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THE PRIMARY SOURCE

(for all the Primary News)



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A Note from the Principal...

We are well into the new school year and your students are working hard each and every day to develop the skills that will help them be successful in school and in life. I want to thank our students for being diligent in wearing their masks. It is also fun to sit back and watch the new friendships develop as well as the old friendships continue. We have the greatest kids in the world and we appreciate the opportunity we have to work with your child/children each day. Our teachers stay busy as they continually work to develop lessons that will be the very best for their students. Parents, we Thank You for the time you spend with your children helping them with homework, reading with them, and just being there for them. We remind you that the success of our children is a team effort and requires us all to work together. I encourage you to communicate with your child's teacher often and to keep the lines of communication open.

I have a couple of items to bring to your attention that will be a big help to us:

1. Parents if you have an issue with you child being Bullied at school please come in and see me, call me, or email me at allred.tracy@thatcherud.org Destroying your child's school, teacher, and other children on Facebook is not how to deal with bullying as this is bullying itself towards a group of people dedicated to helping children learn and get along with others. If we have problems with bullying then maybe it needs to be taught that we don't bully others in your homes as well as here at school. We have anti bullying lessons all the time here at JDPS. Citizenship is also taught, along with respect for our flag, country, and all people. I personally have been in every kindergarten classroom and taught a lesson on bullying, and getting along with others. I am currently doing the same thing in the 1st and 2nd grade classrooms. Please contact me with your concerns.

2. With cooler mornings upon us and jackets being pulled out or purchased, we ask that you put your child's name on the coat so it can be identified and returned when it comes into our office. (Your student may also wear a beanie or ear muffs to school to keep their ears and head warm.)

3. Just a reminder to send a mask to school with your student as we are almost out of masks again and it is getting harder to find children's mask anywhere in town.

Tax Credit

Parents this is a wonderful way to help our children as well as helping you on your state taxes. Individuals can donate up to \$200 in tax credit while couples can donate up to \$400. This year we will use tax credit money for our Apple Annie's pumpkins, Gila Valley Arts, Dare Week, Love of Reading Week, Reading under the Stars, and many other great things. Tax Credit money can be turned into the District office to Mrs. Lane where she will give you a receipt. Please specify JDPS when you donate so it goes to our school. You may also divide it up if you feel the need.

I wish to thank the parents of this community for all your help in making JDPS a success. Have a Safe and Great October!! Remember to read with your kids!

Thank you,
Tracy Allred

October Events

9th – 12th Fair Day Weekend– NO SCHOOL
14th - 15th Parent Teacher Conferences
(Early Release 1:00 each day Wed. –Th.)

26th – 29th Red Ribbon Week (more info coming)

November Events

11th Veteran's Day - NO SCHOOL
25th – 27th Thanksgiving Break-No School

Office Notes... Just a few reminders:

- *Remember to call the office before 12:00pm to make changes in transportation. This makes our job easier and run smoothly at the end of the day.
- *Please keep your child home if they are sick.
- *We are still selling shirts in office ranging from \$7 to \$15.

- PTO-

Volunteers Welcome – For all events or one! Join the PTO in making this a fun and successful year!

- Cookie Dough orders will be available mid-October.
- The Shoe Donation deadline is Monday, November 2nd! So hurry up and clean out those closets!
- Box Tops for Education are still a thing! Download the app now to start earning for our school!

Follow "Thatcher School PTO" on Facebook and check your child's backpack for upcoming events!

Music: Our masked musicians are a joy to have in the music room as I watch them discover the sense of accomplishment they receive when making music together. I encourage you to check out our virtual music classroom where you will find some of the songs we work with in the classroom. Have them sing these songs for you. It would be a great review for them. Singing, moving, performing rhythm on our body percussion as well as on the instruments is standard practice for us. They LOVE to play the instruments and try really hard to follow directions so they get the chance! Thank you for being so careful about not checking your child out of school unnecessarily, especially the classes right before lunch. I only get them twice a week for 30 minutes and want them to benefit from their time in the music classroom.

Valene Bryce

KINDERGARTEN... This year is off to a GREAT start! We have been working on establishing classroom and playground rules, routine, and yes, even walking in a straight line! We are working hard on our reading program. We will learn 88 sight

words by the end of the year! That is incredible!

Please go over these regularly with your child so they can be successful readers. We are working on beginning sounds, letter names, and rhyming words as well. In math, we have been focusing on 0-5 by identifying the numeral, recognizing and making a set, comparing sets (greater, fewer, more and less). We are also sorting items by attributes (shape, color, size, etc.). In the next month, we will be working on 6-10. You can help by making sets of items and having your child count them. We hope to see you at Parent/Teacher conferences Oct. 14-15th. Kindergarten is such a fun time for your child. Help us to make them independent and successful by discussing their day, helping with their math homework and reading with them. Thanks for your support!

Ms. Claridge, Ms. Stone, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Mleynek, Mrs. Hatch, Mrs. Vining

FIRST GRADE.... We are well on our way in our first grade curriculum. We are excited that reading groups have begun and they are going great. Please have your child read the assigned story to you each day, whether it's a paper book or on Razz-Kids. We can't stress enough how important reading each night is to your first grader's reading growth. The book should be returned to school the following day. Starting this month Pizza Hut certificates will be given out to children who meet the reading goal for the class. In math, we are finishing up our first chapter on addition concepts, and then we will start on subtraction concepts. Homework is a vital part of the program's success and we appreciate your help. Keep checking and initialing the math homework. Thank you for your continued help and support! We look forward to visiting with you at Parent/Teacher Conferences October 14th and 15th. We could not have asked for better parents!

Mrs. Rubalcava, Mrs. Angle, Ms. Roderick, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Hansen and Mrs. Barney

SECOND GRADE... September has flown by! We're really settling into school. Thank you to all you parents who have sent your child with water bottles and masks so we can keep our kids in school. The children have been so cooperative and

helpful. Thanks for all the hours that are spent helping our students with their math homework and listening to them read. We are almost through our first unit in Math on place value, and will be starting addition and subtraction skills shortly. In Language Arts we're working on nouns, verbs, compound words, writing personal narratives, and using the text to answer comprehension questions - just to name a few! We've already seen some great growth among our students. We're looking forward to Fall and all the activities that go with it. Coming up at the end of October will be our DARE week. Be on the lookout for more information in a few weeks. We hope to see all of you at parent conferences on October 14th & 15th. It's always good to touch base and see what is happening with your child in school.

Ms. Fox, Mrs. Bryce, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Scoggin, Mrs. Stacy, Mrs. Cooper

 OCTOBER 2020 THATCHER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ELEMENTARY LUNCH MENU				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FRESH PICKS			1 Tostadas Rice Fruit Choice Milk	2
5 Baked Ziti Corn Fruit Choice Milk	6 Chicken Patty Sandwich Baby Carrots Ranch Fruit Choice Milk	7 Walking Tacos Rice Fruit Choice Milk	8 Corn Dog Waffle Fries Fruit Choice Milk	9
12 No School	13 Spaghetti w/Meatballs Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk	14 Prito Pie Refried Beans Fruit Choice Milk	15 Corn Dog Waffle Fries Fruit Choice Milk	16
19 Mac & Cheese Broccoli Dinner Roll Fruit Choice Milk	20 Meatball Hoagie Salad w/Ranch Fruit Choice Milk	21 Beef Tacos Green Chili Rice Fruit Choice Milk	22 Bacon Cheese Burger French Fries Fruit Choice Milk	23
26 Hotdog Baby Carrots Ranch Fruit Choice Milk	27 Cold Cut Sandwich Celery Chips Fruit Choice Milk	28 Pizza French Fries Fruit Choice Milk	29 Chicken Wrap Corn Fruit Choice Milk	30
NUTRITION BAR Included with your meal and offered daily. Choose from a variety of fresh fruits or vegetables. For questions and comments, please email the Food Service Director at faye.ortiz@aviands.com or call 928-228-3562 This institution is an equal opportunity provider.				

