

# Thomas Jefferson Superhero News

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## Upcoming Events

9/14 3<sup>rd</sup> grade picture day

9/15 PICTURE DAY

9/16 Cross Country Regional @ Parkwood

9/17 Chuck e Cheese

9/22 PTA Mtg 6:00

9/23 GCCS Cross Country @ Jeffersonville High School

9/23 Subway Night 4-8

## Message from Ms. Korfhage

I have the best job in the world because I get to see all of our TJ students everyday and interact with them on a very special level. It was great to hear about their Labor Day adventures and how so many of them wished we had school on Monday. TJ is a very special community and it has everything to do with our parent support at home. Students have been working on becoming character superheroes through our PRIDE program. As we approach the last part of the quarter we are working towards our first nine weeks extravaganza. This event will be a celebration of PRIDE for our school. Please refer to the PRIDE brochure for more information. We are excited to be in the planning stage of our first event this year and I know the students will LOVE what we have planned so far. Please support our PRIDE program by giving us your student shout outs from home. Thank you again for all you do for our community. We are truly blessed with the best students in Greater Clark.



## Students of Month - August - PRIDE

Monthly we will recognize a group of students for going above and beyond showing PRIDE. In August we focused on the PRIDE words and the following students Ms. Korfhage chose the August students based off of observations in the halls, cafeteria and classroom visits.

Persistence – Madeline Stabile

Respectfulness – Keegan Merrifield and Jamila Carrillo

Initiative – Tristan Cooley

Dependability – Isaac Johnson

Efficiency – Emma Borders



**Preschool News** we are learning about the letter H and the concept of more and less. We are also doing a unit on dinosaurs. We are working hard to perfect our cutting while making dinosaur crafts and will be making our own fossils this week!



*In order to succeed, we  
must first believe that  
we can.  
Nikos Kazantzakis.*

## Kindergarten News

Kindergarten is doing various activities to master letters and sounds. We are already learning sight words and reading sight word books. Both classes made it on the superhero board for getting to 50 paw prides, and we work hard every day to show our TJ PRIDE.

## First Grade News

Children are enjoying using IXL and earning recognition with awards they send for us to display. We have started our unit on graphing during math. First graders determined the difference between being a Bucket Filler and a Bucket Dipper. The kids were very sweet when they wrote something positive about their friends.

## Second Grade News

Second graders absolutely love their Reading Impact time. During this time students enjoy reading various texts and they focus on specific reading strategies and skills they need to become better readers. Second graders are using stamina and doing a great job being engaged during their silent reading time. Teachers love conferencing with the students during this time and enjoy hearing the students' responses to their reading. In math students are becoming experts with place value and are really working hard on mastering math facts. Second graders are really showing great pride and are trying very hard to earn Paw Prides.

## Third Grade News

We will be working on learning about different countries and cultures around the world. We love to read and now are fine tuning our skills to determine the main idea and supporting details of a text. Math we will be working on money, fractions, and line plots. Mrs. Bennington was so kind enough to provide some egg data for us to work on when we get to line plots.

## Fourth Grade News

Fourth grade has begun our impact groups. The students are excited about switching classes and the novels they are reading in their literature circles. All three fourth grade teachers have begun using the Bloomz app to communicate with parents. It is like a Face book page for each classroom where parents can receive classroom pictures, updates, and announcements.

## Fifth Grade News

5<sup>th</sup> grade has started DARE on Wednesdays with Officer Settles. We are busy learning how to use Text Evidence to make inferences in reading and writing personal narratives. In math we are learning different ways to use place value and distributive property to divide and using multiplication to check. We love our chrome books! We are using Google Classroom and Symbaloo for quick links in class. Students are even building their own Symbaloo pages

### Related Arts

**PE** - During P.E. we are participating in regular physical activity with a focus in three areas: Movement, Tempo, and Path. The majority of locomotor movements include Walk, March, Gallop, Skip, Jump, and Run. In addition to movement, we are also working on Tempo speed (slow, medium, fast) and Path direction (straight, curvy, zigzag, forwards, backwards, and sideways).

**Music**- Kindergarten and first grade are learning songs about animals and the different sounds they can make to learn everyone is different and to emphasize keeping a steady beat. Second and third grades are learning a song with a dance from England to emphasize a steady beat and 3 new pitches. Fourth and fifth are working on complex rhythms (more than two sounds in one beat) using pizza toppings and new speech patterns.

**Art** - The art room has been a very busy place with the Kindergartners finishing apple tree paintings and starting pinch pots. The 1<sup>st</sup> graders have just finished cactus paintings and are starting their pottery project next week. Second graders are painting Van Gogh Sunflowers and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are starting Van Gogh Starry Night paintings. The 4<sup>th</sup> graders did a fantastic job on their original color wheels and are now doing Romero Britto paintings. Finally, our 5<sup>th</sup> graders are starting Abstract Picasso Portrait paintings. Come take a look in our hallways because they are starting to fill up!

### Student Council

Congratulations to our 2015-2016 student council members. They are working with their sponsor Mrs. Meneou on our first project of the year; our Center for Lay Ministries canned food drive. Throughout the year the student council works with our community to build partnerships and increase awareness of civic needs.

**Congratulations** – Madeline Marshall, Keegan Merrifield, Christian Guess, Bailey Houston, Landon Parido, Madeline Stabile, Ian Prinz, Jakob Seigle, Nikolas Schindler, and Heather Abt.

To ensure we maintain a safe dismissal and arrival for car riders please make sure students enter and exit on the curb side of the vehicle. Also if a child needs to be buckled please pull into a parking spot to do this to keep our line flowing. If you are in line we ask that you do not block the back drive when waiting so that busses can clear the lot. We are working on a new flow for dismissal and will get information out to everyone soon.

### Birthdays

In compliance with the GCCS Wellness Policy, cookies, cupcakes and other sweets are not allowed for birthday celebrations. You may bring any type of healthy food such as fruit, vegetables, gold fish, popcorn, or goody bags for each student in the class to recognize their special day. Please ask the teacher in advance for approval of the birthday treat.

### Art Club Fall 2015

Art club for the fall is underway and we cannot wait to see the amazing projects they are working on this semester. 4<sup>th</sup> grade – Love Anker, Brooklyn Chandler, Aidan Colmore, Jaelin Garner, Mustafa Hamad, Landon Hoke, Olivia Melton, Ian Prinz. 5<sup>th</sup> grade – Essence Adams, Daniel Eichert, Jesse Gadlage, Christian Guess, Madeline Marshall, Dylan Minter, Aidan Niemi, Dakota Pitman, Caroline Shepherd, Anna Steele, Caleb Vincent. Art Club will meet on Wednesdays until 4:45