



Jay Shideler Elementary School

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Principal Note

Parent/Teacher Conferences

2nd semester Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held this year on February 7 & 8. We look forward to seeing you there!

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is fast approaching, don't forget your sweetheart. Our class parties will begin around 2:45 on 2/14 this year; as always, everyone is welcome to join us for the festivities.

Outdoor Recess

Just a reminder, Jay Shideler will have outdoor recess whenever the temperature and wind chill is 20 degrees or above. Students are only outside for about 15 minutes at a time, but we strongly encourage students to dress appropriately for the colder weather.

100th Day of School Celebrations

We celebrated the 100th day the last week of January on 1/29/18. It is amazing how quickly this school year has gone; the 2nd semester seems to always go faster than the first.

State Assessments

State assessments will begin in early March. Watch for specific dates and times from your individual teacher newsletter.



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

School Calendar

2/7	Parent Teacher Conference
2/8	Parent Teacher Conference
2/8	No School
2/9	No School
2/12	No School
2/14	Valentines Party (2:45p)
2/15	PTO meeting (6:30p)
2/28	Early Release (45 min)
3/8	Jump Rope for Heart party

Feb. 15 PTO Meeting Agenda

- Principal Hiring update – if applicable
- K – RoundUp
- 6th Grade Graduation
- Open PTO Positions for 2018/19 school year

If you help or would like to help with any of the above items, please try and be present at this PTO meeting. I hope to see you all there.

Counselors Corner

January has been a busy month, and we just celebrated our 100th learning day this school year. This month grades 1 – 6 worked on setting new goals and making plans to attain those goals. In Kindergarten, we talked about emotions, and we are working on identifying what makes us mad at school and at home, and techniques to deal with anger.

The intermediate grades also learned a new note taking strategy called “Sketch-notes,” which uses pictures and text to help students remember what they have learned. We are applying this to texts such as: I Am Rosa Parks, and Salt in His Shoes.

In February, we will be working on Problem/ Solution Activities and advocating positively and respectfully for ourselves. In Kindergarten one of the texts we will be using is called The Beautiful Oops, which talks about the fact that everyone makes mistakes, and that mistakes often lead to more learning, and sometimes something amazing.

This year, I have often had parents call or email and say, “I know you’re busy, but . . .” The truth is that every day is busy, but it is my pleasure as well as my job to work with parents and students when problems or concerns arise. Please never hesitate to call me or email with any concern that you may have. If I don’t know the answer, I will help you find it, and we will figure it out.

I will be available during parent/teacher conferences in February as well.

Thank you again for your support! The Jay Shideler School Family is the best!

Glynis Kickhaefer



Jump Rope for Heart

Thank you to everyone who donated to American Heart Association!!!! This is a very special organization that I believe in very much! We are simply blessed to have the families that support such great causes here Jay Shideler. I am happy to announce that we reached and surpassed our goal of \$10,000, with a still increasing total of \$11,450. All the donations will go directly to the American Heart Association to help fund research of heart disease, which is the leading cause of death in the U.S.

All earned incentives will be given to the students when they come to the thank you party on March 8th the last day of the 3 quarter. On that day will also be having our wrap up assembly where students who raised \$100 or more will get to put a whip cream pie in the faces of some very brave teachers. That assembly will start at 2:15 so if you are interested come witness some fun if you are able to. Thank you again for all your support!!!

Mr. Sorensen

Presidents Pen

Hello everyone! I can’t believe it’s February already. The spring semester always seems to fly by. I would first like to thank everyone who came to the Superintendent’s communication meeting for the hiring of the next JSE Principal. There were some great insights and perspectives shared with him from our parent community to take into account. The first round of interviews should take place the week of Feb. 5. They are planning to be able to announce the new principal at the Board of Education meeting on Feb. 19.

Our next PTO meeting is Thursday, Feb. 15th at 6:30 in the Little Theatre. We are going to discuss open PTO positions for next year so if you currently hold a position and do not intend on fulfilling that position next year, please plan to attend or let me know ahead of time. I have already touched base with several of you, but we will go through all positions at this meeting. The agenda is listed on the first page of the newsletter.

Thanks Everyone!

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