



# Jones Monthly Update

## MindUP

Mrs. Carpenter, our School Advisor, has been instructing the research based MindUP curriculum in all grade level classrooms this year. The competencies addressed through the curriculum are:

- Self-awareness – Assessing our feelings, interests, values, and strengths; maintaining self-confidence.
- Self-management – Regulating emotions to handle stress, control impulses, and persevere in overcoming obstacles
- Social awareness – Understanding different perspectives and empathizing with others; recognizing and appreciating similarities and differences; using family, school and community resources effectively
- Relationship skills – Maintaining healthy relationships based on cooperation; resisting inappropriate social pressure; preventing, managing, and resolving interpersonal conflicts; seeking help when needed
- Responsible decision making – Using a variety of considerations, including ethical, academic, and community-related standards to make choices and decisions

On Wednesday, February 20, Charlene Myklebust from MindUP will be here to conduct a Parent Workshop for all PTS elementary parents. During the workshop, parents will learn about the MindUP curriculum and be given tools on how to integrate the curriculum into your home and family life. The workshop will take place at Jones cafeteria from 5:30-7:00, refreshments will be provided.

## Secret Agents of Kindness

Our Student Council is sponsoring an activity that promotes a culture of kindness in our school community! It is called “Secret Agents of Kindness”. On Friday, each student will have the opportunity to randomly select another student to be kind to. They will receive their “mission” and some ideas for acts of kindness that don’t cost any \$\$\$. Students will have two weeks - February 11 through February 22 - to complete the mission! Please encourage your child to participate in this important character building activity!

## Late Start Wednesday

The *Late Start Wednesday* scheduled for Wednesday, February 6 has been cancelled due to the amount of instructional time missed the last two weeks. Our next *Late Start Wednesday* will be Wednesday, March 6. There will be a 30-minute delay in bus arrival that morning. Breakfast will begin at 8:45. Student arrival is at 9:10. The start of the school day is 9:25.

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*If I cannot do great things I can do small things in a great way.*

*Martin Luther King Jr.*

## PTO News

Our next PTO meeting will be Tuesday, February 19 at 3:30. Please join us. We would love your help! Everyone is welcome, including your children.

Classroom Valentine's Day Parties will take place on Thursday February 14. The PTO is providing each room with snacks.

Culver's Night Out will be February 26 from 4:00-8:00. Support a great cause and enjoy dinner at Culvers! Be sure to tell them that you are with Jones Elementary.

Texas Roadhouse will be hosting a two week give back for our school. From February 13 to the 26, the restaurant will ask for donations from their customers for our school. Donations of \$5.00 or more to Jones will earn a free appetizer coupon towards a future visit.

Our Talent Show is Thursday, February 28 at 6:30. Please come and enjoy the talent our students have to share. Admission to the show will be \$1.00 and concessions will be sold. There will also be a class competition. We hope to see you there!

\*Reminder for the students in the talent show\*

### Rehearsals

Monday, February 4 3:30-5:00

Monday, February 11 3:30 – 5:00

Dress Rehearsal – Monday, February 25 3:30 – 5:00

Be on the lookout for Jones discount cards available for sale in March!

Stay Informed! Like & Share the PTO Facebook Page, *PTO at Jones Elementary School*.

## Girls-on-the-Run

We will be having a spring Girls-on-the-Run team here at Jones for girls in grades 3-5. We have room for 20 girls on the team. On line registration begins February 4, with the season beginning on March 5. All girls should have brought information home explaining the registration process.



## Math Bowl News

The Jones Math Bowl Team consists of 14 highly motivated 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who, in a word, “love” math. Math bowl is an academic competition that highlights math, problem solving, and teamwork skills. Our Math Bowlers have been practicing very hard during recess and after school. We recently participated in a practice competition at Kyle Elementary against 4 other Portage elementary schools. Our Math Bowl parents have been very supportive of our efforts. In addition, the team has been expected to complete hours of extra math homework to prepare. The team's skills are becoming razor-sharp as they prepare for the big night on February 21, 2019. The competition will take place in the Portage High School West gymnasium and begins at 5:00.

We hope that lots of family and friends are there to cheer us on.

2019 Team Members: Amira Abdulla, Wesley Baker, Ayden Edwards, Cailin Gipson, Caddick McKee, Annaliese Medina, Isabella Medina, LaNae Moon, Hayden Orosz, Ethan Schubert, Alyssa Simpson, Ella Sowa, Jada Thames, Addison Trajkoski, Coaches - Mrs. Whitten & Ms. Froman

## Robotics Team News

The Jones robotics team is made up of 12 4th and 5th graders. Our members are Ayden Edwards, Hayden Orosz, Ibrahim Ibrahim, Isabella Lawrence, Jason Myers, Josiah Jackson, Kiana Brooks, Lanae Moon, Leah Mundell, Nick Huettner, Nolan Carr, and Vivianna Cruz. They have been working very hard to design and build robots that can complete the objectives at competition. After building the robot the students have to work together with the other team to earn as many points as possible in 1 minute. This requires a lot of team work. We competed in our first competition at Hobart High School on January 26 with a total of 25 teams competing. One of our robots finished in 7th place to make it to the finals and then tied for 3rd in the finals! We are excited to complete our robots this week and will compete in our final competition Saturday, February 9.

## Important Dates

- February 4 Talent Show rehearsal after school
- February 9 Robotics Competition at Crisman
- February 11 Talent Show rehearsal after school
- February 14 Classroom Valentine's Day parties
- February 15 No School
- February 18 No School
- February 19 PTO Meeting
- February 20 MindUP Parent Workshop
- February 21 Math Bowl Competition
- February 25 Talent Show dress rehearsal
- February 26 Culver's Night Out
- February 28 Talent Show



We celebrated 100 days of school on January 25

