



# Jones Monthly Update

## Growth Mindset - Ways to Help Your Child

- **Talk About It** - Talk with your child about his/her day, but guide the discussion by asking questions like:
  - Did you make a mistake today? What did you learn from it?
  - What did you do that was difficult today?
- **Praise the Process** - Instead of saying, "You're so smart!", praise effort, goal setting, persistence through challenges, or being creative. You can say something like:
  - Wow! You must have worked really hard on this."
- **Encourage Failure** (say What?!) - Your child needs to know that failure can (and often does) happen and it is okay! Do not step in to prevent your child's failure - this is how he/she learns to persevere in the face of challenges.
- **The Brain Can Grow!** - Remind your child that his/her intelligence is not fixed. Remind him/her that when things are difficult, his/her brain grows if he/she persists through the challenge. Each time a new skill is learned, the brain is making new connections. Your child needs to know and hear that this is possible.
- **Help Your Child Change Dialogue** - The way your child talks to himself/herself makes a huge impact on mindset. If your child says "This is too hard!", help him/her change that to "I cannot do this yet, but I will keep trying." Give your child the words to say when feeling defeated by modeling this skill yourself.



We are in need of Box Tops! Please send in your Box Tops. Please help us and trim the Box Tops - we have to pay the postage to send these for redemption. We use the money from these *Box Tops* to pay for the school homework folders, K - 2 writing journals, and 3 - 5 planners. Please help support us by collecting the Box Tops.

## Parenting the Love & Logic Way

We all love our children, but wouldn't you like some help with:

- Putting an end to Arguing, Back Talk, and Begging?
- Teaching responsibility *without* losing their love?
- Setting limits without waging war?
- Avoiding power struggles?
- Guiding kids to own and solve their problems?
- Teaching kids to complete chores without reminder and without pay?

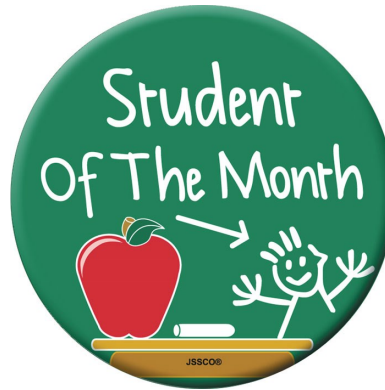
Join us for this series of seven (7) consecutive Tuesday nights beginning on January 16 from 5.30 - 7.30PM. Dinner, workbooks, and childcare are all free. Please contact the school office at 219/763-8025 to register adults and children.

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## Student of the Month

December Students of the Month: K - Gabriela Diaz, Megan Schubert, Clementine Fields, - . 1 - Anissa Ortiz, Loghan Meeks, Magdalena Ruiz. 2 - AJ Arredondo, Charlie Blakely, Makenna Morales. 3 - Maggie Schelstraete, Ella Klakoski, Michael Taylor. 4 - Amiah Sparks, Ethan Schubert, Makaila Capshaw. 5 - Jullian Perry, Anna Zurek, Xavier Marquez. Music - Ava Flores & Dominic Evanatz. Art - Mia Hernandez & Kayla Unger. PE - Nalah Nabhan



## Important Dates

- January 7 - Last Day of Winter Holiday Break
- January 8 - Students Return to School
- January 15 - No School for Students (Records Day)
- January 16 - PTO meeting 3.30PM
- January 16 - Love & Logic meeting in cafeteria
- January 17 - Quarter 2 Report Cards go home
- January 18 - Texas Roadhouse *Give Back Night*
- January 19 - Yearbook Activity Pictures
- January 19 - Family Movie Night
- January 23 - Love & Logic meeting in cafeteria
- January 30 - Love & Logic meeting in cafeteria

## Hannah's Hope Pop Tab Wars

From January 8 through February 2 we will be collecting pop tabs to benefit families of the Ronald McDonald House in Indianapolis. We will be competing against the other Portage Elementary Schools for the most pop tabs collected. PTS was able to collect 1.6 million tabs in the 2016-2017 battle. Please take some time to collect these tabs and send them into school.

## Robotics Team News

The Jones School Robotics Team has been hard at work! Our team consists of eight 5th graders who meet after school on Mondays and also practice twice a week during recess. We also have two mentors from the PHS Portabots who practice with us after school.

Last month we competed in our first tournament in Crown Point. Since then we have been using our S.T.E.M. skills to perfect our driving skills and modify our "bots" to make them more functional and efficient. We look forward to trying out our new and improved robots at two more tournaments in February!

## Math Bowl

Once again, Jones Elementary will be competing in Math Bowl. Congratulations to our team members: Alexia Salas, Gladen Gould, Abby Bachmann, John Ruelas, Kayla Unger, Joaquin Torres, William Goffette, Conner Morton, Nate Schelstraete, Rylie Sandifer, Caitlyn Mullins, and Abby Krenkel. Math Bowl is a fun way to improve your math, problem-solving, and teamwork skills. We are happy to have you on our team. *Get ready to work hard and have fun!* Students will meet in Room 19 on Tuesday until 4.15PM. The Math Bowl competition is on Thursday February 22, 2018.

## PTO News

We will have a Family Movie Night on Friday January 19 beginning at 5.30PM. We will be watching the movie *Happy Feet*. This is a free event, but snacks and beverages will be sold with the proceeds going to the Jones PTO. Our next meeting is Tuesday January 16 at 3.30PM.