

JOHNSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THUNDERBIRD NEWS

MARCH 2021

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Order your Yearbook now. Order forms are available in the office and are due by March 26th. Or order online at mymjthomas.com use code johnsonyb2021 to access our book!
Yearbooks are \$20.00



Inside this issue:

New News	2
A Message from Mrs. Waschbusch	3
Recognition	
Physical Education	5
Library	6
Art	7
Health News	8
Counselor's Corner	9

After School Message Calls

Parents, if you need to make a change to your child's after school plan, call us before 2:30 PM (or 1:30 PM on Wednesdays). For example, if you would like to pick up your child after school, or plans changed and you need them to ride the bus, we will gladly deliver the message. If you call 5-10 minutes before the bell rings, it is difficult for us to give the message in time .Thank you for understanding our procedure

March 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
8	9 *Robotics Club 3:15-4:15PM	10	11 *End of 3rd Quarter	12 *NO SCHOOL
15	16	17	18	19
22	23 *Robotics Club 3:15-4:15PM	24	25	26
29	30	31		

A Note From Our Dean of Students

Mrs. Waschbusch

State testing season is almost upon us. For many of our students it will be their first opportunity to demonstrate what they know and are able to do in the areas of English language arts (ELA) and mathematics! This is exciting and truly important for both your child and our school. Colorado Measure of Academic Success (CMAS) is the state of Colorado's assessment tool to measure the progress of each student's academic journey through the Colorado Academic Standards (CAS). At the elementary level, CMAS is given to students in grades 3-5 in the areas of English language arts and mathematics. Each test consists of three timed units. ELA is given in three units that are ninety minutes long and math is given in three units that are 65 minutes long. Science is also tested in students fifth grade year by a three-unit test that is 80 minutes long.

JES teachers have been working with your child all year on learning the Colorado Academic Standards. Being present and trying hard during testing is one way to say thank to your school and teacher. Many grants, and awards can be tied to school results on CMAS. Additionally, student performance on tests is analyzed for ways to improve our teaching and school community in following years.

During testing it is very important that your child gets an adequate amount of rest and a good breakfast. It is also helpful that your child is on time to school on testing days. This provides them ample time to get settled in, eat breakfast before testing, and put their game face on! Don't think of testing as something to be nervous about but rather a game to play, or race to run. You want your child to show up to game or race day prepared and ready to show their best.

Please be on the lookout for a finalized testing schedule. The testing schedule will be announced through ClassDojo.

Recognition

Si Se Puede!



Congrats to Emiliano Valles Murillo for winning the Si Se Puede! Award for the month of January.



Congrats to Kevin Hernandez for winning the Si Se Puede! Award for the month of February.

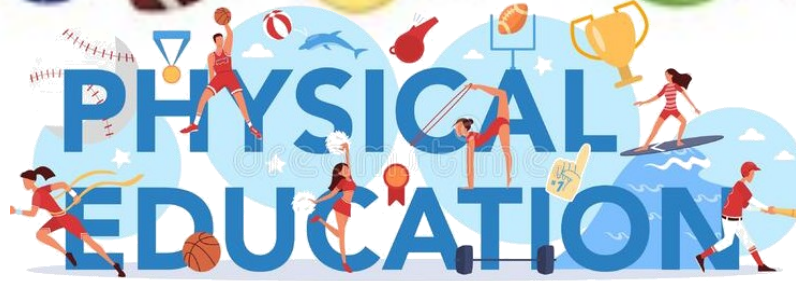
ABC Award



Congrats to Eli Hernandez-Perez for winning the ABC Award in the Month of January!



Congrats to Ellie Gomez for winning the ABC Award in the Month of January!



Hello Thunderbirds!

Mighty March is upon us here at JES! We are super excited to be moving into the Spring months that will hopefully provide enough time outside to spread our PE wings and fly around the track and start to explore our units that occur outdoors.

In our jump rope unit, we will work on furthering your child's coordination when it comes to making the rope work. They will explore new skills that they will be exposed to in the jump roping unit.

We will be asking that you send your child with an upper layer that will provide comfort while outside at times if the weather is temperate enough. Please ask your child to share in their learning and do the Tabata warm-up that changes weekly to work on various types of fitness components.

We want to celebrate all of our students in their efforts to date thus far this year; we have been grinding through the winter months and Mr. Hines and Mr. Beller want to give a **BIG THUNDERBIRD SHOUTOUT-BBBBBBBBBRRRRRRRAAAAAHHHHH** to all of our learners for coming into class ready to work and tackle new skills or build upon previous learning.

With that being said, here's to getting out and being physically active more as Daylight Savings is right around the corner.

Happy Fitness!

JES PE DEPT

LIBRARY

Hello Reader

First of all, THANK YOU SO MUCH for supporting our online fair this Spring! Your generosity will continue to allow me to add new books and materials to the library. Also a special thank-you to those of you who made teacher wish-lists a reality!

A quote I love says, "A book is proof that humans are capable of working magic!" The partnership that exists between educators and grown-ups at home is crucial to our children's success, and dare I say a MAGICAL partnership! Even just 6 more minutes of reading a day can take a struggling reader and turn them into a proficient reader! We have seen this in students at JOHNSON! It happens - and you can help us by encouraging your children as much as you can. Even reading a cereal box is something! The acquisition of language is crucial!!

As we move into springtime and sunshine, maybe take a blanket and a book outside and enjoy a "book picnic" as you soak up that vitamin D! Snap a pic and share it with me on Dojo!

Happy Reading!
Mrs. Whitcomb (aka Ms. Books!)





Dear Parents:

Art is a unique language for communicating ideas and feelings. The Art program at Johnson Elementary provides the opportunity for all students to succeed in expressing their emotions, talents, and character through their artwork. A sense of teamwork and individual achievement are carefully balanced to encourage all students to advance artistically during the course of their elementary education. Our Art program attempts to familiarize all students with the world of Art Education while accounting for personal interests and cultural backgrounds.

During this month the students have learned to understand and apply the basic components of visual arts, such as geometric and freeform shapes. We discussed the difference between geometric and freeform shapes. The students have explored and used basic art materials, techniques, and processes in their art projects.

Children enjoy the creative process and take great personal pride in displaying and sharing their own personal creations.

Elvira Butler, Teacher of Art, Johnson Elementary
249-2484 (X-3139) Elvira.butler@mcsd.org



Health News

Cold and Flu season is still in full force. The season peaks in February and on average can last until late April and sometimes carries into May (Iannelli, V., 2019). Please keep reminding and teaching kids the importance of hand washing to help get them in the habit.

Kids Health teaches us the best way to wash our hands, and even washing hands together to set the best example.

- Wet your hands with clean, running water
- Use soap and lather up, scrub for about 20 seconds. Make it fun! Sing a song make up a saying and make sure they are scrubbing between fingers and getting soap under their nails (this is the best hiding spot for germs)
- Rinse and dry with a clean towel
Remember you can always use hand sanitizer in a pinch, but it is recommended to wash your hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.



Iannelli, V. (2019, August 16). Learn When Flu Season Begins and When It Ends. Retrieved February 28, 2020, from <https://www.verywellhealth.com/flu-season-from-start-to-peak-and-end-2633835>

Mrs. Jaramillo—School Councilor

Thank you so much to our PTC for Sponsoring this fun event!



Hello families!

NED'S mindset MISSION

Is Visiting Our School!

SHOW DATE _____

Our school is hosting **NED's Mindset Mission**, a live streaming all school event. A world-class performer takes our students on an interactive educational journey filled with storytelling, illusions, yo-yo tricks and humor.

NED's message and memorable friends inspire students, promote academic achievement, and support our school goals.

Never give up **E**ncourage others **D**o their best®

Each student will receive a NED® messaged yo-yo and a yo trick sheet. A yo-yo is both a mindset tool and a tangible reminder of NED's message. While learning to yo, children will make mistakes, try again, and improve. Read more at: www.MindsetMission.com/yoyos.



NED'S MINDSET MISSION

PROVIDES...

More than
130
free printables

40
kid-friendly learn
to yo videos

1
unforgettable
program that creates
champion attitudes!

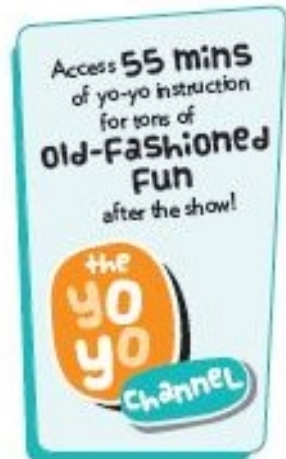
use NED at Home

- Share a story about never giving up on something that was important to you as a child.
- Be your child's #1 encourager! Recognize something that your child is trying to be awesome at and applaud their efforts.
- If your child is excelling in a particular area, identify new challenges that will keep them doing their best!



- Responsibility charts
- Coloring sheets
- Discussion cube

www.NEDteachers.com



www.NEDkids.com