

# Jack Daley Primary School



## January NEWSLETTER



### Message From the Principal:



Happy New Year! I am thrilled to welcome our students back to a season filled with growth and fresh opportunities. As we begin this new chapter, I encourage you to set a daily goal of reading with your child. Research consistently shows that regular reading boosts achievement across all academic areas. Our students are eager to do their best, and with the combined encouragement of teachers and parents, I know they will reach incredible heights this year. Success is the result of setting goals and persevering, and I look forward to the milestones we will achieve together.

As we transition back from the extended break, thank you for your patience as students reacclimate to school routines. To ensure a safe and respectful environment, please report any behavioral concerns to teachers or me immediately so we can address them promptly. Safety remains our top priority; please always use designated crosswalks and avoid walking behind parked vehicles. We want to ensure our campus remains safe for every family, and your cooperation in the parking lots is greatly appreciated.

I am deeply grateful for my dedicated staff and our wonderful parent volunteers who make our school such a joyful place to learn. It truly takes a team effort to help our youngsters succeed. If you are seeking a tax credit opportunity, please consider donating to JDPS. These funds directly support our Character Strong initiatives and provide new books to inspire a lifelong love of reading. Thank you for your continued partnership. Wishing you a safe, healthy, and prosperous New Year! Mr. Lin Gifford, JDPS Principal

### Calendared Events:

#### January

5<sup>th</sup> Back to School  
9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Mandatory Fridays  
Early Release @ 1:00 p.m.  
19<sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King Day  
NO SCHOOL



#### February

9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Love of Reading Week  
23<sup>rd</sup> 100<sup>th</sup> Day  
13<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> Pres. Day Weekend  
NO SCHOOL



### MUSIC

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your support during our recent concert. The students worked so hard to prepare, and your encouragement made all the difference. It was such a joy to see them perform and share their passion for music with you. Thank you for being part of this special experience. I look forward to many more musical adventures ahead! Mrs. Angle

### TITLE

This is a new year and a fresh start. If reading hasn't been a focus because of all the holiday festivities, now is the time to re-establish or begin a reading routine with your child. Explore and learn about what your child loves, have a family reading time, be patient, and re-reading helps children read more quickly and accurately. Read with your child every day. Mrs. Whitmer, Ms. Moore and Mrs. Ferrin

**Counselor Corner:** Happy 2026! As we return to school, it may be challenging for students to get back into the swing of our school's routine. Students may need to push themselves to overcome these challenges. At JDPS, we have many supports for our students, including the school counselor, Ms. Skemp, and our calm room (the NEST). Our students may struggle at first; however, I know all will show respect (our character trait for January) and forge forward with courage, responsibility, honesty, gratitude, and empathy-our traits from past months. These traits continue to help us become a better human being.  
Sarah Skemp-Our School Counselor

**We are Eagles. Watch us Soar!**