



December 2020

THE PRIMARY SOURCE

(For all the Primary News)

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A Note from the Principal...

The Christmas Season is upon us. On behalf of the staff here at JDPS we hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and we want to wish each of you a joyful, fun filled Christmas Season. Now that winter is upon us, I would like to ask parents to help us in making sure your children are dressed in warm clothing. Please make sure your child's name is written somewhere on their jackets. Your child may also wear a beanie to school so their head and ears will stay warm. All I ask is that the beanies and hoods not be worn in the classroom.

As I have said many times, we are certainly blessed to have such dedicated teachers that love our children and work hard to make education a priority in their lives. I also want to thank you parents for your help and support in this exciting process going on in your child's life. **GREAT JOB STUDENTS YOU ARE THE BEST!!!**

We will start our next round of DIBELS testing on Dec. 2 and will continue to test students until all students have had an opportunity to be tested. Every student will be tested. The tests will be taken in the Title One classrooms. This test is to help us check your student's progress and to let us know if there are any areas of concern in reading and math. This test will allow us to pick up on students that might need extra help in their reading, vocabulary skills and math.

Please mark December 17, on your calendars as the last day of school for this Semester. School will reopen on January 4, 2021. We are looking forward to a new year where many good things will take place.

I would like to remind you to look at the calendared events so you won't miss the activities your child/children may be involved in. My staff and I would once again like to say thanks to the greatest parents in the community. You truly do make a difference in the lives of your children. If you do have concerns please visit with your child's teacher or come in and see me.

Please continue to read with your children and I promise you, it will pay dividends for them. Thanks again for the support each of you give to the teachers and staff here at JDPS. Please have a very safe and enjoyable Christmas Season. On behalf of the teachers and staff at JDPS, We Wish You a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Tracy Allred
Principal, JDPS

December Events

Mon. 2nd – 9th

DIBELS testing

Mon. 21st – Jan. 1st

WINTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL

January Events

Mon. – 4th

School Resumes

Mon. – 18th

Martin L. King Day - NO SCHOOL

Office Notes:

The end of the school day is a very busy time in the office. Please remember that **any changes to student transportation must be made before 12:00 noon.** Just a reminder that you can report a student absent on ParentVue. Also, please remember to put your child's name on his/her jacket/mask; this helps us identify lost jacket/mask owners.

PTO Updates

A special "thank you" to:

*Larry and Patty Ellerman, Valley Furniture and Appliance, and Schrote Farms for donating 3 new water bottle filling stations.

*Bulls Dentistry and 3G Plumbing for donating 2 new metal picnic tables for JDPS!

More than **1900** pairs of shoes were collected for the shoe drive, way to go!

Candy Cane Grams will be available for \$1 each in the Primary and Elementary School Offices beginning, Thursday, Dec. 3rd through Monday, Dec. 14th. They will be handed out Thursday, Dec. 17th.

Pickles and Popcorn will be available for \$1 each, once a week, during lunch time recess at the beginning in January. More info to come.

Music...

November has come and gone and the music students of Jack Daley Primary School have shooed the feathers right off the turkeys, helped the turkeys find their feathers again, chased squirrels, went on a walk with a shy chipmunk, flew with two black birds, sang about what might happen if all the pie was eaten, sang about different kinds of weather, performed the book *Run Turkey Run*, played instruments from the shaker, skin, metal and wood families, accompanied themselves to the beautiful song "Land of the Silver Birch" and danced and sang to "Pick a Bale of Cotton".

Because of the current COVID-19 pandemic, we won't be able to have our traditional holiday music program this year. Given the current circumstances, I'm just grateful that the children are still in school and able to make music every day in the music classroom.

Have a wonderful holiday season and may you be blessed with good health and happy memories.

Valene Bryce
Primary Music-Jack Daley Primary School

KINDERGARTEN...

Kindergarteners are dashing their way to the end of 1st semester. Jolly Old St. Nick wants us to remind you that the next few weeks will be full of events. DIBELS testing will be jingling in on December 7th and go until all the little elves have been tested on letter naming, letter sounds, nonsense word fluency, and phonemic segmentation. The classroom workshop will be busy with testing our second grading period also. The first 15 words will be reflected on the report card. We will have our own little Festival of Trees where each classroom gets to decorate a tree. Santa and his elf will read a story to us. Many of the classrooms will have a pancake breakfast on Thursday, December 17. More details will come from your child's teacher. This is the time of year when we start to focus on children who are struggling with concepts that must be met for Kindergarten standards. Teachers will begin to think about alternative options for these students and if retention is needed. All children will need to earn their red belt and be reading at a level C in order to progress to First Grade.

Thank you for your help and cooperation with your child's academic learning experience. Your help at home benefits your child here at school. The Kindergarten Team wishes you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year!

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

FIRST GRADE...

Happy Holidays from 1st Grade! Our first graders are well on their way to becoming great readers. Their stories are becoming more complex and interesting to read. This season is busy and many things are going on. Please try to make sure your student is in school as much as possible and they come to school prepared every day. Winter break will be December 21st - January 1st. Keep them reading and practicing their sight words over break. We want to see all of the kids back healthy and happy after break, ready to jump back into learning. Again, we want to thank parents for the help and support you give your children with their math and reading homework. Have a wonderful holiday season!

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

SECOND GRADE...

December is going to be a busy month for Second Graders. The students will be taking their Dibels Reading and Math Tests December 1-4. We will also be taking the District "Blue" Assessments in Reading and Math. It will be very beneficial for the students to be well rested and ready to do their best on these assessments. We hope to see progress in our students as we reach the halfway point in our school year.

In math, we will continue working with two- and three-digit subtraction and addition. Friendly letters are our Writing Benchmarks this quarter. We also have some fun holiday activities planned. Be sure to look for notes and emails about the specific activities in your child's class. Please have a safe, joyful, and fun Christmas break this year. Enjoy the time you have to spend with your children and families! We will resume school on January 4, 2021

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



DECEMBER 2020				
THATCHER LUNCH MENU				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Dunkers Corn Apple Sauce Milk	2 Chicken Fried Rice Carrot Peaches Milk	3 Bacon Cheeseburgers French fry's Mixed Fruit Milk	4
7 FRESH PICKS Hot Dog Baby Carrots Ranch Pears Milk	8 Turkey, Ham & cheese Club Chips Celery Ranch Peaches Milk	9 Chicken Fajita Meat Corn Appin Sauce Tortilla Milk	10 Crunchy Chicken Wrap Apple Sauce Corn Milk	11
14 Chicken Nuggets Mixed Vegetables Strawberry's Milk	15 Chicken Patty On A Bun Carrots Mixed Fruit Milk	16 Walking Taco Spanish Rice Pears Milk	17 Corn Dog Waffle Fry's Warm Cinnamon Peaches Milk	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

