

The Hornet's Buzz
Jackson Township Elementary
March 2024

A Note From the Principal

Dear Parents,

March 22, 2024

During the week of March 6, second and third grade students were assessed with the state required assessment called IREAD-3. Why did second grade students take this test? The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) offered the assessment to second grade students, however it was optional for the schools to participate. Our second graders did really well on this assessment - one student received a perfect score! Information and score reports were sent home with report cards. Second graders who received a Pass rating have fulfilled the state requirement for Passing IRead-3, and will not need to take the assessment as third graders next year. Those who have received ratings of At Risk or On Track will take the assessment as third graders next year.

Our third-grade students also did well on IREAD! Many of our third graders passed last year as second graders and did not need to take the assessment. Their scores will be counted with those who were recently assessed to calculate our pass percentage. This percentage will be communicated after those who did not pass are re-tested during the summer. Those that did not pass will have the opportunity to take IREAD summer school remediation and then take the test again during IRead Summer School in June.

Spring Break is here! This is a time to take a break and recharge your batteries to prepare for the fourth and final grading period of school year. I'm sure your children will welcome this well-deserved time away from school and look forward to spending quality time with their family. Whether you go away on a family vacation or just enjoy the comforts of your home next week, be sure to enjoy this time with your children.

Have a great Spring Break!

Sincerely,

Brad Ennen
JTE Principal



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Parenting Practicalities

The *Parenting Practicalities* section is designed to provide you with common-sense tips on your most important role, that of being a **PARENT**.

Because you, your child's parent, are the MOST influential and important person in your child's life, a Parenting Practicality section is included in each month's newsletter. This month's practicality is a brochure written by Jim Trelease that has been included at the end of the newsletter. Mr. Trelease is a renowned reading expert, and JTE has used many of his strategies throughout the years. You are encouraged to read *A Math Formula to Explain: Why Some Read a Lot and Some Read Very Little*.



CHARACTER CORNER

Each week, your child will be introduced to a Character Quality, which is part of the JTE Character Education Program. *Parents are encouraged to discuss these qualities at home and suggest ways your child can model these qualities.* The qualities for April are:

Dependability. Dependability means able to count on, depend on, and trust.

Respect for the Environment. Respect for the environment means to feel or show honor for the environment.

Sportsmanship. Sportsmanship means the ability to take winning or losing without gloating or complaining.

Pride. Pride means proper delight or satisfaction in your own accomplishments.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

April 4	Kindergarten Round-Up at 9:00
April 8	In-Service Day—No School for students
May 21	Student Last Day of School/Report Cards go home

March Birthdays

Wyatt Benskin	Charlee Nevill
Alani Buehler	Caitlin Olah
Paisley Crim	Nora Phillips
Claudia Gilliam	Lola Thomspson
Addilyn Hill	Wyatt Wald
Lola Jeffries	