

# Thomas Jefferson Superhero News

## November 2015



### Upcoming Events

11/9 Game @ BPES

11/11 Game Home

11/16 Game @ MES

11/17 -PTA Mtg 6:00

11/18 Game Home

11/25 - 11/27  
NO SCHOOL

All games begin @ 4:45

### Shout out for Awesome Character

Congratulations to the following on receiving shout outs for displaying strong character outside of school. Finn Matzek, Kirk Owen, Victor Tenev, Nate Seigle, Jeremy Ortega, Blake Russell, Ava Wheeler, Zeke Moon, Avery Thompson, Austyn Thompson, Anna Haire



### Message from Ms. Korfhage

Thank you to all of our families for your continued support of our TJ community. Attached you will find our 1<sup>st</sup> nine weeks A and A/B honor roll students. Congratulations to all of our students for their hard work during the first quarter. Our character word for November is **RESPONSIBILITY**. We discuss daily with students how they can be responsible. This carries over at home too so please talk with your student about what they can do at home to show this character trait. We have a lot of exciting events and plenty of learning planned for the nine weeks. Please be sure to check our social media sites as well as the GCCS website for updates.



## Preschool News

Please continue to check out the Bloomz app for weekly updates from our preschool room.

## Kindergarten News

We enjoyed our field trip to Huber's and want to thank all of the parent chaperones that went with us. In reading, we are working on main idea and details. In math, we continue to strengthen our number sense and we are starting to learn number words. We are working to become better writers; write across a printed line, leave spaces, start with a capital, end with punctuation, and sound out unfamiliar words to use in writing.

## Second Grade News

Second graders love to read! The students love switching classrooms for Impact. Students are working hard on their fluency and reading comprehension. We have started talking about opinion writing. We listened to the book, *I Wanna Iguana*, which is about a little boy who persuades his mom to get him a pet iguana. Second graders are writing a letter to their parents trying to persuade them for a pet that they want. We also have a field trip in November. We are going to Marengo cave. The students will be studying and learning all about caves. We are all excited and looking forward to this trip!!!

## Fourth Grade News

We are very thankful for the wonderful turn out at parent conferences. It was nice to sit down and have good conversations about our kids. In November we are beginning our study on fractions in Math and making inferences in Reading. All three classes are working really hard to memorize all of their multiplication facts. Please help your child work on these facts as they are going to become very important as we move into more difficult multiplication and division. In science we are studying about plants and their characteristics.

## First Grade News

First graders have been working on comparing and contrasting, using a Venn diagram. Comparing our Halloween Candy was a big hit! First graders have now incorporated spelling in their daily curriculum. Each day they have a different spelling activity to complete using various materials such as highlighters, magazines, markers, and iPads. We are challenging each student to participate in a reading program called Book-It sponsored by Pizza Hut. Love those free pizza coupons! Finally, IMPACT groups are up and running and the children LOVE sharing their thoughts and ideas with other adults and kids during those 30 minutes.

## Third Grade News

Third grade is excited about diving into concepts of division and grasping that it is the opposite of multiplication. Students will be working on Super Multipliers Game Board Projects that they will get to bring in to play with the class. In reading third grade students will be retelling fables and folktales and determining the lesson from each story.

## Fifth Grade News

Reading- We will continue with figurative language through poetry, plays, and drama  
Symbolism and Imagery we will have eCoach guest Katie H. to do a lesson with the kids before LC1  
Figurative language  
Math- Continuing Fractions add, subtracting, multiplying and dividing with like and unlike denominators  
DARE: Students continue to learn helpful facts and good decision making skills for self and peers  
Writing: Persuasive Essays and Speech research

## Related Arts

**PE** - We will continue our focus on Throwing/Tossing, Catching, and Movement during P.E. class. We are finishing up a baseball unit that has produced many smiles and been a lot of fun. Discussing the World Series daily has brought some added excitement to it as well.

**Music**- Fifth graders are beginning recorder. Fourth graders are beginning a performance piece called "Old House." Second and Third grades are learning to use standard music notation. Kindergarten and first grade are learning more game songs, and classic children's songs.

**Art** – Our art room is always buzzing with creative new activities. In November, the kindergartners will be making owls, 1<sup>st</sup> graders will be creating Japanese Kokeshi Dolls, and our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are starting Native American mask prints. Keith Haring is the artist that the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will learn about this month, 4<sup>th</sup> graders are starting Native American deerskin drawings, and our 5<sup>th</sup> graders are creating an Inca, Mayan, or Aztec design.

**Library** - In Library we will be learning about the meaning of Thanksgiving and what we are thankful for. Also the 1st and 2nd grades will start a new program called Mutt-I-grees. This program teaches children social and emotional skills that highlight characteristics of homeless pets waiting for adoption at a shelter.

## Fees

*Statements for textbook and pre-school fees were mailed on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Fees can be paid online, by credit card, by cash (exact amount due) or by check in the school office.*



## READING COUNTS OCTOBER

Nifong: Jackson Broady 3pts.  
 Thompson: Philemon Koorsen 3pts.  
 Bennington: Sam Johnson 12pts.  
 Vogel: Logan Hall 23pts.  
 Dyke: Kaleb Hagan 50pts.  
 Shaw: Madison Meza 32pts.  
 Thomas: Kendall Curry 80pts.  
 Shelton: Ava Lindner 57pts.  
 Atieh: Daniel Pierce 86pts.  
 Ballard: Addison Carl 87pts.  
 Leppert: Lillian Long 21pts.  
 Mckinney: Elizabeth Goodwin 110pts.  
 Vien: Bolu Olabige 120pts.  
 Downing: Anna Steele 193pts.  
 Nikitas: Caleb Atchison 367pts



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