

## Mrs. Fisher's Notes

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Thank you for everyone that donated or volunteered at our third annual **Walk-A-Thon**. Our students really enjoyed this event. We appreciate Mrs. Stebnitz for organizing such a great fundraiser. This year our school raised over \$9,600. Our PTA will use the proceeds from this event to fund classroom fieldtrips, pay for assemblies, support classroom activities and contribute to technology advancements.

MAP testing is complete. Your child's scores will be shared at parent-teacher conferences. Students did a great job trying their best. We will use their scores to set goals, determine who needs extra help, and to group students into different intervention groups.

Our fall state assessments have begun. Kindergarten, first and second grade students will take the Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS). The primary purpose of PALS is to identify students who perform below expectations in several important literacy fundamentals, and thus who are likely to experience reading

difficulties. The state requires administration of PALS in 4K, kindergarten, first and second grade. The screening guides teachers as they plan appropriate instruction for both grade-level readers and struggling readers.

The state test, Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam (WKCE) will be different this year. Only fourth grade students will be tested between October 27 and November 7 in the areas of science and social studies. The WKCE reading and math tests are being replaced by the *Smarter Balanced* test for third to fifth grade students this spring.

We have two police officers that visit Jackson School on a regular basis. Officer



Kirkpatrick is the school district police liaison. Our students know him as "Officer Joe." Officer Joe does bike and internet safety presentations and assists with student attendance, custody issues and safety issues that we may have

during the school year. Again this year, an Elkhorn Police Officer "adopts" a school in our district. Officer Person has "adopted" Jackson Elementary School. He visits us at least once a week and walks through the building and cafeteria. Our students are getting to know him and enjoy talking with him. We appreciate the support and presence of both officers at our school.

Students enjoy having family members come for lunch. Your child may invite one friend to



join you in eating lunch at the tables in the back of the cafeteria. We want to be fair and have room available for all families. If you would like to order a hot lunch for yourself, please call the office before 9:00 a.m.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend!



Walk-A-Thon Smiles!

## 3rd Annual Jackson PTA Walk-A-Thon Another Great Success!

Thank you for all of your support and contributions to our PTA Walk-A-Thon.

Together, we raised almost **\$10,000**. We were able to meet this year's PTA budget in just one fundraiser, which is incredible! These funds will go directly to benefit the students of Jackson School. The money will be used to fund class field trips, all-school assemblies, and Family Fun Nights. Our PTA

will also buy a book for each student at the Spring Book Fair.

Congratulations to our *Kindle Fire* Winner- Fifth Grader, Faith Loiacano, and to Mrs. Demeter's Fifth Grade Class for winning the Pizza Party awarded to the top pledging class. Great Job!

A special THANK YOU to the many volunteers that helped make Walk-A-Thon day go so smoothly and to

the local businesses who supported us- *Mercy Health System, The Walworth County Fair Board, Frank's Piggly Wiggly, Blue Ribbon Freight, and Stebnitz Builders.*

We are already making plans for next year's PTA Walk-A-Thon. If you know of a local business that would like to get involved and help us out with this great event, please contact a Jackson PTA



Please contact Mrs. Priesgen with questions or concerns.

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## Save the Date...



**Who:** Everyone is invited to attend!

**What:** Jackson 11th Annual Holiday Program

**Where:** Jackson Elementary Gym

**When:** Friday, December 5th, 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM

Also, visit the Jackson Music website for more information:

<https://sites.google.com/a/elkhorn.k12.wi.us/jackson-music/>

# Reading Resources

**Read about it, talk about it, and think about it!** Each month in our Reading Resources article we will help families find ways for your child to build understanding, the ultimate goal of learning how to read. We offer some tips this month with some fun ways you can help your child become a happy and confident reader. Try a new tip each week. See what works best for your child.

**Make books special**

Turn reading into something special. Take your kids to the library, help them get their own library card, read with them, and buy them books as gifts. Have a favorite place for books in your home or, even better, put books everywhere.

**Talk, talk, talk!**

Talk with your child every day about school and things going on around the house. Talk about everyday activities to build your child's background knowledge, which is crucial to listening and reading comprehension. Sprinkle some interesting words into the conversation, and build on words you've talked about in the past.

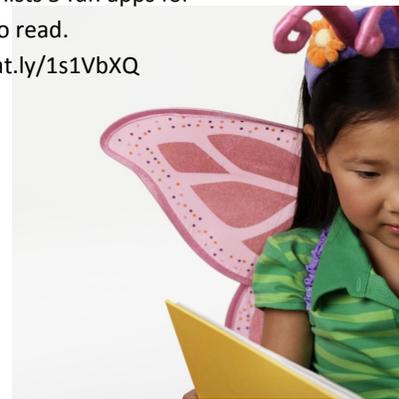
**Establish a reading time**



Find a time each day that can be set aside as a special reading time. Find a comfortable spot in your home, turn off the TV, and settle in to listen to your child read! Some families find

their reading time fits in best right after dinner, others prefer reading before bed-time, right after school or even in the morning. Find what works for your family and try your best to keep this special reading time a priority.

For families with children 4-7 years old, we thought you might enjoy this article from USA TODAY. It lists 5 fun apps for learning to read.  
<http://usat.ly/1s1VbXQ>



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## Food Service Reminders

Jackson Elementary School's Food Service Department offers students the option to purchase a nutrition/snack package, milk, and lunch at school using a debit system. Parents/Guardians are responsible for depositing funds in their family account for food purchases. All students in a family K-12 share one account. Jackson Elementary students take a nutrition/snack break mid morning. Students may bring their own snack or our Food Service department sells a nutrition/snack pack for \$1.05. Milk is offered as one of the

options daily as part of the snack pack. If milk is taken alone, thus not as part of the nutrition/snack, the student will be charged \$0.35 for milk no matter if he/she qualifies for free or reduced lunch.

Your youngest child attending Jackson school will bring home a balance notice when your family account has a negative balance. If your account becomes delinquent, your account could be suspended. A suspended account means that your student or students, elementary to high school, are

not be able to purchase food at school until the account has a positive balance.

If your child brings home a balance notice, please deposit funds as soon as possible. Deposits may be made online using Family Access or in the office with cash or a check.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the food service at Jackson or in the district, please contact Food Service Supervisor, Ellen Leasure at (262) 723-3160, ext. 1423 or at [leasel@elkhorn.k12.wi.us](mailto:leasel@elkhorn.k12.wi.us).

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## Guidance with Ms. Upite

### CLASSROOM GUIDANCE

As the Jackson School Counselor, I conduct classroom guidance lessons with all students in grades K-5. Classes meet weekly for 30 minutes and I address topics that will help our students be successful both socially and academically. In October I will be working with students on identifying feelings and using 'I' messages. I will also be teaching students about making healthy choices. Please

see the attached information about **Red Ribbon Week**, a national week to promote staying drug and alcohol free.

### RED RIBBON WEEK THEMES

This year, Red Ribbon Week will take place October 27th - October 31st.

The dress-up day themes for Red Ribbon Week will be:

- Monday, October 27th: "Being Drug Free is Jean-ious" wear jeans
- Tuesday, October 28th: "Sock it to Drugs" wear crazy socks
- Wednesday, October 29th: "Living Drug Free is No Sweat" wear sweats
- Thursday, October 30th: "Team up Against Drugs" wear your favorite team jersey
- Friday, October 31st: "Put a Cap on Drugs" wear a crazy hat

## Groups & Individual Counseling

### GROUPS

As part of our developmental guidance program, Jackson Elementary provides students with **Friendship/Social Skills** (grades K-5) and **Changing Families** (grades 1-5) groups. Teachers hand out forms to students that may benefit from participating in a group, however, if your family experiences a change, or if you

feel that your child would benefit from participating in a friendship group, please contact me. Groups will be starting in a week or two, but it is never too late to join!

### INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING

In addition to classroom and group counseling services, students may also participate in short-term individual

counseling. The purpose of these meetings is to help students enhance his/her school performance and/or social skills. If you feel that your child may benefit from one-on-one contact with a counselor, please contact me.

## Making Sense of "I" Messages

### **What are 'I' Messages?**

'I' messages are one way for people to talk with others without blaming. By using 'I' messages, individuals are able to let people know how they are feeling, without hurting other peoples feelings. In class, we will be learning about

how to use 'I' Messages.

### **'I' MESSAGES ARE:**

"I feel (How do you feel?) when you (What did the person do?) I would like you to stop (the behavior you would like them stop.)"

Here's How 'I' messages work: "I feel **sad** when you **tease me**. I would like **for you to stop teasing me.**"

The more students practice using 'I' Messages, the easier it will be for them to use in difficult situations.



# October GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) News

## WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION FOR TALENTED & GIFTED (WATG)

WATG is the statewide organization that supports gifted and talented children. They work closely with the Department of Public Instruction and the legislature to advocate for the needs of our children. Please consider supporting this organization with a family membership. Your support will assist the organization's endeavors to make gifted and talented opportunities occur within the state. Membership provides you with voting privileges, monthly bulletins, and reduced prices on all WATG workshops and conferences. WATG will be celebrating its 40th anniversary as an organization whose mission is in education and advocacy for the gifted community in Wisconsin.

Visit WATG at [www.watg.org](http://www.watg.org) and click on Newsletter to access the September and October Newsletters. The issues feature information about the 2014 Conference at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells on October 9 and 11. Easy and convenient online conference registration is available.

## GIFTED IN WISCONSIN

For more enrichment opportunities, resources, and recent updates, visit [www.giftedinwisconsin.com](http://www.giftedinwisconsin.com).

## SOUTHERN LAKES ANTHOLOGY

Students in grades 3 – 8 will be given the opportunity to submit entries in poetry, prose, art, illustrated writing, and cartooning. This year's theme will be announced very soon. Materials will be passed out during mid-October by Mrs. Gee.

## ANTHOLOGY OF POETRY

Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans is in the process of collecting poems and short stories from young adults for publication. Submission deadline is October 31. If you have any questions feel free to visit the website at [www.anthologyofpoetry.com](http://www.anthologyofpoetry.com).

## UWM COLLEGE FOR KIDS

The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee is once again sponsoring the College For Kids. This is an academic enrichment program that provides children with high academic potential, subject matter interest, motivation, and talent with an educational supplement. The program consists of Saturday sessions taught by the faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and other specially selected teachers. The classes are designed for children in grades 1-12. Many of the academic programs offer [scholarship assistance](#). More information can be obtained from the website at <http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/DSAD/PRECOLL/>

To search for a Pre-College program at UW-Milwaukee, click on the "Find a Program" button on the left side of the window. This link will take you to the UW-System Pre-College Website. Once you are at the site, you can select UW-Milwaukee as the campus that you wish to search for Pre-College programs.

## CREATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Creative Communications hosts poetry, essay, and art contests for students in grades K – 12 (in divisions of K – 3, 4 – 6, 7 – 9 and 10 – 12). The next essay contest deadline is October 15, 2014 and the next poetry contest deadline is December 5, 2014. They have very helpful websites that you may want to investigate. Enter online: [www.poeticpower.com](http://www.poeticpower.com). You may also want to check out the art contest at [www.celebratingart.com](http://www.celebratingart.com)



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# What's Going On in the Art Room?

All grade levels start each year with a drawing activity of a tree, a person, a building and their favorite thing. After students complete the current year's drawings, they get to see their drawings from past years to see how their drawings have changed. **Stop in during conferences to see your child's drawing portfolio and how they have changed from year to year!**

Kindergarteners learned about using their imagination in art class like *Harold* in the book *Harold and the Purple Crayon* and

are now learning about the color spectrum to learn about color to make their pictures more colorful. Ask your kindergartener about Roy G. Biv.

First graders learned about abstract painter, Wassily Kandinsky and have made some colorful corn which we called "Corndinsky."

Second graders made pumpkin watercolor paintings with glue and are currently working on realistic fall trees. They are using the letters V and Y to make branches on their trees and

doing leaf rubbings for added texture and color.

Third Grade is working on making a mini sketchbook to draw out ideas and practice for future projects and learned about shading while making a basket of apples.

Fourth and fifth graders are working on their sketchbook cover designs. They will use these sketchbooks for future projects and special drawing assignments.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me!

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Artsonia is the world's largest online art museum that Jackson is a part of. We joined 3 years ago and will continue again this year. Check it out: [www.artsonia.com](http://www.artsonia.com)!

New students will get their accounts soon. If you have any questions, please contact me. It is a great way to share your child's artwork and for them to reflect on their work.



We will hold our annual art fundraiser again this year. Look for more information in the spring. They make great gifts! Examples are on display in the cabinets by the cafeteria.

## New School Year Means More Student Work Coming Home!

Your child works very hard in art class, I hope you can save some of the treasures they create.

### Ideas for what to do with your child's artwork:

#### Save It

Start a box/ bin or purchase a portfolio to save their artwork and/or other school work

#### Frame It

Some is even worth framing. Makes great decoration in your home and makes the child feel proud.

#### Photograph It

If you don't have the space to save the artwork, photograph it to preserve the memories. You could even make a photo book of your child's work.

Stop in at conference time to see examples.



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### Pertussis in Elkhorn

September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014

The Walworth County Health Department is again working with Elkhorn School District to remain proactive against Pertussis this school year. It is suspected that we may have had ongoing transmission at a low level during the summer. The following information is being provided to help parents seek medical care if they or their children are showing symptoms and to provide resources for more information.

Pertussis (whooping cough) is a highly contagious respiratory disease. This disease usually begins with nasal symptoms followed by a cough, although some people do not have cold symptoms and may start with the more severe cough. Many parents don't think much of the symptoms until the cough worsens noticeably, especially at night or with exercise. Pertussis can cause uncontrollable coughing which can make it hard to breathe, there may be a "whooping" sound (although the whoop is uncommon), or vomiting caused by trying to cough up the thick mucus. The most common symptom is a cough which lasts more than a week as well as coughing "fits".

While vaccination is very important, it is possible to be fully vaccinated and still become infected with Pertussis. Keep in mind that if anyone in your family has these symptoms; it is time for a visit to your medical provider. When you call your health care provider's office, let them know the symptoms may suggest Pertussis so proper infection control can begin.

Babies under the age of one year old are the most vulnerable and prone to complications and death from Pertussis. If you or your child has symptoms of Pertussis, please call your health care provider and avoid contact with infants and pregnant women in their third trimester.

Even if your child is not showing symptoms of Pertussis, he or she may be a carrier of the disease for up to one week before symptoms begin. If your child has *close contact with a baby under the age of one or a pregnant woman within 3 weeks of delivery*, the baby or pregnant woman may have been exposed and *may need to be treated* with antibiotics. Please call your health care provider to assess the risk.

Parents whose children are not fully immunized are encouraged to contact the Walworth County Public Health Department at 262-741-3140 or your health care provider as soon as possible.

If you feel someone in your family may have Pertussis, please call your medical provider and alert the Walworth County Communicable Disease Nurse at 262-741-3120.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

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## OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 6-10 Fire Prevention & Safety Week
- 7 Fire Prevention Presentations
- 9 3rd Grade Fieldtrip to Capitol in Madison
- 13 School Board Meeting, 6 PM
- 14 PTA Meeting 6 PM
- 16 Kids Friendship Club (KFC) 2:15 PM
- 17 PTA Costume Dance 6-8 PM
- 18 Market Day Pick Up 10-11 AM
- 20-23 Seal-A-Smile for 2nd & 5th Graders
- 20 Jackson Site Team Meeting, 6 PM
- 21 Parent/Teacher Conference 3:45-7:45 PM
- 23 Parent/Teacher Conference 3:45-7:45 PM
- 24 No School—Fall Break
- 27-31 Red Ribbon Week
- 27-Nov. 7 4th grade WKCE testing window
- 28 Project Read with Dr. Navsaria

Check out Jackson Elementary's status on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram!



# Replacement Costs for Chromebooks

- If you paid the technology insurance or have an approved waiver, you will pay the “insured cost” to have your student’s device fixed.
- If you have not paid the technology insurance, you will pay the “uninsured cost” for any device damage.

Please help your student understand the importance of properly carrying and using their device.

Description	Uninsured Cost	Insured Cost
Screen	\$45.00	\$22.50
LCD Frame	\$30.00	\$15.00
Hinge	\$16.00	\$8.00
Keyboard	\$40.00	\$20.00
Charger	\$10.00	\$5.00
Housing	\$25.00	\$12.50
Charger Port	\$25.00	\$12.50
Chromebook	\$279.00	\$111.60
Chromebook Carrying Case	\$15.00	\$7.50