

The Bolt

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Message from Administration:

Greetings # 1 Parents, Staff and Students

Welcome to October and the beauty of the Fall Season! With Halloween, our Fall Festival and many staff birthdays on the horizon, we promise this month is full of fun, and celebrations.

Before looking forward, I want to congratulate all our staff and students for working hard to complete our progress monitoring. Most of our students worked diligently to complete this task. Please make sure you know the test results of your child. The results will inform you and our teachers of where your child is performing in math, reading and science.

As you know, JHW participated in the Lake Wales High School Homecoming Parade. JHW students and staff rocked! Thank you for an outstanding performance # 1 Silver Streaks.

During the month of September and October, we will be celebrating National Hispanic and Italian American Heritage Month. Students will learn about all the magnificent contributions of these cultures.

Do you know that JHW is in the process of becoming an International Baccalaureate school? Students will learn about all the cultures around the world and learn to respect and celebrate the differences. This month's celebrations align perfectly with what we are gearing up to become and learn here at JHW.

Parents, we are thankful that Covid 19 positively rates are on the decline. We are asking all parents to make sure students are attending school if they are not ill. We know that student achievement increases when students are in school face to face. Please assist us and encourage your child to attend school regularly.

Finally, please join us every first Tuesday of the month from 6:30pm to 7:00pm for our parent and staff ZOOM meeting. This month our zoom meeting will be on Tuesday October 5th. We hope to see you there.

Onward! Upward! # 1 Silver Streak Parents
Happy October!

Linda J. Ray, Ed.D
Principal

October Calendar

- Oct. 1- Oct. 22- Charleston Wrap Fundraiser begins
- Oct. 8- SAC Meeting at 1:00
- Oct. 11-15 FTE week- we need everyone present at school
- Oct. 14- End of 1st Nine Weeks
- Oct. 15- PTO meeting at 1:00pm
- Oct. 18- No School/ Grades Due/ Conference Day
- Oct. 20- Fall picture day
- Oct. 22- Uniform Free for \$1.00
- Oct. 25-29- Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 25- Distribute Report Cards
- Oct. 27- Early Release at 12:20
- Oct. 29- Fall Carnival



EARLY RELEASE DAYS 2021- 2022

September 8, 2021
October 27, 2021
November 17, 2021
January 12, 2022

February 2, 2022
March 16, 2022
April 20, 2022
May 27, 2022

Featured articles

Kindergarten

Kindergarten has been working on procedures and how to navigate around the school. We are also working on fine and gross motor skills along with independence in the classroom.

Kindergarten would love to host 'Breakfast with Santa' on Friday, December 10, 2021. The breakfast will be \$5 to take a picture with Santa. Look for more information to come home later. The kindergarten students will also put on a Christmas show for the parents.

We are looking forward to having our first field trip of the school year in October. More information will be sent home soon. We are encouraging all parents to keep working with their child on sight words, letter and letter sound recognition, and reading for at least 30 minutes each day.



First Grade

First Grade is moving along in Math. The students have been working really hard on becoming fluent and proficient with the single digit facts using the Rocket Math program (which they LOVE). We will be introducing two-digit addition and subtraction while concentrating on place value. We are moving from matter and movement into living and nonliving things in science, where the Students will be using their five senses to observe various environments. Being in school and taking on the responsibility of their own learning is a huge step up from Kindergarten. We are seeing maturity and growth daily.

Second Grade

Second grade will be working on Place Value and different ways to write numbers in Math. In Reading we will be working on Taking Care of Animals, plural words, and punctuation. In Science we will be working on Changes in Matter and in Social Studies we are continually working on how to get along with others and Florida History. Students are enjoying PE, Music, and Art as well.



Featured articles

Third Grade

Third grade is continuing to accelerate our students in reading, math, and science. We do appreciate the parents that are helping with homework and checking agendas each day, but we need all parents to support their children in this way. The students that are completing their homework each day will be more successful this year because they are practicing more often. In reading this month we will be continuing the comprehension skills of finding the central idea of text with supporting details and learning how to ask and answer relevant questions while reading. We will also be working on grammar, writing realistic fiction, and using affixes to decode words. We are now teaching multiplication and division strategies and all students are expected to memorize their math facts 0-12. Students that master these will be very successful in math. We are learning about matter and the states of water in science. We are also learning about the types of resources readers and researching use, the world, and our government in social studies. We have planned a trip to Skate World in February and will also be planning a trip to Lowry Park Zoo in November. Thank you for joining our PTO, Class dojo, and for all your support this year.

Fourth/ Fifth Grade

For the month of October, both 4th and 5th grade will be learning how to write expository and informative essays. They will learn how to plan, write, and revise 5 paragraph essays. In reading, 4th grade will be learning about Expository text and Dramas, while 5th grade is learning about Informational text and Folktales. These students are working hard each and every day to claim their education. Please remember our goal is to have them reading at home for at least 20 minutes every night. 4th and 5th Grade Science: We are continuing our study of the Earth but will be learning about the rock cycle, minerals and their classification, renewable and nonrenewable resources, weathering and erosion, water on the Earth and various weather experienced on Earth. The students are really enjoying their weekly visits to the lab for hands-on learning!

5th Grade Math will be diving into decimals - adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing them.

4th Grade Math is moving into multi-step problems which include factors and multiples.

The 4th and 5th Grade students are radically, rocking, RocketMath as they are climbing to the top for success. iStation and Khan Academy is strengthening our foundational skills and building our current skills for understanding multiple mathematical concepts. The students are working hard and feeling accomplished as they move forward!!



SAC & PTO

School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting will be held on Friday, October 8th at 1:00pm. at Janie Howard Wilson in the PLC room.

Joining Janie Howard Wilson PTO helps enrich our children! **Join today for just \$5.00.**

Our next PTO meeting will be held on Friday, October 15th at 1:00pm. at Janie Howard Wilson in the PLC room.

Volunteer Information

Parents, We are having a fall carnival on Friday, October 29th. Please send in a bag of individually wrapped candy. No Chocolate please by Wednesday, October 20th. We need volunteers to help with the carnival games. The link to sign up is on our website, facebook, and instagram.



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Home and School Connection

Tips to Avoid Homework Drama

Parents can help children be more successful in school by taking an active interest in homework and supporting study time. Here are some tips to help cut out the drama of the dreaded homework assignments:

- Establish a homework schedule. Set it for the same time every afternoon or evening.
- Make it a priority. Don't leave homework until the last minute.
- Eliminate distractions. Create a quiet, peaceful environment.
- Be available to answer questions and provide support.
- Turn off electronics. Yes, including cell phones.
- While younger children may not have homework, establish a routine as soon as school begins. Set aside 10 minutes to read a story, practice sight words and writing letters.
- Break "bigger" projects into manageable chunks. Create a schedule. An added benefit: This is a great way to help your child learn time management.
- Check your child's homework assignments online. If they aren't posted online, ask the teacher to email you the assignments for the week on Monday.
- If your child consistently spends long periods doing homework, check with the teacher(s) to see if this matches class expectations. Meet with the teacher to find solutions so homework assignments are more manageable. Remember, every child learns differently.