking about this, because my youngest son graduates this year from high school. I remember walking him to school on his first day of kindergarten. (I'm not going to lie – I was dancing and cheering a little bit.) As we get ready to wind down another year, I think it is important to look at growth. We've all grown. We're all smarter, have more experiences, and are hopefully more compassionate and empathetic. We have the ability to choose to do our best, and to help others each and every day.

Before we left for spring break, the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders took their Kansas Assessments in Science (5<sup>th</sup>) and Social Studies (6<sup>th</sup>). They were champions! Each student showed grit and determination, and the ability to "show what you know." We will begin assessments

again the week of April 9<sup>th</sup> for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 6<sup>th</sup> grades in reading and math. In my last newsletter I talked about the importance of sleep and eating breakfast. While sleeping and eating are incredibly important, don't forget to tell your kids that you love them unconditionally, believe in their ability to do their best and that you have confidence that they can learn from their mistakes.

My favorite quote by Erma Bombeck:

"I see children as kites. You spend a lifetime trying to get them off the ground. You run with them until you're both breathless. They crash . . . you add a longer tail . . . you patch and comfort, adjust and teach. You watch them lifted by the wind and assure them that someday they'll fly."

Here's to finishing strong, enjoying the journey, and flying!

Glynis Kickhaefer | School Counselor

## Presidents Pen

Hello Everyone and Happy Spring!

I hope you all had a nice spring break. The end of the year sneaks up quickly after spring break. We have two more meetings this year on the following dates:

Tuesday, April 10 6:30 pm & Thursday, May 17 6:30 pm

Please join us. In the April meeting we will officially vote in next year's new officers and they will take over for at the May meeting. We are still looking for a VP for next year, so if you or anyone you know might be interested, please don't hesitate to ask any questions pertaining to the position.

We are getting ready to send out sponsorship letters for 2018 Boosterthon and 2018 Sock Hop. If you have sponsored before you will get a letter. If you are interested in a sponsorship, there will be more sponsorship forms available in the office. This is a great way to support Jay Shideler, so please consider sponsoring one of our two major fundraisers.

As I said earlier, the new officers will be officially voted in at this month's meeting, so April is my last month as President. I have enjoyed the last two years working with parents, teachers, staff, and kids. Jay Shideler is a great community to be a part of and we've accomplished some wonderful things. I'd like to thank everyone who I've worked with in so many capacities over the last several years. I am still chairing Boosterthon, so I will be around. Best wishes to Sherriene Sontag, the incoming President, and the rest of next year's JSE PTO board.

I'd also like to personally thank Mr. Freeman for working with me and partnering with the PTO to make Jay Shideler the best it can be. I appreciate all your collaboration and support. I wish you a wonderful, restful retirement. And remember, Once a Gorilla, Always a Gorilla!

Jamie Didde | PTO President | [thediddes@cox.net](mailto:thediddes@cox.net)

## Summer Camp 2018

### Summer Robotics Camp 2018

**What is Robotics Camp?** A camp for students wanting to learn about, build and participate in robot competitions! Our major competitions will be SUMO, Capture the Flag, Dragster, Obstacle MAZE and for those who really like a challenge "King of the Hill"!

### Who is Robotics Camp for?

Students who will be entering 5<sup>th</sup>- 8th grades for the 2018-2019 school year. Students attending robotics camp for a second or third time will be placed in advanced/enrichment groups dealing with new robotics concepts and challenges.

**Where is Robotics Camp?** Pauline Central Elementary School

### When is Robotics Camp?

**June 4-7 Mon. - Thurs. Session 1..... 8:30-10:30---**  
--- cost \$60.00

**June 4-7 Mon. - Thurs. Session 2..... 10:30-12:30---**  
--- cost \$60.00

**June 11-14 Mon. - Thurs. Session 3..... 8:30-10:30---**  
--- cost \$60.00

**June 11-14 Mon. - Thurs. Session 4.....10:30-12:30---**  
--- cost \$60.00.

**Students may enroll in more than ONE session.**

**Contact:** Carole Stacks USD 437 Gifted Facilitator at: stackcar@usd437.net or go online to USD437.net Community Menu/Fliers and Summer Camps for a Registration Form

