



Jones Monthly Update

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Important Dates

- April 4 - Spring Book Fair begins
- April 5 - Late Start Wednesday
- April 7 - Spring Book Fair ends @ Noon
- April 12 - Kindergarten Round-Up
- April 13 - Talent Show try-outs after school
- April 14 - No School
- April 17 - ISTEP Part Two begins
- April 19 - Talent show try-outs after school
- April 20 - Talent show try-outs after school
- May 11 - Talent Show
- May 25 - Walk-a-Thon

Core Value: The Four Cs

The Core Value for April is *The Four Cs* -

Communication, **Collaboration**, **Critical Thinking**, and **Creativity**.

- **Communication** is about students sharing thoughts, questions, ideas, and solutions.

- **Collaboration** means students working together to reach a goal. Students work to put talent, expertise, and smarts to work.

- Students use **Critical Thinking** to look at problems in a new

way and link learning across subjects and disciplines.

- **Creativity** is students trying new approaches to getting things done while using innovation and invention.

Take Note

- A big *Thank-You* to Town & Country Market in Portage. They donated the ice cream for our Family Science Night.
- April 5 is a late start Wednesday
- Our Spring Book Fair starts Tuesday April 4 through

Noon on Friday April 7. This is our popular BOGO event. Add to your personal library while supporting our Jones school library.

- The annual Jones Talent Show will take place on Thursday May 11. Try-outs will be after school

on Thursday April 13, Wednesday April 19, and Thursday April 20. Additional information will be sent home.

ISTEP Testing

Attendance is extremely important for students to complete the testing. To prepare your student to do his/her personal best, please make certain your

student receives plenty of rest. Eating a healthy breakfast is a BIG plus. We are offering free breakfast to students in grades 3 through 5 during testing dates.

Testing dates for this round are:

ISTEP Part 2 (grds. 3 - 5) Monday April 17 through Friday May 5

Kindergarten Round-Up

Kindergarten Round-Up will be held on Wednesday April 12 from 9.30 - 11.30AM and 5.30 - 7.00PM for children who will be five (5) years old on or before August 1, 2017. Parents are encouraged to pre-register online prior to coming in.

Online registration opened on Monday March 13 - www.portage.k12.in.us/parents/registration. The process requires approximately 30 minutes.



Please bring your new kindergarten student with you to the Round-Up. Documents needed for registration include:

- Board of Health issued birth certificate
- Proof of Immunization
- Parent/Guardian's driver's license or state ID
- 2 different proofs of residency such as - NIPSCO bill, water/sewer bill, driver's license, mortgage papers, rent receipt with address printed on it, telephone bill



Unleash your inner superhero Support our Walk-a-Thon

Jones Walk-a-Thon

We are introducing a new fundraiser for our school - *Walk-a-Thon*. 100% of the funds students raise will go directly to the school PTO to benefit our students. These funds help pay for items such as:

- Student activities (field trips), special programs, learning opportunities
- Recess equipment
- Family and community engagement

Cash or checks (payable to Jones PTO) can be collected. Donations should be recorded on the donation sheets and kept in the

envelope provided.

The *Walk-a-Thon* will take place at school on Thursday May 25 12:30PM - 2:30PM. Participation is free and students will walk with their classmates and teachers. Families are welcome to come and cheer for the Jones walkers! (*criminal background checks need to be on file in the office.*)

Online donations can be completed through YouCaring.com (search for Jones Elementary). There are links for the *YouCaring* donation site on the Jones FaceBook page as well as on the school website - jo.portage.k12.in.us. Please

check with your employer to see if they would match your donation.

Prizes are offered for this event. Each student will receive a free *Walk-a-Thon* t-shirt. The student collecting the most money in each classroom will receive a special prize. The class collecting the most donation money will receive a Pizza Party. Each student who collects a \$100.00 single donation will win a limousine ride to McDonald's for lunch with Mrs. Doty.

Our goal is to raise \$8,000.00. Thank you for supporting our school!