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# John Johnson Elementary

## February

Our school will be an active place this month. We will celebrate Valentine's Day, Black History Month, and Jump Rope for Heart. We hope that you and your family will continue to support your student and our school activities at JJE.

### healthMpowers

Sign up for weekly wellness text messages. If your student is in K-2nd grade, text "K2 John Johnson" to 877877. If your student is in 3rd-4th grade, text "John Johnson" to 877877. For Spanish, text "John Johnson Spanish" to 877877.

## PK Registration

Registration for Pre Kindergarten will be held on Tuesday, February 6th, from 8:30 am until 2:30 pm and again from 4:30 pm until 6:00 pm. If you have a student who will turn 4 years old by September 1, please plan on coming for registration. Documentation required will be your child's birth certificate, social security card, immunization record, proof of residence, and Medicaid/Peachcare/Food Stamp Card/TANF or SSI Letter. PK has limited enrollment, so plan to come early to register. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

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January 29, 2018

## Cell Phones and Traffic

Please do not use your cell phone during morning drop off or afternoon dismissal. We need all drivers alert for the safety of our students. Also, please be aware of staff members on duty in the afternoon and follow their directions. We are working to keep all staff and students safe.

## Yearbooks

Yearbooks are on sale for \$16.00 until March 9th. A yearbook is a great way for our students to remember their friends and their teachers. Order forms have already been sent home. If you need another form, please contact the office.

## Black History Month

We will learn about Black History during our morning news show and monthly assembly. Students will share biographies on air, and we will also use video clips to illustrate the contributions of famous African Americans. We will culminate this focus as part of our monthly Top Dawg on February 23rd.

## Valentine's Day and Candy-Grams

Students will exchange Valentines on February 14th. **Please remember that we do not accept deliveries at school.**

Candy-Grams will go on sale Tuesday, January 30th. Student Council will be selling candy-grams through Friday, February 9th. For those of you new to JJE, candy-grams are Valentine cards with a lollipop attached. Students can send these cards to their friends and classmates here at JJE. These special Valentines will be delivered to each homeroom on Tuesday, February 14th before dismissal. Each candy-gram costs \$1, and students can purchase as many as they would like.

Parents who would like to purchase a candy-gram for their child should complete the order form at the end of this parent letter and turn in to Mrs. Grubbs in the front office. The office will sell on Monday, February 12th until 11:00am.

## PTO News

Our next PTO meeting will be on Tuesday, February 27th, at 6:30pm. Kindergarten and 4th grade students will perform. There will be a short program discussing Technology.

## Crazy Hat Day

Crazy Hat Day will be March 9th and it cost \$1.00 to participate. All the proceeds will go to the Heart Association. Hats will be judged by the following categories:

- Biggest Hat
- Most Unique Edible Hat
- Funniest Hat (bought or made)
- Most Creative (child created)

## **Upcoming Events:**

January 30- Candy Gram Sales through Feb. 9th  
February 6- PK Registration; Early Learner Workshop 6-7pm- JWE  
February 15- 4 1/2 weeks progress report (Grades 1-4)  
February 16- Winter Break- No School  
February 19- President's Day- No School  
February 23- Top Dawg; Black History Program  
February 27- PTO Meeting 6:30 pm (K and 4th grade to perform)  
March 8- Parent Conferences 5-7pm (by invitation from the teacher)  
March 9- End 3rd 9 weeks; Early Release; Crazy Hat Day  
March 12- Professional Development Day (No School for Students)

## **Grade Level Information**

### **Pre-Kindergarten**

Valentine's Day party on Wednesday, February 14th at 12:30pm. Requests for party donations will be sent home. If you have something special you would like to contribute, please let your child's teacher know.

Pre-K registration for the 2018-19 school year will be February 6th.

Our unit of study for the month of February will be "Growing Up Healthy".

Please continue to review basic skills at home that include: upper and lowercase letter recognition, number recognition to at least ten, colors, shapes, cutting skills, and writing their names.

### **Kindergarten**

During the month of February Kindergarten will be celebrating Valentine's Day as well as President's Day. Our month will be filled with many fun and educational activities. We will be completing a STEM project called "Replicating an Artifact". On February 27th we will be performing at the PTO program. In math we will continue to work on making ten, decomposing numbers, and addition/subtraction stories. Please refer to the study guide sent home when you are helping your child.

In reading we will continue to work on becoming fluent readers. Students will be tested on their individual letters and letter sounds, as well as, working to further improve their writing.

Sight word testing will start on March 5th. Please continue to work on your child's sight words and SRA words each night.

Don't forget about our Book It Program. Keep reading every night!

## First Grade

We have gotten off to a great start for our second semester of first grade! Please remember to check with your child to make sure that they have all their school supplies (crayons, glue sticks, pencils, and scissors). Since we have started taking assessments online, it is imperative for your child to have working headphones. Please ask your child or look for a note from your child's teacher. The school has headphones for sale for \$1.00.

In social studies we will be focusing on Theodore Roosevelt and George Washington Carver. In Science we will continue to study magnets, the energy source of light, and the impact of light to create shadows.

In math we will continue to study measurement, shapes and their attributes. We continue to have weekly tests in grammar and spelling. Writing is such an important component of our curriculum. We will continue to write across the curriculum and will now be taking grades on the student's writing. Daily reading with your student is very important. We are pushing all our students to be reading on grade level and you reading with them at home helps us with this goal. If your teacher sends home extra work,

## Second Grade

We are off to a great start for the New Year! We will continue working hard on the following content:

Math- applying base ten/adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers

Science- physical properties of matter (solids, liquids, and gases)

ELA- opinion writing/ novel study unit "Sarah Plain and Tall"

Social Studies- Georgians and civil rights (Jackie Robinson/sportsmanship)

We have set a goal for our students to read at least 10 books a month, please encourage your child to reach their goal.

\*\* Remember to study for weekly math and DOL quizzes.

## Third Grade

Practice fluency reading, passages were sent home today. Continue to review math skills and multiplication facts.

We will be having a Valentine's Day party on Feb. 14th. Students will only need to sign their valentines. A letter about the party will be coming soon.

## Guidance

From the Counselor....

During Guidance times on Fridays, we are reviewing career clusters and we are covering good character traits: respect, honesty, diligence, and kindness (to name a few). Please ask your student what they learn about these. We begin by observing that the meaning of character is right inside the word itself. It is the way one acts. We choose whether we want to work (act) for good character or bad character. When you read with or to your student, ask about the character of the people in the story.

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### Fourth Grade

Fractions, fractions, fractions. We will keep exploring fraction equivalence and extend learning to ordering fractions. Students will learn how to compare fractions with different denominators as well as different numerators. As you know, math quizzes are every Friday and students have math homework every night of the week.

We will continue reading our stories in Journeys and focusing heavily on writing to prepare for the Georgia Milestones test. At the top of our writing list is how to write a "hook" for readers called an introduction.

This month 4th graders will analyze the challenges faced by the framers of the Constitution and identify the major leaders of the Constitutional Convention. Please review notes in the SS section of your child's binder each night.

**Candy-Gram Order Form: PLEASE INCLUDE *FIRST AND LAST NAMES*, Grade and Homeroom teacher's name.**

To: \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_ HR: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\*\*\*Each Candy-Gram is \$1. Please put order form and money in an envelope before giving to Mrs. Grubbs.

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_