



Jones Monthly Update

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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 opens 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



Important Dates

- February 27 - ISTEP Part One testing begins
- March 1 - NO LATE START WEDNESDAY
- March 13 - IREAD testing begins for grade 3
- March 22 - Family Science Night

Student of the Month

Our February Students of the Month are:

Music - Mia Arce & Mikenna Thompson

Art - Anna Trinks & Alan Ronces

PE - AJ Arrendondo

K - Alyssa Lemus, Arianna Wright, Daniel Huizar

1st - Kaydence Laabs, Saloni Patel, Abraheem Ibrahim

2nd - Nalah Nabhan, Leah Mundell, Amelia Trinks

3rd - Zoey Garner, Madison Brown, Isaiah Marston

4th - Michael Bourge, Isaac Aponte, Jiselle Chabes

5th - Zoe Anderson, Brooklyn DeMercede, Anna Trinks

ISTEP/IREAD Testing

Attendance is necessary 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. Also 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 are:

ISTEP Part 1 (grds. 3 - 5) begins on Monday February 27 and runs

through Friday March 10.

IREAD (grd. 3) Monday March 13 through Thursday March 16.

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

Circle the State with Song

For 28 years, *Circle the State with Song* has been an integral part of Indiana's choral landscape. This program is a statewide choral festival for elementary and junior high/middle school choirs. *Circle the State* provides students with an exciting and quality choral performance with other students from their area; allows music teachers an opportunity to observe and learn from the clinician working with the students, plus share and discuss vocal pedagogy with

other teachers; and provides students the challenge and opportunity to sing quality children's choral repertoire.

The students from all eight (8) Portage elementary schools have been rehearsing with their music teachers on Saturday mornings, as well as practicing at home. Jones students that participated in the festival on February 25 are: Abby Bachmann, Kayla

Unger, Glenn Doyle-Kretchmer, Ava Colon, Cailynn Fogle, Aidan Kane, Gladen Gould, Ella Scott, Colleen LaGace, Connie Vulpitta, Rebekah Harold, Kathleen Charleston, Mia Lopez, Rachel Bilyak, Olivia McKee, Emma Paulson; Instructor - Mrs. Rebecca Duncan.

Take Note

- A big *Thank-You* to AJ's Pizza in Chesterton. They donated 100 pizza rounds for a first grade art project.
- This Wednesday, March 1, is **NOT** a late-start Wednesday. Please get to school on time.

Core Value: Curiosity

Curiosity is taking an interest in experience and learning new things for its own sake - finding things fascinating. When students experience curiosity and wonder, they fare better at school, in relationships, at work, and end up being intelligent, creative, satisfied people. Here are some ways to cultivate curiosity in your children:

- Teach them to be flexible thinkers and doers
- Ask them to practice suspending judgments about people
- Provide an environment that supports their autonomy
- Help your child feel competent
- Be your child's safe haven
- Schedule regular doses of novelty and challenge

Family Science Night

We are excited to host a new program at Jones. On Wednesday March 22 from 5.45 - 7.00PM students from Purdue Northwest will be available to guide students *and* parents through fourteen (14) different science experiments. The experiments will be set-up in different classrooms in the main hallway. Ice cream will be served in the cafeteria .

The scheduled experiments are: Can you make color move? How many

pennies can fit on your boat? Can you make raisins dance? Can you make a lava lamp? Can you make elephant toothpaste? How many drops of liquid can you fit on a penny? Can you build a device to protect a raw egg during a drop? Which brand of bubble-gum makes the biggest bubble? How do different types of paper affect the distance an airplane will fly? Who can make the slimiest slime? Who can build the longest chain? Who can build the tallest tower? How far can

you launch a ping-pong ball? What cleans gunk off a penny the best?

Pre-registration is required (so we have enough supplies on hand). Registration forms will be sent home with the students. Completed forms are requested by Wednesday March 15. This is a free event.

Join us and unleash your inner scientist!