

# Jefferson Elementary Newspaper

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## Kindergarten News

It's hard to believe that it is the end of the school year!



This spring our students enjoyed a visit to the Children's Museum and learned about science.

We also visited our friends at the VA Hospital. We sang songs, colored pictures and just spent time talking to the men and women who served our country so bravely. It was hard to tell who had the most fun!

On June 1<sup>st</sup> we walked to the Erie Zoo. The children enjoyed a train ride, seeing the animal exhibits and having lunch together at the park.

**On June 8<sup>th</sup>, families are invited to our end of year Kindergarten Celebration.**

We have had a wonderful time seeing our students grow. We are sure they are ready to take on the challenges of first grade.

## 1st Grade News



Spring was the perfect time for a visit from Asbury Woods Nature Center. The first graders learned about maple syrup production and participated in a variety of hands-on activities. The children explored how energy is essential to plant growth and the role of technology in the production of syrup. They even had an opportunity to taste pure maple syrup.

### Note to Parents of First Graders:

All the first graders have grown so much this year. Your child has become a more independent reader, but each child still needs active and involved parenting throughout the summer. We are sending home a "Summer Brain Food" booklet. There is an activity a day for your child to complete. This book will help reinforce the concepts and skill learned in first grade. Please return the completed book for a special treat during the first week of school. Have a wonderful and safe summer!

## 2nd Grade News



2<sup>nd</sup> Grade spent the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter working on many different engaging projects and activities. The 2<sup>nd</sup> graders started the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter off learning about the butterfly life cycle. At the end of that unit, the kids released the butterflies to live free in the wild. After that, the students wrote very informative animal research reports on an animal of their choosing. In Math, the classes completed the time and money units while still working on mastering our ever-important addition and subtraction facts. We have ended our 4<sup>th</sup> quarter with the conclusion of

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Mini-Society®. The Grand Opening was a huge success and the kids were thrilled with the amount of products and goods that were sold. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers would like to thank all of the parents/guardians for their support this year. Each 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student is coming home with a summer *Brain Break* packet to help prevent the *Summer Slide*. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer!

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



### 2017 UNICEF Kid Power Schools Program!

*Our third grade students in Ms. Vegas's class have become compassionate global citizens and helped save the lives of 10,000 severely malnourished children in South Sudan. They have made a difference in this world, and we hope it has made a positive difference in their world too.*

*The following students were the top 3 movers in our class:*

1. *Alketa Xhekiqi with 38 life-saving packets/932,263 steps*
2. *Deven Gunter with 32 life-saving packets/793,760 steps*
3. *Kylie Plyer with 29 life-saving packets/707,076 steps*

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



Fourth Graders at the Erie Conservation District

We have been very busy during the fourth quarter.

In May, we went to the Erie County Conservation District, and to the Seawolves game. The students had a great time testing stream water and looking for creatures inhabiting the stream at the Conservation District. The Seawolves game was exciting. Unfortunately, they lost. Luckily, the rain held off. At our Field Day, the students participated in all events and practiced the character trait of sportsmanship. We finished our Character Education at the end of May, with Officer Hamilton. We are ending our year with a folk tale and poetry unit in Language Arts, In Math we continue to work on mastering multiplication. Many students were awarded a patrol position for next year. They have been mentoring with the current 5th grade. We appreciate all the hard work from our student's this year. A big thank you to our 4th grade parents who have been so instrumental in our success. We are sending home summer reading, so please encourage reading plus practicing addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts. Have a safe and happy summer!

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



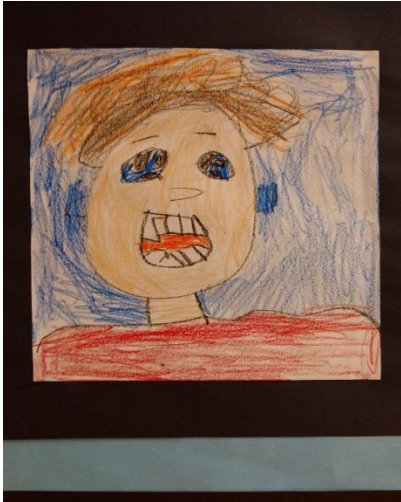
The fifth grade has been very busy this quarter! We took part in an educational field trip to L.E.A.F. (Lake Erie Arboretum at Frontier), and we also participated in the Coastal Clean-up Program that took place throughout the entire Erie City School District. The students and teachers also visited Wilson Middle School for a tour and preview of expectations.

The students read *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Lin. We will finalize reading this great book with a Novel Celebration that goes along with the theme of the plot. Last but not least, there will be a **Fifth Grade Celebration on June 8<sup>th</sup>** to celebrate the completion of fifth grade.

Congratulations and best of luck to our students as they continue their future.

*Good Luck*

## Art News



What a fantastic year we had in the Visual Arts here at Jefferson Elementary School! The May "Gallery Walk/Art Show" captured the "eyes" of all who attended! The first floor hallway beamed with pride with brightly colorful art works from Kindergarten through the 5th grade. Students, faculty, and administration alike commented on how they wished the hallway could be decorated like that all year round! What a true "gift" our students were able to share with the parents as they came to our Spring Concert and could experience the awesome creativity by so many of our Jefferson students. Mrs. Peterson hopes you all continue to look at the world in new and interesting ways and keep drawing and painting over the summer! Have a safe and restful summer vacation!

## News from the School Wide Supporters

Thanks to all the parents who attended Muffins with Mom and Doughnuts with Dad. We had a total of approximately 145 parents attend both events.

The students were so thrilled to share a muffin or doughnut with their parent.

We hope to do more events like this in the future...perhaps Doughnuts with Dad and Daughters and Muffins with Mom and Sons. Stay tuned.

Thank you to all the parents who completed and returned our Parent Needs Assessment Survey. Two hundred seventy nine surveys were tabulated by Ms. Russo and reviewed by the Jefferson Instructional Leadership Team.

We value your input and are preparing our School Wide Plan for the 2017-18 School Year with your suggestions in mind.

Congratulations to the Hasani family who were the lucky winners of the basket of books.



## Music Notes

Congratulations to the students at Jefferson Elementary for performing two wonderful spring concerts! The students gained valuable experience as to how to perform in front of an audience.

As summer approaches, there are many activities that can be done at home to foster the love of music. Here are a few simple suggestions:

### Summer Music Activities

1. Go to a concert or a music festival
2. Check out a CD or a music book from the library
3. Make your own musical instrument using rice and an empty water bottle
4. Create new words to a favorite song
5. Create a dance to a favorite song