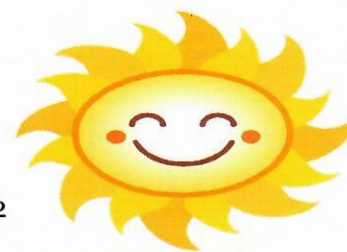




May 2021
THE PRIMARY SOURCE
 (for all the Primary News)
 Tracy Allred, Principal
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A Note from the Principal It is so hard to believe another school year is coming to a close. I would like to first give a big thanks to all who helped us get through a very unpredictable year of Masks, Illness, and just the unknown from week to week. A huge Thanks to my wonderful staff. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful group of teachers and support staff working with our children each day. Parents, I would like to express my appreciation to you parents for supporting JDPS and for working with our staff and your children. Our success is due to the parent support we receive! I would like to express my appreciation for all the hours (1600+) that have been volunteered by our parents and community. We are very lucky to have so many that donate their time on behalf of our children at JDPS.

I would like to review the JDPS policy on class lists. Parents we do not take requests for who you would like to be your child's teacher. We are no longer taking non-requests! If you feel there could be a conflict with a teacher you will need to come in and see me personally. This appeals process will need to be taken care of by May 13. JDPS remains one of the top primary schools in the state and has been recognized with several awards. JDPS is considered an Arizona's Higher Performing School, as well as a grade A school, along with being an Excelling school. Please be a supporter and not one to criticize the teaching staff at JDPS or any of our schools for that matter. Working together, we will remain one of the top schools in the state. We are already looking forward to the new school year and will be excited to see both new and returning students in August.

I would like to thank Mrs. Kaija Griffin who has been with JDPS for 23 years and will be retiring at the end of May. I cannot begin to express my Love and Appreciation for this wonderful teacher that has been totally dedicated to helping children learn. Please if you see her give her a hug and a Thank You. Congratulations to Mrs. Ruth Vining as JDPS Rotary Teacher of Distinction for 2020-2021.

Please have a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer break!

Thank you!

Tracy Allred

Principal JDPS

May Events

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| May -3 rd – 6 th | DIBELS TESTING |
| May -13 th | <u>Kindergarten Movie Day</u> |
| Mon. – 17 th | <u>2nd Gr. Field Trip to the Splash Pad</u> - have students wear sunscreen & clothes that can get wet, and have them bring towel and a water bottle. (They will need to bring a sack lunch to eat when they get back.) |
| Mon. – 17 th | <u>1st Grade Movie Day</u> |
| Tues. – 18 th | <u>Kdg. And T1 Field Trip to the Splash Pad</u> - have students wear sunscreen & clothes that can get wet, and have them bring a towel and a water bottle. (They will need to bring a sack lunch to eat when they get back.) |
| Tues. – 18 th | <u>2nd Grade Movie Day</u> |
| Wed. -19 st | <u>1st Gr. Field Trip to the Splash Pad</u> - have students wear sunscreen & clothes that can get wet, and have them bring a towel and a water bottle. (They will need to bring a sack lunch to eat when they get back.) |
| Wed. -19 th | <u>Kindergarten Celebration</u> |
| Thurs. – 20 th | Last Day of School Early Release-10:00 a.m. |
| <u>Next School Year Events: August 2021</u> | |
| Tues. – 10 th | "Meet and Greet" your child's new Teacher (times will be posted on the office window) |
| Wed. – 11 th | First day of School |

More Notes from Mr. Allred

JDPS will be starting a Math Club next year at no cost to you. Tentatively we are looking at 1 day after school for those that prefer and Fridays as enrichment for students that want to attend. I am sending this out to get numbers so we will know how to plan for this Math Club. Once we have an idea of how many students are interested in this, we will plan and get information out. Mrs. Courtney Hansen will be in charge of the Math Club. Please notify JDPS office if you and your student is interested in joining the club.

PTO....Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3rd-7th. This is a great time to recognize our amazing teachers and all they do for our students. We would like to thank teachers, parents, and students for all your work helping to make this year's PTO organization a success! If you are interested in joining next year's PTO please message us on Facebook at ThatcherSchoolPTO.

Kindergarten.... Can you believe it? May is just around the corner! Kindergarten has been working very hard to get their certificates: Letter Names, Letter Sounds, Address, Phone Number, Count to 100 and Tie their Shoes. Please help them achieve this goal if they haven't already done so. Many exciting events are coming up: Our Movie Day will be Thurs. May 13th, we will visit the Splash Pad on Tues. May 18th (bring sack lunch for picnic with class on the playground, wear clothes that can get wet, wear sunscreen and bring a towel. No swimsuits.) Kindergarten Celebration will be Wed. May 19th. We will celebrate completing our Kindergarten year so everyone should attend! (notes will be coming from each teacher) and finally Thurs. May 20th is our last day of school with an early release of 10:00. It has been an amazing year and Kinder has grown so much! Thank you for your support and help! Have a Fabulous Summer and KEEP READING!!!!

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

FIRST GRADE... Believe it or not, the end of the school year is quickly approaching! However, we have a few weeks of school left and homework and reading are still being assigned. Encourage your child to continue to work hard until the end of the year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you wonderful parents for working so hard at home with your children. We have seen incredible growth in each student. THANK YOU! On Monday, May 17th, we will be watching a movie on-campus in the multi-purpose room and on Wednesday, May 19th we will be going on a field trip to the Splash Pad from 8:15-10:30. We will be sending home more information soon! The last day of school is May 20th and it will be an Early Release at 10am. To ensure your child has success going into Second Grade, we encourage you to keep him/her reading, reading, reading this summer! HAVE A GREAT ONE!

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

MUSIC... Well we did it! This has been a year for the books for sure. What a tale they will have to tell if these students remember their K-2 years and tell the next generation about it! They have been phenomenal with all they have been asked to do so that JDPS could continue to offer them an educational experience in person.

Speaking of tales, the Kindergarten classes will be presenting some of the work they have been doing in the music room as part of their kindergarten graduation program. They have been singing, chanting, moving and playing instruments to many tales of the sea. I will look forward to sharing their musical joy with you at the end of the month. This past semester our 1st Grade classes have been developing into rhythm readers. They have been putting rhythmic phrases in every part of their bodies. Oh how they love to sing and if you want to enjoy a song with them look up "Fox Went Out on a Chilly Night" by Nickel Creek or Apollo's Fire then check out the Caldecott award winning book written by Peter Spier.

Finally, our talented Second Grade classes. What can I say but I have been able to do so much with this group. "The ABC's of You" by Red Grammer is a definite

listen. If your student hasn't sung this for you yet you are missing out. They took to it so quickly. We are finishing out the year performing the book "Tikki Tikki Tembo". Have a wonderful summer!

Valene Bryce

SECOND GRADE.... It's hard to believe this school year is almost over! Our 2nd grade students will still be working hard until the last day of school, so please continue to help and encourage them with their homework and reading. Attendance also continues to be important this month. Dibels Reading and Math testing began on April 26th. Students will be starting their "Blue" tests this week in Reading and Math as well. We will be anxious to see the overall growth of the 2nd grade. We have some fun activities planned for May! Look for more information sent home as these dates get closer. On Monday, May 17th, 2nd grade students will be going to Splash Pad that morning. Please send your child a lunch to eat on the playground for that day. Also, send a towel, sunscreen, and an extra set of clothes to change into from the Splash Pad. (NO SWIMSUITS Please!) On Tuesday, May 18th, our students will watch a movie called, "Abominable" rated G at the school. Popcorn will be provided. May 20th is our last day of school. Students will leave at 10:00 A.M. Please continue to work with your child in Reading, writing, and Math over the summer. Thank you for all of your support this year! We've enjoyed your students and thank you, parents, for entrusting your child's education with us teachers!! Enjoy your summer with your families!!!

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

MAY 2021 THATCHER UNIFIED LUNCH MENU				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Sub Sandwich Celery Sticks Fruit Milk	4 Cheeseburger Vegetable Fruit Milk	5 Ck Taco Cheesy Beans Fruit Milk	6 Pizza Vegetable Fruit Milk	7
10 Turkey Wrap Vegetable Roll Fruit Milk	11 Frito Pie Rice Fruit Milk	12 Roasted Turkey Mashed Potato Fruit Milk	13 Corn Dog Vegetable Fruit Milk	14
17 Pancake Breakfast Vegetable Roll Fruit Milk	18 Sack lunch Vegetable Roll Fruit Milk	19 Cheeseburger Vegetable Roll Fruit Milk	20 Sack lunch Vegetable Fruit Milk	21 
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SUMMER BREAK BE SAFE & HAVE FUN				
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NUTRITION BAR Included with your meal and offered daily. Choose from a variety of fresh fruits or vegetables.				

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