

# Jefferson Elementary Newspaper

Home of the Bucking Broncos!

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## Kindergarten News

It's hard to believe that half of the school year is over. The students are really showing progress from all their hard work. We are learning about careers, kindness, and three dimensional shapes.

Report cards will be distributed on January 31<sup>st</sup>. We are busy completing individual assessments. The students are doing well. Please remember to go over home work with your child and to practice skill such as sight words, counting, and letter sounds.



Gianiayah, Lexi, Jaiden, and Donovan

## Just a Reminder

School begins at 8:00.

Students must be in class by 8:20 or will be considered late. All students are offered a free breakfast each morning.

Dismissal is at 2:30.

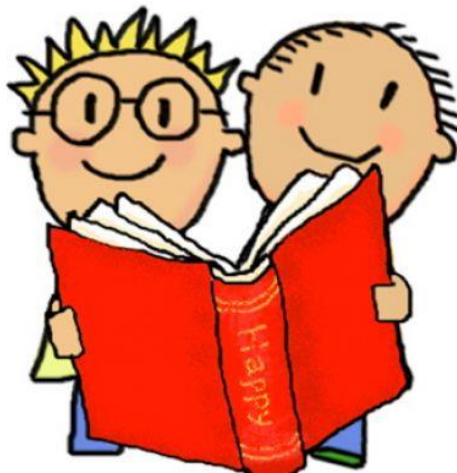
## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade News

Our first graders have been very busy in the second quarter.

We have been learning new "word wall" words and "word family" words. Just for fun, ask your first grader to clap, tap, stomp, basketball, or disco the words.

In math, we have been practicing addition. We have been focusing on +0, +1, and doubles. We encourage parents to make or purchase flash cards to help practice addition facts at home.

Please continue to read with and to your child at home. Maybe take a trip to one of our wonderful libraries. A trip to a library is always a fun adventure.



## 2nd Grade News

Second Grade wrapped up 2016 with our annual Christmas Around the World activity. This was a very exciting opportunity for the students to learn about different countries and to learn from a different second grade teacher. Each class learned about Mexico, Germany, Italy and Russia. Students also got to complete a craft and sample food from each country. It was quite a success!

The start of 2017 has brought much excitement. During January, the students began to learn cursive writing. Jefferson feels it is an important skill to help our students become successful adults. Parents can help by asking students to practice at home. We are beginning lowercase letters first.

Another exciting activity that second grade began in January is the Rocket Math program. This program is designed to help children memorize basic addition and subtraction facts with a little

-2nd Grade continued.... friendly competition. Students take a one minute test each day and as they pass, they get to move their individual rocket up the alphabet. The children are responding well to this program and enjoy challenging themselves on a daily basis. Parents can help at home by practicing flash cards or even making up one minute tests for their own child..

Some things to look forward to as we progress through the second half of the school year include the start of Mini Society activities and well as learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. Stay tuned!!!

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



Third grade continues to learn positive character traits from Officer Hamilton. The lessons have been focusing on grit. To have grit means to have courage and resolve or strength of character.

In third grade, we will be reading out first novel in the third quarter. The book is called *Stone Fox* by John Reynolds Gardiner. We will be completing many activities as we read *Stone Fox*.

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



Mr. Lintelman – Conductor on the Polar Express

Fourth grade had a busy second quarter full of activities. In early December, we had a visit from a Erie City School District Service Center dietician. She taught us about the food pyramid and proper nutrition. We enjoyed a healthy and tasty snack.

On December 21<sup>st</sup> we celebrated the book *The Polar Express*. We all dressed in our pajamas, read the book, and watched the movie while enjoying popcorn and cocoa.

On January 6<sup>th</sup>, Tom Atkins, from JET TV came to talk about weather forecasts, and how to become a meteorologist.

We are continuing to learn about **Character: Be About It** from Officer Hamilton.

Finally, we continue to prepare for our state tests in April.

#### For grades 3, 4, and 5

Reading PSSA will be April 3-7

Math PSSA will be April 34 -28

#### For grade 4

Science PSSA will be May 1-5

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

The fifth grade students are currently studying physics. We have been constructing Kinex cars to learn motion and design in our Motion and Design Science Unit. First, the students build a standard car and then track the car's velocity and speed using rubber band power. Through these activities, the students learn about stored or potential energy. The final activity is a design challenge. Ethan Potts is proudly pictured with his Kinex car!

On Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, students in fifth grade who have had good behavior and have completed assignments will be going on an educational field trip to watch the Bayhawks play at School Kids Jam at the Erie Insurance Arena.



### Counselor News

Olweus classroom meetings have started. On each day three, all classes have a group discussion on ways to promote school wide kindness. This also promotes students ability to openly share concerns. The meetings are student led and focus on topics that are grade level appropriate and aim to build a positive classroom environment.

## News from PE

The week of February 13<sup>th</sup>, our school is holding a Jump Rope for Heart event to raise funds for The American Heart Association. The money helps fund potentially lifesaving research for heart disease. It also supports the development of educational materials such as heart health and staying fit.

The event also provides an opportunity for our children to perform community service as well. Family and friends can support a child's participation by contributing however, we ask for children not to go door to door asking for donations. Children will bring home a collection envelope for contributions on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Children will be jumping rope for heart during the school day. The envelopes need to be returned to Ms. Blasco by Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Participants earn prizes based on contributions. We look forward to a successful Jump Rope For Heart.

Thanks for your support.

## Music News

This third quarter all of our students will be focusing on beat and rhythm. The kindergarten and first grade students will be playing along with different types of music using non-pitched classroom instruments such as sand blocks, rhythm sticks, and maracas. The xylophones will be used in grades two and three as the students learn how to compose different rhythm patterns. Fourth grade has just started a recorder unit and the fifth grade has begun a keyboard unit. In addition to playing different instruments, the students will continue to sing songs and learn about famous composers and musicians.

## News from the School Wide Specialists

### 6 Ways to Encourage Your Older Child to Read:

Adapted from Merete Kropp - The Washington Post

#### 1. Read physical books.

Children need to see the people they look up to clearly engaged in positive reading habits. Read a tangible book, not just an electronic version.

**2. Subscribe to print newspapers and magazines.** The newspaper provides access to current events. Leave newspapers and magazines on the table for your child to read as they eat breakfast or have an afternoon snack.

**3. Schedule routine family meals.** When gathering to eat, discussions on topics and events of the day can be shared. This brings families closer together.

**4. Give books as gifts.** Children learn to value the things that adults value when they are presented as special treats. Books can be given as gifts for birthdays and other occasions. A subscription to a favorite magazine or a book by a beloved author may encourage older children to read for enjoyment.

**5. Read the books your kids are reading.** Books are more enjoyable when we share conversations about them. We can learn much about our children's values by reading what they read.

**6. Create media-free zones.** Establish norms by designating device-free times and places to encourage conversation, reading and other quiet activities.

## News from Mr. Boam

We have had many positive office referrals in the second quarter. During morning announcements, the following students' names were read and the positive behavior they demonstrated was described for all the faculty and students to hear. Congratulations!!!!!!

Jorge Cruz  
Dara'ja Brown  
Onnya Austin  
Abigail Anderson  
Katiana DeJesus  
Gabriel Montroy-Jones  
Jalen Shannan  
Gino Gonzales  
Wession Maske  
Andriy Derevyanchuk  
Nyjuan Manning  
Yahir Nieves  
Leovani Becerra  
Tahjmere Morgan  
Adrien Flagella  
Delvon Dunn  
Luis Vazquez  
Ky'ren Jordon  
Javier Pacheco  
Anna Woodward  
Ezekiel Dorsey  
Shane Papa  
Journey Williams  
Lilia Ames

AND.... Mrs. Walker!

## Information from the Cafeteria

### Technology appears in the lunchroom!

Students now have begun using ID cards which they scan as they get their lunch. Students no longer need to punch in their student numbers. This will allow the food service to keep better track of student lunches.



## A Love Letter from Ms. Madara to all of us a Jefferson School

Dear Jefferson Students,  
Parents, and Families,

With every beginning, there comes an end. On January 31, 2017, I shall be retiring. The past thirteen years at Jefferson School have given me a lifetime of cherished memories.

My eternal thanks for all you have done to make this time, some of the best of my life.

Sincerely,

D. Madara

*"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."*

Winnie the Pooh

### Art News



We have completed many great things. Each class created holiday art that decorated the auditorium for our Holiday Concert. The visual arts classes highlighted the "joy" of the season while students sang festive songs. Jacob Moore, a student in Ms. Popa's third grade, was honored by having his art work selected by the Erie Public School Administration to be viewed on our website during the holidays. Congratulations Jacob!

## Love Letters to Ms. Madara as she goes on to her next big adventure!

Dear Ms. Madara,  
You're big, bold, bright, and someone we can always count on. We will miss you so much, and everyone here has had the pleasure to meet you. Everything in the school runs so smoothly of course because of you. You make sure everyone is hitting their educational goals, and certainly keep us on track. You make everyone around you feel safe with the discipline rules you have set. You've impacted everyone at Jefferson and have touched our lives.

Journey Lewonas

### POEM

I have learned so much,  
Sometimes I see you at lunch,  
You've been here so long,  
On announcements while they sing their song.  
You always make us try our best,  
That makes us put our wits to the test.  
Your big, bold style will stay here awhile,  
Even after you're gone.  
You're a mentor of all,  
And will always be remembered at Jefferson hall.

Journey Lewonas

We will miss you Ms. Madara. I hope you have fun. Thank you for helping me when a bully bullied my brother and you helped me out. Hopefully everything goes the way you want. Thank you for teaching my sister Poala, Wayne and now me!

John Gonzalez

Thank you for what you have done for us all these years. We wish that you have a great year off.

Marat Rastamov

Interview with Nyjuan Manning  
a current 4<sup>th</sup> grader at  
Jefferson.

**Question:** Ms. Madara is retiring. What would you like to say to her?

**Answer:** I would like to say that I am going to miss her. She is very nice to me. She always listens to me and talks to me in the office.

**Question:** What are you going to miss most about Ms. Madara?

**Answer:** I am going to miss her hugs.

**Question:** What do you think Ms. Madara should do in her free time?

**Answer:** I think she should go on vacation, watch t.v., go out to eat, and sleep in.

**Question:** What is your favorite thing about Ms. Madara?

**Answer:** She would let me eat lunch with the teacher and clean up the classrooms.

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