



Jay Shideler Elementary School Blues News

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Principal's Note

Dear Jay Shideler Families,

The month of February is another time for us to welcome parents into the building and attend **Parent Teacher Conferences** on February 15th and 16th. Students have now been in school for over 100 instructional days and we are excited to share their progress with you! Teachers are available for conferences on February 15th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. and on February 16th from 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend in person, reach out to your child's classroom teacher to set up a virtual conference during these designated times.

While you are in the building for Parent Teacher Conferences, I would encourage you to check out our **lost and found** area located in the front foyer of the building. We have many coats, jackets, sweatshirts, and other items that need to be claimed! All items left in lost and found at the end of the year will be donated to a local charity.

On February 21-23, we will be hosting a **JSE Volleyball Clinic** for girls in 1st-6th grade. This clinic is run by Amanda Vanderbogart, the assistant varsity coach at WRHS. Registration forms can be found on the JSE website and are due back to the office by February 15th.

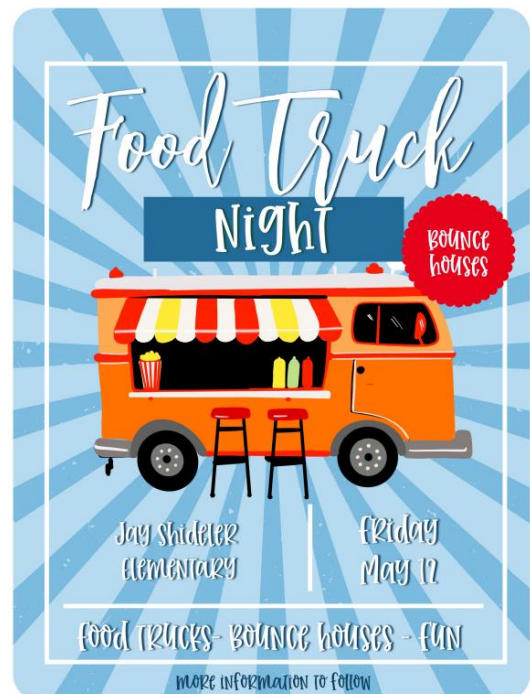
Sincerely,
Sandra Cromwell, Principal
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School Calendar

- 2/10** Chess Club, 3:45p, Library
- 2/14** Valentine's Parties, 2:45p
- 2/15** Parent Teacher Conferences
- 2/16** No School
Parent Teacher Conferences
- 2/17** No School
- 2/20** No School
- 2/20** Board of Edu., 6:30p
- 2/21-23** Volleyball Clinic, 3:45p
- 2/24** Chess Club, 3:45p, Library
- 2/27-3/03** Spirit Week Celebrating Youth Art Month
- 3/03** Pokemon Club, 3:45p, Library



- **Monday**
Wear Tie Dye
- **Tuesday**
Wear Primary colors:
Red, Yellow, Blue
- **Wednesday**
Wear Secondary colors:
Purple, Green, Orange
- **Thursday**
Wear **Rainbow** Colors
- **Friday**
Dress like Bob Ross





Mrs. K's Counseling Corner

Dear Blue Jay Family,

I hope the beginning of the year has been kind to you. As I visit with students, I know families are busier than ever, and many of you are taking your kids to sporting events, dancing competitions, chess tournaments, music lessons and various appointments. Please take some time for yourselves as well. Parenting is rewarding, but not easy.

In the last couple of weeks, I have been talking to students about internet safety using the Netzmart curriculum. This has been around for a while, and we enjoyed talking about the new technologies that have come along since this curriculum was created. It is crazy how quickly new technologies come into the public realm, and it is also amazing to see how quickly our kids become proficient at using them.

Many of you will remember me communicating with you that brain science tells us that our prefrontal cortex (executive functioning, problem solving, school brain) is not fully formed until about age 25. Even though our kids are able to access and use technology, doesn't mean that they are able to understand and cope with everything they can access on the internet. Please check in with your children and check on their activities. Our tweens and soon to be teenagers don't necessarily want you checking on their social media and texting groups,

but they still need some your guidance. We're back to that "parenting isn't easy" part.

Next month, for some of our upcoming lessons, we will be using a new resource from LifeHouse. This curriculum has been approved by our board of education, and its purpose is to educate and empower children to have age-appropriate knowledge of body safety/boundaries, body autonomy and confidence in themselves. This is a K-6 program which will talk to kids in a safe way at their age/developmental level. I am sharing the parent note here, and I will send the information home with each student before lessons are scheduled in March and April. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

I will be in my office during parent teacher conferences, unless I am in a meeting. Please feel free to stop by. I miss getting to see so many parents at the end of the day in the car line – but I enjoy getting to spend more time helping students inside. I almost always have coffee and chocolate if you are in need. 😊

Mrs. K., School Counselor

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<https://www.missingkids.org/netsmartz/resources> -
Netzmart resources

President's Pen

The **budget committee** met on January 24th to review and consider funding requests from staff and teachers. The committee consists of PTO board members, parents representing all grades, teacher representatives, and Mrs. Cromwell. The committee kept a few benchmarks in mind when making its decisions. First and foremost, the request could not be something the school district planned to fund. Requests should support an educational need, provide for the well-being of students, or improve JSE's learning environment. With that said, the committee approved requests totaling \$13,180 for:

- a book vending machine that will be used for school wide positive behavior support
- classroom microphone system
- blacklight/LED light sets used for music, art, and P.E.
- color changing light ropes for P.E.
- lap desks for students
- concert props/instruments and additional materials needed for spring concerts
- computer and monitor to stream current events, pictures, menus, and student/teacher info.
- rolling carts for holiday supplies and parties
- couch and chair for the teachers' lounge
- back to school breakfast for JSE staff in August

We also have another exciting project in the works. There is a portion of the money we raised from the **Boosterthon Fun Run** that has been allocated for outdoor spaces for learning and fun. Mrs. Cromwell and the Leadership team have allocated part of the funds for:

- basketball and soccer goals
- patio umbrellas
- outdoor trash cans
- resin deck box
- equipment storage

We have 3 **upcoming dine out night** opportunities coming up...

2/28 - Spin Pizza Fundraiser 4:00-9:00 PM - Must mention or show flyer (below)

3/7 - Jason's Deli Fundraiser 10:00 AM-8:00 PM - Must mention or show flyer (below)

We are hosting our **1st JSE Food Truck Night** on Friday, May 12th. We will have several food trucks to choose from and bounce houses for the kids. If you are interested in sponsoring a bounce house, please contact Lauren Ewald at (785) 554-8360. Take a night off from the kitchen and come have some fun!

Thanks to all of you for your continued support and generosity for our Jay Shideler Elementary students, teachers, and staff!

Please join us for our next PTO meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 8th at 6 p.m. in the library.

It's a great day to be a Blue Jay!

Lori Rupp, Jay Shideler PTO President

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ORGANIZATION:

Jay Shideler
Elementary

DATE & TIME:

Tuesday, February 28th
4pm - 9pm

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