

# JOHNSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THUNDERBIRD NEWS

May 2021

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***\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION\****

**Information About Next Year**

We would like to thank all our families for your support and flexibility throughout this school year. Due to your patience and cooperation, we were able to remain open all year! We would like to remind all parents that if you are planning to have your child attend JES next year, you do not need to do anything to register. All students are automatically enrolled for the following year unless we are told otherwise. We will send more information in August to families about the 2021-2022 school year. Updates will be posted on ClassDojo and our website throughout the summer. Check out the link below to see the calendar for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year.

<https://www.mcscd.org/Menuitem/Board%20Approved%20Calendar%2021-225.pdf>

**May 2021**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
10 *4th Grade Field Trip 8:00AM-12:30PM	11	12	13	14 *5th Grade Track Meet
17	18	19 *2nd Grade Field Trip 8:00AM-3:00PM	20 *Field Day	21
24	25	26 *Last Day of School *Half Day, dismissal at 12:05PM	27 Have a great Summer! 	28
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# A Goodbye Message to JES



I, Mr. Hines, would like to take a few moments to say thank you to the JES community. I have been at JES for the past four years and it has been a phenomenal experience. As many of you know, I will be moving on after the end of the year and have taken a new job out of state. It is a bittersweet transition for sure. I am looking forward to the next chapter of my life, but it is incredibly hard to leave all the wonderful parents, teachers, and most of all, the students here at JES. The last four years have meant more to me than any of you know and I am so thankful for my time with you all. I have learned so much and will take away lessons that I will use the rest of my life. More so, I have gained relationships that I will cherish forever. Thanks to all of you from the bottom of my heart. I will miss you all very much! JES will always hold a very special place in my heart!

-Austin Hines



# LIBRARY

Happy Spring Johnson Families!

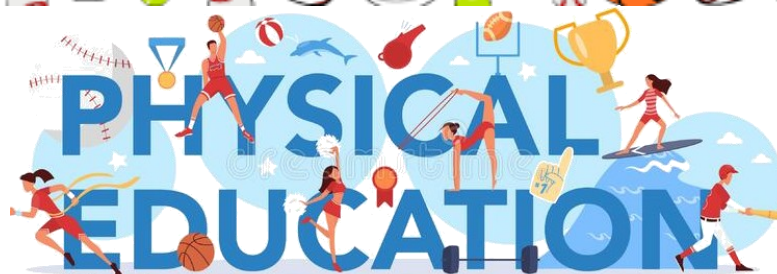
We have finally been experiencing some nicer weather and I can't wait to get out and enjoy the sunshine. As we begin to think about wrapping up this school year, I have a couple of things on my mind.

First, I want to encourage all of our JES students to remember to read over the summer. It truly is important for keeping our minds sharp and ready to learn when it is time to come back in the Fall. This brings me to my second thing, which is Montrose Regional Library's SUMMER READING ADVENTURE!! Every summer our local library puts on a fantastic reading program. This year, to help us get excited for the program, all classes will be participating in a presentation which will help give your kids information about the program. Also coming home will be library card applications for those children who do not have a library card yet. These applications should be returned to the school and then cards will be issued for students! We really want all of our students to have access to the incredibly fun programming our library offers! Who knows, I may even give out surprises for kids who participate when we return for school next year!

Finally, I want to thank you all for your support this year. Thank you for supporting our BOOK FAIRS! Thank you for taking care of our library books and thank you for taking the time to read to your child(ren). We have all really worked hard to make this year successful! My last request is to PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE check your bookcases at home for any JES library books. I am missing quite a few titles (some even from last year). I will send home reminders with the kids the week of MAY 10th.

Happy Summer Reading!  
Marinda Whitcomb

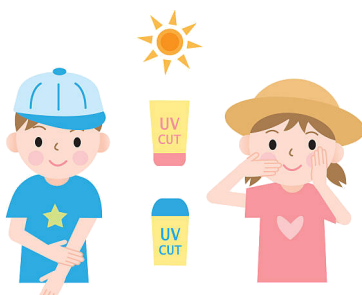




# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Greetings JES Parents and Students!

As May is here, so are the last weeks of the school year. We have many events and fun activities planned for all of our learners to conclude this year. What an interesting, yet fun and adventurous school year we have had. As we end the school year, we will be working on many different activities in PE class. As we move towards field day, we will be exposing the students to as many of the field day events as possible.



Field day will be on May 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> this year. We are waiting to set a date depending on the weather. The students will be able to participate in a full day of field day events. Half of their day will be filled with physical activities and the other half will consist of STEM activities. Please make sure that your child comes prepared to with sun-

screen, hats, and water as they will be in the sun a lot. We will continue to communicate details as the day gets closer.

We are excited to be able to host our own 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Track Meet this year on May 14<sup>th</sup>. It will be filled with some of the traditional track events that we offer regularly, as well as some events that we have modified to best suit the needs of our students and what we have available at our own facility. We will be sending home more specific details as to what the students need to bring that day.



We look forward to finishing this school year strong!

Mr. Beller and Mr. Hines



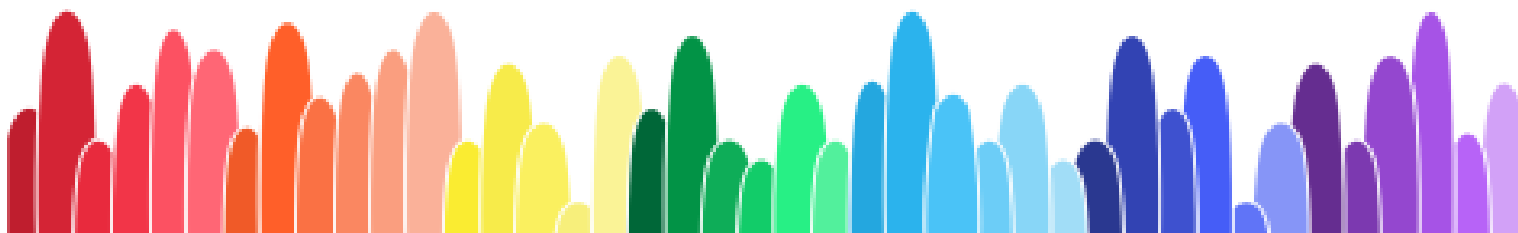
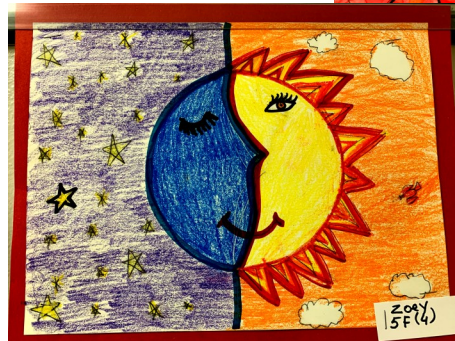
**Dear Parents:**

**The Johnson Art Program provides the opportunity for student develop artistic knowledge and skills that enable them to be lifelong learners who can contribute to society visually, verbally, and in writing. Through the study of art, students will develop creative and critical thinking skills that help them be effective problem-solvers both in and outside of school.**

**During this month, the students have learned to understand and apply the basic components of visual art, such as color. Color is one of the most exiting elements of art. All grades worked with the color wheel and learned about color theory. Students produced original art works with warm and cool colors. In addition, students were given lessons to improve their painting skills and have pride in their craftsmanship.**

**All students' art projects are displayed in our halls on a regular basis.**

**Elvira Butler, Teacher of Art, Johnson Elementary**



# Health News



## SUN SAFETY

Skin cancer is by far the most common type of cancer in the United States, but it can be prevented. Most skin cancers are caused by too much sun exposure. The greatest need for sun safety occurs during the time of year when the sun's ultraviolet radiation is strongest, namely March through October, but sun safety is important year round. To reduce the risk of skin cancer, we strongly recommend that you encourage and assist your child in taking steps to protect the skin from being damaged by the sun. The following are items that your child may bring to school for sun protection:

- **Hats are allowed outside during recess. Please bring a hat that can be kept in a backpack when not in use.**
- **Season appropriate clothing is encouraged. Wear shirts with short sleeves in hotter months to protect shoulders and arms.**
- **Sunglasses are important to protect eyes from sun damage.**
- **Remember that sunscreen is not allowed at school unless prescribed by a doctor, but you can help your child apply sunscreen at home before the start of the school day.**

Children who prevent their skin from becoming sun damaged will have much less risk of developing skin cancer later in life. Please take time to discuss the importance of sun safety with your child and review the various methods for protecting the skin against sun damage. Remember, sun safety is just as important at home, on weekends, and on vacations as it is at school. Be sure to set a good example by being sun-safe yourself!

# Mrs. Jaramillo- School Councilor



To end our school year, we are working together as a community to recognize kindness in each other and celebrate acts of kindness by students. Recognizing and reinforcing kind acts can help to teach children what they can do to support each other and in turn will reduce bullying and contribute to many positive outcomes. There is a natural good feeling that comes from showing kindness to others. It increases self-esteem and students' sense of belonging. Students can have an impact on a positive inclusive environment. This will help them to make friends and increase connection levels, in turn improving their overall health and academic success!

For more information about why kindness is important, check out this article:

<http://www.edutopia.org/blog/teaching-kindness-essential-reduce-bullying-lisa-currie>



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