

Jenks West Intermediate PTAG News



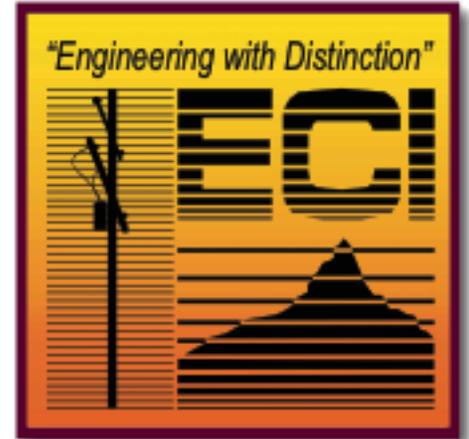
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JWI Special thanks to our
Penguin Plunge Gold Level sponsor:

★ Upcoming Events: ★

PTAG MEETING:

Our next JWI PTAG Meeting will be Friday, January 12th at 9:30am. Join us to hear the latest news from District and Site Administration as well as what is happening with PTAG and how you can get involved!!!



CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2017

4-8	Bracelet Sales for Purchase a Privilege
8	Freckles Friday
8	Project Westly Gifts Due
11-15	Purchase a Privilege Fun Week
20-Jan 2	Holiday Break - NO SCHOOL

★ Stay in Touch: ★

FACEBOOK:

Stay informed about PTAG by joining our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/JWIPTAG Follow the link and request membership. This is a great way to stay informed about all the important activities that our group organizes throughout the year.

We would love to have you join us! Please complete your PTAG Membership form and return to your child's teacher or the front office. Membership is only \$10 annually per family and a wonderful opportunity to be involved. Our membership dues go directly to the funding of many important classroom activities throughout the year!

★ Fundraisers:



The Fundraiser was finally delivered this week. PTAG would like to thank everyone for their support of this fundraiser and your patience as we waited on the items to arrive. If you are missing an item in your please look for a post card like the one pictured here with instructions on how to replace that item. If there are any other problems with your order please contact Mixed Bag Designs at Support@mixedbagdesigns.com



If you really like an item that you ordered and are thinking yourself, "I should have ordered one of these for myself! It's not too late, you can still order online and support our school! From now until December 31st all orders placed online with our Fundraiser ID 493022 we will receive 40% profit! You can shop online at: www.mixedbagdesigns.com/?fundraiserid=493022

★ From the Teachers: ★

Odyssey of the Mind looking for coaches

Odyssey of the Mind is a program for students K-College. Teams consist of 5-7 students who work together to solve a problem. Each year there are 5 new problems.. Here is a link to the five problem synopsis. <http://oklahomaom.com/problem-synopsis/> The teams will select a problem and work together to find a solution. Teams compete at the Regional, State in International level. The top six teams in each problem and age division will advance from Regionals to State. The top two at State advance to World Finals.

We will have a local coaches training session as soon as we get all the Jenks Coaches in place. Martha and I will assist in any way we can to get the teams going, attend team meetings, answer questions, be a resource, etc.

Important Dates:

Regionals: March 3, 2018, Heartland Middle School, Edmond

State: April 7, 2018 Jenks Middle School, Tulsa

World Finals: May 23-27, Iowa State University, Ames Iowa

Roles of an Odyssey Coach

- Facilitate a team without doing the work for the team. Stand back and watch while the team members make all the decisions regarding the problem solution.
- Interact with the team to improve the way the team identifies and solves problems.
- Make sure all team members are involved in the process of issue identification, idea generation, solution finding and solution presentation.
- Provide the impetus for the team to develop strategies, generate ideas, evaluate options or reach a decision. This is done in brainstorming sessions and the like.
- Encourage the team members to produce fresh ideas, to think “out-of-the-box,” to work cooperatively together, and to better communication among themselves.
- Provide a safe environment with no criticism of team members as they develop their solution.
- Stay well informed of all problem rules and program guidelines and pass the information on to the team members.
- Develop a timeline working backwards from the competition date, including holidays and school breaks, and make sure the team sticks to the timeline.

Coaching an Odyssey of the Mind team provides many rewarding opportunities.

- see kids grow and become engaged in their learning.
- witness individuals grow as a team.
- become involved in the education of kids.
- learn more about what kids are thinking and what appeals to them.
- watch as kids develop their thinking skills while improving self-esteem and confidence.

Please let me know if there are any questions. I'd be happy to visit with anyone if they questions.

Melissa Rickman
JHS Odyssey of the Mind
[918.851.0794](tel:918.851.0794)

JEN TIPTON - PE

JWI's First Annual Turkey Bowl was a success. Students had two days before Thanksgiving Break to compete in a bowling obstacle course and a Turkey decorating contest. JWI brought in over \$2000. This money will be used to help fund recess equipment, classroom needs and field trips. Our first annual bowling champion is Grant Victory. The turkey decorating contest winners are Matilyn Fowler, Mia Jackson, Jayden Roling, Raely Walton, Kylie Huckabaa, Sophie Hopkins and Rachel Oakes. Thanks to everyone, we really appreciate all of the generous donations.

Jen Tipton – P.E. teacher

Señora Dooley's Clase de Español

The second quarter of the school year kicked off with the Day of the Dead unit. Students participated in cultural activities involving an art project, music, vocabulary games, and a documentary. As we move forward through the quarter, students are learning how to express the date, days of the week, months, seasons, and weather.

The quarter will conclude with a research project and presentation over the diversity of Spanish-speaking countries. Students will learn about Hispanic cultures, foods, music, landmarks, etc., and present their findings with the class.

There are many ways your child can expand and continue to enrich their Spanish knowledge both within and beyond the school setting. Students are encouraged to practice the basic conversational Spanish that we are using in the classroom outside of the classroom, as well.

Study Tip: Play the alphabet game with vocabulary in the car. Try to say a Spanish word that begins with each letter of the ABCs.

FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE: JULIE VIRDELL

ATTENTION 6TH GRADE PARENTS!!!! -----The TDAP Vaccination is required before entering the 7th grade. If your child has already received their TDAP, please bring a copy of their shot record to the Nurse's Clinic.

ATTENTION 5TH GRADE PARENTS!!! ---

AIDS education is mandated by Oklahoma state law. House Bill 1476, Statute 70-11-103.3 from 1987 requires AIDS education at least once during grades 5-6, 7-9, and 10-12. The school nurse will be conducting this instruction on Friday, December 8th, for fifth grade students. Your student will be viewing a DVD, "The Inside Story with Slim Goodbody." Following the video, the students will be given an opportunity to ask questions of the nurse.

We want to thank the parents who attended the AIDS parent education meeting in October, during parent/teacher conferences. For those parents who missed it, please feel free to call the nurse office with any concerns or questions, 918-299-4415 x2916. This video is not available to view online due to copyright laws.

If you do not want your student to participate in the AIDS education, please indicate in writing to your student's teacher by Wednesday, December 6, 2017.

ART NEWS: ROMNEY NESBITT-5th GRADE

Fifth grade art students have finally finished their weavings. Weaving teaches sequential thinking, pattern, repetition, small-motor coordination and knot tying. Weaving also teaches two important life skills: patience and perseverance. Weaving is slow work and it takes hours to reach the bottom of the loom. Praise your kids on their hard work, craftsmanship and sticking with it all the way to the end! Display their work with pride!

After weaving we start a drawing unit. I'll be teaching perspective, shading, overlapping etc. though "art tricks."

Remember the holiday times are always special at our local museums. Second Saturday of every month is a free family day at the Philbrook Museum of Art and the third Sunday of each month is a free day for families at Gilcrease Museum.

ART NEWS: LEE GRIFFITH-6th GRADE

We just finished a three-day process of constructing Clay Head Shakers. They will be drying for another week before they are bisque fired. The students are anxiously awaiting the firing results. Today we started a "Thoughtful Self-Portrait ". Each student sets three short term life goals, illustrates them in a "thinking bubble", and then draws their self-portrait under the bubble. These projects are great for showing the importance of following an established process and that goal setting is fun.

HEALTHY AND FIT NOTE – SCOTT SCHARABOK

After a successful Turkey Bowl, we will shift our focus to next semester and the upcoming Penguin Plunge/Westley Waddle! This event is the site's largest fundraiser as nearly 100% of the student body gets involved. Next semester we will waddle our way to another fun event. Look out for all of the information to come in January.



JWI WEEK OF FUN

Purchase Fun Privileges

YOU MUST HAVE A BRACELET TO PARTICIPATE
(If you need assistance with cost see Ms. Katibeh)

You can buy your bracelet for \$5.00 in the cafeteria on Wed-Friday,
December 7-9th at lunch and Monday, December 12th before school.

● **December 12th - 16th** ●

Monday-Hat day! Wear your favorite hat

Tuesday-Pajama Day! Be comfy and relaxed

Wednesday-Face Paint Day! Come to school with your face painted for fun

Thursday-Hair Color Day! You can finally wear your hair any color your want

Friday-Repeat your favorite! Come to school with any or all four of your choices

You will support the Jenks Public Schools Foundation to bridge
the financial gap between state resources and district needs.

Current initiatives include BIZTOWN for all 5th graders, STEM
Labs and Vision of Excellence.



CARING FOR CHILDREN WITH FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS

SYMPTOMS:

- Muscle aches or fatigue
- Sore throat
- Chills
- Cough
- Fever of more than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit
- Vomiting and diarrhea in some cases



- ⇒ A fever is a temperature that is equal to or greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or 37.8 degrees Celsius.
- ⇒ Keep sick children home from school for 24 hours after fever ends without medicine.
- ⇒ Keep sick children at home except for trips to the doctor.
- ⇒ Cover cough and sneezes with a tissue.

- ⇒ Watch all family members for signs of illness. See the doctor for signs of flu.
- ⇒ Protect household members who are not sick by keeping sick family member in a separate room as much as possible. Consider assigning a single person as caregiver for sick children.
- ⇒ Ensure sick children get plenty of rest and drink clear fluids. Water, broth, sports drinks, and electrolyte beverages for infants work best in preventing dehydration.
- ⇒ Wash hands frequently with soap and water or use an alcohol based sanitizer to reduce the spread of illness.
- ⇒ Children under the age of five, pregnant women, and adults over 65 year of age are at higher risk of complications from flu. Anyone with a chronic health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, or heart disease may also be at a higher risk. These people should see a doctor if flu is suspected.
- ⇒ Do not give aspirin to children or teens. It can cause a rare but serious illness called Reye' syndrome. It is safe to give Tylenol or Ibuprofen, with doctor's approval.

WARNING SIGNS THAT NEED URGENT MEDICAL ATTENTION:

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Bluish or gray skin color
- Not drinking enough fluids
- Severe or persistent vomiting
- Not waking up or not acting right
- Not wanting to be held due to irritability
- Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worsened cough
- Fever with a rash

