

# Jefferson Elementary Newspaper

Home of the Bucking Broncos!

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## Kindergarten News

Our school year is off to a great start. The students have adjusted to the school routines and going into the library by themselves in the mornings.

In October, we enjoyed our field trip to Port Farms. It was a perfect autumn day!

Later in the month our friends from the Erie City Fire Department came to visit and taught us about fire safety. The students loved it.

We visited staff and patients at the V.A. Hospital on Halloween day. The patients and staff really enjoyed seeing our students in costumes and they gave them lots of treats.

We also enjoy having weekly visits from students at Collegiate Academy. The students have been teaching us about good nutrition and exercise. This November we are preparing for our Thanksgiving Feast. We certainly are busy in kindergarten.



Langston H., Gianelli G., Muhamed V, Lucy B., and Madilyn S. at Port Farms

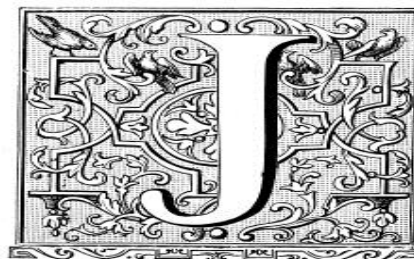
## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade News

Our first graders have had a busy start to this school year. During the month of October, we did an author's study on Erie's own Marc Brown. He is the author and illustrator of all the **Arthur** books. One of the books we read is **Arthur's Halloween**.

Then our students had the opportunity to see the Erie Youth Theater production of **Arthur's Halloween** at the Erie Playhouse. After the show, the students were able to share how the show and the book were the same and how they were different. A great time was had by all!



Brooklyn Lundberg Grade 1



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade News

Second Grade is off to a very exciting start. We have been busy learning vowel patterns, reading strategies, and using our text to understand what we read. We are magnificent mathematicians studying place value, comparing numbers, and using different addition strategies to solve problems. In science, we turn into geologists as we observe volcanic rocks and study the breakdown of rocks on our Earth. Did you know that sand is a small rock? That's not the smallest rock though. Ask us how we made silt and what we know about clay!

Second grade has also been very fortunate to go on several field trips during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Port Farms was a lot of fun as we saw how people and animals live in the country. We researched and studied the life cycle of a pumpkin and got to pick our own pumpkin on the field trip. Some of the pumpkins were still on the vines! Visiting Mercyhurst University was quite

2<sup>nd</sup> grade continued.....

wonderful. We saw a play, visited the hockey arena (meeting players and learning about the sport) and saw some awesome dinosaur bones from a famous professor. One of the tyrannosaurus rex fossils that we saw used to belong to Nicholas Cage! It was so fun eating in the campus cafeteria too. We sure have done a lot so far in second grade. As a culmination activity to our Mercyhurst trip, the students were able to attend an Erie Otters Hockey game. The Otters won in overtime and the kids loved the experience. We can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings! Stay tuned for more learning and events during the second quarter.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade News



3<sup>rd</sup> grade vegetable garden

Cool activities are happening in grade 3. Our fabulous garden produce was entered in the Waterford County Fair. Our apples and peppers won first place. Our beans got an honorable mention! Stephanie Ciner came and helped put our garden to bed. Thank you Ms. Ciner!

Officer Hamilton has been coming to teach us important information about character traits and how to be a good citizen.

Asbury Woods came to present a nature program to each third grade classroom on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Science was extra fun that day!

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Lots of great activities have been going on in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. We built habitats for our Animal Studies Unit. We had hands on experience with frogs, millipedes and crabs.

We enjoyed a field trip to the Metz Culinary Center. We learned new ways of preparing vegetables from garden to plate and took a tour of the kitchen. The food was delicious. Fourth grade also participated in the NOAA Marine Debris Clean-up. We collected trash from the field behind Jefferson and walked to Baker's Field and left it free of debris.

Currently we are studying The Solar System in Science and the electoral process in Social Studies.

Our upcoming unit in science will be electricity and we will have hands-on experiments.

**Polar Express** Day is coming up in December, more details later.



Da'Quan Rowry, Mohammed Alayyahi, and Kavonte Harris at the NOAA Clean-up

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade News

On October 18<sup>th</sup> the fifth grade went to the Waste Management Landfill. We learned about recycling, composting, and leachate (liquid garbage). The same students also participated in the National Intercostal Clean-Up on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. The students collected more than 90 pounds of garbage. Way to go 5<sup>th</sup> grade!

Jefferson fifth grade students held a mock Presidential election on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. After counting all the votes, Hillary Clinton won by a large margin. It was so interesting to see how the real election unfolded and how the electoral college worked. We can't wait to be able to vote in a real election when we are 18 years old in 2024.



Alana Clark 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Counselor News

In January, Jefferson will be implementing the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. Components of this program include teacher led classroom meetings. Students will have the opportunity to openly discuss topics with one another, problem solve when needed, and work together to promote school wide kindness.

## Music News

It is time for the annual Jefferson Winter Concert Series.

**Grade 3-5 Concert – Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 AM**

**Grade K-2 Concert – Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> -9:30 AM**

We look forward to seeing you there!

## Art News



Shane Papa, Damion Caylor and William Baker from Mrs. Guzur's class

Our Jefferson Art Program has been busy this year. Each grade level has learned about the dynamic use of the seven art elements: line, shape, color, value, space, texture, and form.

Animal themes jump-started the year. The autumn season brought inspiration from nature. Some of the projects included cat and dog masks, textured drawn trees, jack-o-lantern pumpkins, and a parade of turkeys. We are looking forward to many more art projects this winter.

Check out the bulletin board by the office to see what we have been doing!

## News from PE

The school break is fast approaching! Here is an activity you can do with your family for those twelve days of winter break! Be healthy....Get active!!!

Sung to the Twelve Days of Christmas)

**Day 1:** On the first day of Winter Break my Physical Education teacher gave to me, 1 minute of modified push-ups.

**Day 2:** 2 minutes of curl-ups.

**Day 3:** 3 hugs from a family member.

**Day 4:** 4 health chores around the house.

**Day 5:** 5 minutes of jumping rope

**Day 6:** 6 minutes of body stretches.

**Day 7:** 7 minutes of dancing with a friend

**Day 8:** 8 minutes of eating healthy snacks

**Day 9:** 9 minutes of playing outside

**Day 10:** 10 minutes of walking with a family member.

**Day 11:** 11 minutes of backward push-ups.

**Day 12:** 12 minutes of jogging

Love, Ms. Zacour

## News from the School Wide Supporters

The WQLN Q Kids Reading Competition is continuing. Jefferson has read a total of **1,974** books to date. Popcorn parties have been held for classes reading the most books per month. The classes of Mrs. Marino, Mrs. Vegas, and Mrs. Eichner have had great parties. The contest ends November 30<sup>th</sup>, so we encourage all students to read, read, read.

On November 10<sup>th</sup>, we had our Marvelous Math Night at which we invited parents and their 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade children to learn about new algorithms and cool web sites for practicing math. We had a good turnout and two lucky families won a Thanksgiving turkey (The Olowinski and the Harris families). Cider and doughnuts were enjoyed by all.



Our Jefferson Parent Resource Center is up and running. Parents, please don't hesitate to visit our library any day 1, 2, or 3 from 8:30 to 9:30 AM to check out books to read at home. We have some very good parenting books and lots of information from various agencies that support our students. Check it out!

## News From Mr. Boam

Positive Office Referrals:

These students have been noticed as doing the right thing without being asked. Faculty and staff have submitted their names to the office and their names were announced and their good behavior was described on morning announcements for all to hear. We are so proud of them. The students are:

Javier Pacheco  
Colton Beer  
LeBron Franklin  
Jade Tanner  
Kyria Henderson  
Amari Farmer  
Giada Hodinko  
Gabriel Montroy-Jones  
Ja'Brava Robinson  
Nyzon Crosby  
Honey Anderson  
Shane Papa  
Antonio Barnes  
Vincent Deangelis-Rieger  
Dayawna Thompson  
William Keith  
Arayia Stepp  
Kennedy Olowinski  
Marcus Mitchell  
Fatma Abdulrazzak  
Yasmin Schimmel  
Syriauna Wells-Brown  
Lee Stepp  
Donovan Hagar

Way to go!!!!!! We hope to have even more names as the year goes on!

## Information from the Cafeteria

Hello from the cafeteria! Every day we have our special menu entrée.

Other daily choices are:

Smucker's PB and J  
Cold Ham and Cheese on a Bun  
Cheese Stick and Yogurt Combo  
Chef Salad with Meat/Cheese  
Veggie Salad

Please remember to check the monthly calendar of offerings before ordering. The menu is also on the School District Website

Thank you for making your lunch choices with your teacher every morning so we can have lunch ready for you.

## Meet Mr. Bayhurst

We are so lucky to have Mr. John Bayhurst come to Jefferson this year as our new Assistant Principal.

He was born and raised in Erie and has an identical twin brother. He played rugby in college at John Carroll and after college he played for the Erie Rugby Club.

He has been teacher, an assistant principal, and principal at several schools. He also has been a Special Education Supervisor for Erie's Public Schools (including Jefferson).

Mr. Bayhurst is very familiar with our school because his dad taught at Jefferson for several years.

He rides an Indian Motorcycle and hunts deer, ducks, and turkeys. He enjoys fishing and ice fishing and will stay out up to ten hours on the ice! He has two rams at his house! He likes to work with his hands and is currently working to renovate a trailer.

He said "Out of all my interests, I love working with children the best. I am proud to be a part of the Jefferson Faculty and look forward to working with every single one of the children. I can be reached anytime through email or by calling the office if I am needed."

## Principal's Message from Ms. Madara

School life at Jefferson continues to be filled with rich, educational experiences for our children. We will be sharing small anecdotes of these experiences in our new Jefferson Newspaper. It will be published quarterly to give our families news from each grade level about past, present and future events at Jefferson.

Our Jefferson Elementary Newspaper is also available with the photos in color on the Jefferson website.

We hope you enjoy our first edition and are enlightened by the new we have to share.

## Dates to Remember:

December 5<sup>th</sup> -Picture Retakes

December 13<sup>th</sup>-12:30PM  
Parent Title I Luncheon –Library

December 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> –  
Candy Cane Lane – Library

## Parent Portal Information

To begin using the Parent Portal, launch your web browser and use these steps

1. Log into the Erie School District website  
<http://eriesd.org>
2. Select "Parents"
3. Select "Infinite Campus Parent Portal"
4. Click "HELP" to expand the sign-in window.
5. Select "Click here" to input your Campus Portal Activation Key
6. Enter your 32-character Campus Portal Activation Key exactly as it appears and click [Submit]
7. You should now be at the Welcome Screen which states "Campus Portal account creation successful!"  
The username must be at least 6 characters in length  
The password must be at least 6 characters in length  
Choose a password that you can remember easily, but will be hard for others to guess. Please destroy the 32 character Portal Activation Code as soon as you enter your new username and password.
8. Once your password has been accepted, you will be invited to "Click Here" to enter the Parent Portal page
9. Type in your new ID and password and click "Log In"

