



Jones Monthly Update

Growth Mindset - Flexibility and Optimism

Understand that most things won't play out the way we think or plan for. Life happens and the next thing we know...what we thought would happen, doesn't happen. So, what do we do in situations such as these? How do we respond when "life happens"? Fixed mindset people get angry, hold grudges, complain, and develop a real harmful sense of pessimism that begins to take over and affect their outlook on many aspects of life. Growth mindset people see life happen and adjust, demonstrate flexibility, and still believe good can come from the current situation and life in general.

As your child's most important and most influential teacher, model flexibility. Let your kids know that change is an important part of living life - living a good life. Model flexibility by taking a flexible mentality when things don't go as you planned or hoped. Don't let frustrating situations get the best of you.

When you see your kids being flexible as life hands them "lemons," praise them. Point this out. Make a fuss about it because this is a big step in the right direction!

Additionally, model optimism. Take the old adage and adopt a "glass half full" or even better yet "glass is overflowing" mentality in your home. Why? Because a person with hope believes there can be good in just about every situation, circumstance, and stage of life.

ISTEP+ Part 2

Grades 3, 4, and 5 students are taking ISTEP+ Part Two from April 16 through May 4. Please make sure that your child is in attendance on these days. Please make sure that they come to school rested and have a good breakfast each morning. Please talk to your student about doing the very best on this assessment. We want the students to show what they know.

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Wednesday April 4 is the last **Late Start**

Wednesday of this school year. Buses will run a half hour later than usual. School will begin at 9:55. Please make sure to plan ahead.

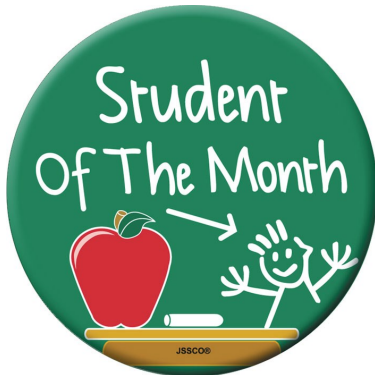
We may encounter many defeats but we must not be defeated

Maya Angelou

May 8 E-Learning Day

Portage Township Schools will have an E-Learning Day on Tuesday May 8, 2018 in order to accommodate Election Day. This E-Learning day is necessitated because six of our eleven schools will be used as polling places. Portage Township Schools is committed to the safety and security of our schools and being that the public will have access to the interior of these buildings to vote, we feel our best educational opportunities will be realized via E-Learning. Students will not report to their school and will instead complete classwork from home similar to what occurs on inclement weather days. All students in grades 6-12 will utilize Schoology for their E-Learning Day while the elementary students will follow the individualized instructions for each grade level regarding Google Docs and the E-Learning Verification Form.

We will have a school board meeting at Jones on Wednesday April 11 at 5:00 in the art room. We will be showcasing student art work and the Girls on the Run program.



March Students of the Month: K - Abed Ibrahim, Xander Rodriguez, Caleb Marston 1 - Lydon Vega, Selena Martinez, Ben Williams 2 - Saloni Patel, Sergio Coronado, Landon Slack 3 - Macie Wadkins, Alejandro Herrera, Madelyn Blakely 4 - Courtney Romsos, Jolie Cleveland, Lorelai Hammerstein 5 - Olivia Culp, Alexia Salas, John Ruelas Music - Ariel LaGace & Andrea Dixon Art - Stephen Miller & Ayden Edwards PE - Nolan Carr



Kindergarten Round-Up will be held on Wednesday April 11 from 9.30 - 11.30AM and 5.30 - 7.00PM for children who will be five (5) years old on or before August 1, 2018. Parents are encouraged to pre-register online prior to coming in.

Online registration is open - 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

Important Dates

- March 26 - 30 Spring Break
- April 2 - NO SCHOOL
- April 4 - Late Start Wednesday
- April 9 - Purdue Science Night
- April 9 - 13 - Scholastic Spring Book Fair
- April 11 - Kindergarten Round-Up
- April 11 - School Board Meeting @ Jones
- April 13 - Muffins with Moms
- April 16 - May 4 - ISTEP Part 2 Testing
- April 17 - PTO Meeting 3:30PM
- May 8 - E-Learning Day
- May 22 - Jones School Walk-A-Thon

