



West Jefferson Elementary School News

November 2018

Calendar of Events



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Main Phone

303-982-2967
Attendance

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West Jefferson
Elementary School
26501 Barkley Rd.
Conifer, CO 80433

November

1	Picture Retakes
	PTA Meeting 4:00 pm
2	No School- No Student Contact
8	Health & Wellness Meeting 4:00 pm
9	Movie Night
	End of First Trimester
15	BAM Meeting 4:30pm
16	Report Cards Go Home
19-23	No School- Thanksgiving/Fall Break

December

6	PTA Meeting 4:00 pm
	Advanced Orch. Concert @CHS
11	Advanced Band Concert @ CHS
13	Beginning Band/Orch. Concert @ WJMS

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Health Room

We are still in need of some tissues for our health room. As you can imagine, we plow through the tissues! Thanks in advance for your donations!



Front Office



Just a friendly reminder to call the office for absences, whether your child is sick or you're heading out of town. Call the attendance line 303-982-2967 to leave a message and reason for the absence. If your child will be out for more than two days, please complete a Prearranged Absence Form which you can pick up in the office.

Is your child going home a different way? Or having a playdate after school? Please call the office BEFORE 3:15 to let us know of the change in plans. Our office gets super busy from 3:15 to dismissal. This will help ensure your child gets home safely and we can avoid making last minute phone calls home.

Thanksgiving Break

Don't forget there is no school the whole week of **November 19-23**. Enjoy your time together!





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Attendance and Tardies

Please remember that daily attendance is VERY important. Even if students complete their make-up work, they are still missing a LOT of classroom instruction and can quickly fall behind. It also can create some social issues for students who struggle with friendships when they are absent frequently.

Being at school ON TIME is also very important. It can be very disruptive to the start of the day when students come in after 8:45. Please let us know if you need support with your child getting to school on time or coming every day.

Trunk or Treat

Thank you so much to our amazing PTA and all who volunteered by decorating a trunk, helping with parking, passing out candy or in many other ways during our Trunk or Treat. We are so grateful to be able to offer these opportunities and more. If you haven't yet joined PTA, please do to show your support for all that this small and committed group offers to our students!



November Movie Night



Join us on Friday, November 9th for our first MOVIE NIGHT hosted by our PTA to watch INCREDIBLES 2. We are still in need of volunteers. This is a great opportunity for your children to come and socialize have fun while watching a movie! Adults **DO NEED TO STAY** for the whole event. An adult must be present and responsible for the behavior of children during the time. Arrive at 6:00 to settle in and enjoy the movie. We will have dinner and snacks available for sale. Again, please sign up to help out: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4dae2da5ff2-movie> If it is a great success and we get enough volunteers, we will be able to do it again in the spring!.

Kindergarten Mystery Reader

Every Thursday, the kindergarteners will be visiting the library. As a part of our checkout, we will also be listening to a story being read aloud. We would love to have a variety of people to read to our students; family members, community members, siblings, and school staff. We are asking for you to sign up for a time to come in and be our mystery reader. We can choose and have a book ready for you or you can bring your own. We also ask that you spread the word with this sign up to any other family members, community members, and any other organizations that may have individuals interested. Please let one of the kindergarten teachers know if you have any questions. Thank you for helping us build the excitement of reading!



Click here to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4faba72f4-mystery>

100 Mile Club



Remember that if you are planning on your child staying after school on Mondays to run to complete the Sign Up Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084caec2ba57-100mile1>

Our kids have been running like crazy. We have seen such enthusiasm and perseverance with their running! Thanks for all of our great volunteers who come out to support our runners on Mondays after school or Wednesday or Friday before school. You are always welcome...it is a great way to start the day!

Watch D.O.G.S.

We have been so happy to see some new Watch DOGS joining us this year. If you are interested in becoming a Watch D.O.G.S. (I feel like everyone could take one day within the year;-)) please stop by the office and fill out a background check form, then sign up to come it. You can sign up online or write your name on the huge calendars in our main hallway: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084caec2ba57-watch4>



Hope to see you soon!

Superhero Sprint Update



Thanks and congratulations to everyone for another great year of fundraising. We are happy to say **we raised \$21,800**. Some of the money will go toward prizes and incentives, but we will get to keep so much of it to support our continued efforts to increase opportunities for health and wellness (playground equipment, etc.), to purchase computers and ipads to support all learners and learning

opportunities, and to hire some staff to support us with our health and wellness efforts. Students will be getting their prizes before we leave for Winter Break (Jamba Juice, Subway, water bottles, spirit wear, and grand prizes). As I write this, we are preparing for our Fall Festival on October 31st. Our sign up to help (depending on when this newsletter is complete and sent to you) is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084caec2ba57-fall7>

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Battle of the Books: The cat is out of the bag! The Battle of the Books list has been released. And now it's time to RUMBLE! Chris Olsen volunteered to co-lead our 2108-2019 Battle of the Books with me. Fifth graders will meet and greet our battle by engaging in a Breakout Box all about the battle. Teams of three students can begin forming right away so we can begin our strategy to win the Battle. Participants commit to reading five of the ten books. We will meet after school on Wednesdays to monitor our reading progress and work on chapter summaries, character and events lists. Sound like fun? Consider joining us by contacting me at holly.wagner@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Book Fair: Our Scholastic Enchanted Forest Book Fair put hundreds of books in kids' hands. With \$6,000 in sales, we exceeded our goal. Not only does the Book Fair put books in kids' hands, it funds all library purchases throughout the school year. Thank you to our many volunteers for helping with set-up, cashiering, and helping with tear down. Thank you to Linda Easterling, Seana Nestegard, Becky Barnes, Sara Summers, Kelly Beaulieu, Shannon Konyndyk, Ashley Riley, Sarah Hornfeck, Joyce Conrey, and our own Nicole Hill for all your help.



PBS Great American Read: Over the past months, PBS created *The Great American Read* in which the public chose 100 of their favorite books of fiction. And then the competition began. On October 23, 2018, the winners were announced. The top five most loved books were from fifth place to first, *The Lord of the Rings* (series), *Pride and Prejudice*, *Harry Potter* (series), *Outlander* (series), and the winner was *To Kill a Mockingbird*. The prominent placement of a children's book series, *Harry Potter* (series), is remarkable. I would encourage families to enjoy some quality reading time together curled up with *Harry Potter* or many of the great children's books on the list including *Charlotte's Web*, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, *Anne of Green Gables*, *Hatchet*, *Ghost*, and much more. Find out more about The Great American Read [here](#).

Hudson Gardens

1st graders went on a scavenger hunt at Hudson Gardens. They saw beautiful plants, flowers, leaves, pumpkins and went in a hay maze. They also saw birds, bunnies, crawfish, frogs, turtles and squirrels. This field trip celebrated the end of our 1st grade Plant Unit.



EL Education Updates

Kindergartners through Fifth graders have finished their EL Module 1 Performance Task. Most teachers were able to share those at Parent Teacher Conferences last week.



The week of October 22nd, grade levels began their Module 2 studies. All Grade levels will be integrating science into their literacy block during this module:

- Kindergartners will build their literacy and science skills as they engage in a study of the weather.
- First Grade will be studying what is in the sky. They will build their literacy and science skills as they engage in a study of the sun, moon, and stars
- Second Grade will build their literacy and science skills as they engage in a study of fossils.
- Third Grade will be studying the adaptations of frogs. They will use literacy skills to become experts—people who use reading, writing, listening, and speaking to build and share deep knowledge about a topic.
- Fourth Grade will be researching to build knowledge and teach others about animal defense mechanisms.
- Fifth Graders will be researching to build knowledge and teach others about biodiversity in the rainforest. They will analyze author's craft in narrative writing before writing their own narratives about the rainforest.

As we begin our work, please watch for ways you can support our classroom teachers with supplies or volunteer time. We all really appreciate it!

Look for information about how students will share their Performance Tasks before Winter Break.

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LOCKDOWN LOCKS, LIGHTS, OUT OF SIGHT

Lockdown is called when there is a threat or hazard inside the school building.

STUDENTS:

- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence

TEACHERS:

- Lock classroom door
- Lights out
- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Wait for First Responders to open door
- Take roll, account for students



EVACUATE TO A LOCATION

Evacuate is called to move students and staff from one location to another.

STUDENTS:

- Bring your phone
- Leave your stuff behind
- Form a single file line
- Show your hands
- Be prepared for alternatives during response.

TEACHERS:

- Grab roll sheet if possible
- Lead students to Evacuation Location
- Take roll, account for students



SHELTER FOR A HAZARD USING SAFETY STRATEGY

Shelter is called when the need for personal protection is necessary.

SAMPLE HAZARDS:

- Tornado
- Hazmat

SAMPLE SAFETY STRATEGIES:

- Evacuate to shelter area
- Seal the room

STUDENTS:

- Appropriate hazards and safety strategies

TEACHERS:

- Appropriate hazards and safety strategies
- Take roll, account for students



HOLD IN YOUR CLASSROOM

Hold is called when the hallways need to be kept clear, even during class changes.

STUDENTS:

- Remain in your classroom
- Do business as usual.

TEACHERS:

- Recover students and staff from hallways
- Close and lock classroom door
- Take roll, account for students



STUDENT SAFETY

A critical ingredient in the safe school recipe is the classroom response to an incident at school. Weather events, fire, accidents, intruders and other threats to student safety are scenarios that are planned and trained for by students, teachers, staff and administration.

SRP

Our school is expanding the safety program to include the Standard Response Protocol - Extended (SRPx). The SRPx is based on these five actions. Lockout, Lockdown, Evacuate, Shelter and Hold. In the event of an emergency, the action and appropriate direction will be called on the PA.

LOCKOUT - "Get Inside. Lock Outside Doors"

LOCKDOWN - "Locks, Lights, Out of Sight"

EVACUATE - "To the Announced Location"

SHELTER - "For a Hazard Using a Safety Strategy"

Strategy"

TRAINING

Please take a moment to review these actions. Students and staff will be trained and the school will drill these actions over the course of the school year.

More information can be found at <http://iloveguys.org>

LOCKOUT GET INSIDE. LOCK OUTSIDE DOORS

Lockout is called when there is a threat or hazard outside of the school building.

STUDENTS:

- Return to inside of building
- Do business as usual

TEACHERS

- Recover students and staff from outside building
- Increased situational awareness
- Do business as usual
- Take roll, account for students

