



SHAMROCK SHOUT OUT

FEBRUARY 2018



IMPORTANT EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

6 th ...JGSC Board Mtg. 7 PM	16 th ...School in Session
12 th – 16 th ...Book Fair Week	19 th ...No School (Snow make-up day)
13 th ...PTO Meeting 3:15 PM	20 th ...JGSC Board Mtg. 7 PM
15 th ...Ice Cream Social 5:30-7:30 PM	22 nd ...Math Bowl Competition @WES 5 PM
15 th ...Science Fair and PLTW Display 4:30–7:30	26 th ...ISTEP+ Session 1 Testing Week

Grade 3-6 ISTEP+ Part 1 Applied Skills Test

February 26 – March 9 is the window for Gr. 3-6 ISTEP+ testing. The staff will be working on a schedule that provides optimal time to meet the students' needs. Please schedule appointments around these important dates.



Book Fair Family Event: Tuesday February 15, 5:30 – 7:30 pm Ice Cream Social

Need a study break or just a sweet treat? Come join us at the NLES Family Event for some ice cream sundaes. This is a free family event, however, donations are welcome (syrups, whipped topping, brownies, cookies, etc.) The book fair will be open in the library from 3:00-8:00 PM. After enjoying your treat stop by the Book Fair for another treat – Books! We hope everyone will come out for some ice cream and fun ☺ Questions contact Denise Scott 360-1119, smiles81675@yahoo.com

Yearbook Sales Deadline is February 16

Cost is \$15.00 for a soft cover and options to build your own design. Forms sent home and in the office. All clubs and groups will take pictures for the yearbook on February 14 to be included in the yearbook. Students will need to bring shirts from their teams for a group picture.

KDG Round up Date Change

Pass the word about KDG Round-up on March 14 at 6:00 PM. We moved the date up to plan effectively as requests come in from outside our district. We have a great school and families are excited about the opportunity to join our corporation. Spread the good news about March 14 at 6 PM. Reminder that eligibility for KDG is age 5 before August 1. Bring a birth certificate, health records, and other important documents.

Shamrock Grams with a Green Carnation \$1

Shamrock Grams (attached) will be sold February 19 (no lunch sales) thru March 1. On February 15, they will be available at the Ice Cream Social. Shamrock Grams may be sent to students/staff at all JGSC buildings.

5th and 6th Grade Girls Basketball Schedule

2/1/2018	Prairie View (5AB)	5:30	T	3/1/2018	Culver (6AB)	5:00	T
2/3/2018	LaVille Tourney (6th A & B)	9:00	T	3/1/2018	Culver (5AB)	5:00	H
2/6/2018	Olive Township (5AB)	5:00	H	3/3/2018	NLES Tourney (5th A & B)	9:00	H
2/13/2018	LaVille (6th A & B)	4:30	T	3/5/2018	Argos (6th A & B)	5:00	T
2/13/2018	LaVille (5th A & B)	4:30	H	3/5/2018	Argos (5th A & B)	5:00	H
2/20/2018	New Prairie (6th A & B)	5:00	H	3/6/2018	Bremen (6A & B)	5:00	H
2/26/2018	Riverside PLY (6th A & B)	5:00	T	3/6/2018	Bremen (5A & B)	5:00	T
2/26/2018	Riverside PLY (5th A & B)	5:00	H	3/8/2018	Triton (6th A & B)	5:00	H
2/28/2018	Knox (6th A & B)	5:30	H	3/8/2018	Triton (5th A & B)	5:00	T
2/28/2018	Knox (5th A & B)	5:30	T	3/13/2018	Walkerton (6th A & B)	4:30	H
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John Glenn School Corporation
2018-2019

Revised 1/8/18

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Jun. 5 - Session I Summer School Begins, 8:00 - 12:00

Jun.29 - Session I Summer School Ends

Jul. 9 - Session II Summer School Begins, 8:00 - 12:00

Jul. 31 - Session II Summer School Ends

Aug. 1 - Online Registration Opens

Aug. 2 - Student Registration -
12:30 to 7:00 P.M.

Aug. 13 - Teacher Orientation

Aug. 14 - Classes Begin - Grades K - 12

Sep. 3 - Labor Day, No School

Sep. 24 - No School

Oct. 1 - 7 - 12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:15 - 7:15

Oct. 2 - 7 - 12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:15 - 7:15

Oct. 15 - Begin Second Nine Week Grading Period

Oct. 15 - K - 6 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:15 - 7:15

Oct. 16 - K - 6 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:15 - 7:15

Oct. 18 - Fall Break Begins, No School

Oct. 19 - Fall Break, No School

Nov. 21 - Thanksgiving Break, No School

Nov. 22 - Thanksgiving Break, No School

Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving Break, No School

Dec. 21 - Classes Dismissed at Regular Time for Winter Vacation
End Second Nine Week Grading Period/First Semester

Jan. 7 - Classes Resume Following Winter Vacation

Begin Third Nine Week Grading Period/Second Sem.

Jan. 21 - Martin Luther King Day -No School (Snow Make-Up Day)

Feb. 15 - No School (Snow Make-Up Day)

Feb. 18 - Presidents' Day - No School (Snow Make-Up Day)

Mar. 15 - End Third Nine Week Grading Period

Mar. 18 - Begin Fourth Nine Week Grading Period

Mar. 22 - Dismiss for Spring Break - 3:00 p.m.

Mar. 25 - Spring Break Begins

Mar. 29 - Spring Break Ends

Apr. 1 - Classes Resume Following Spring Break

Apr. 19 - No School (Snow Make-Up Day)

Apr. 22 - No School (Snow Make-Up Day)

May 27 - Memorial Day - No School

May 30 - End of Year - Last Student Day

End Fourth Nine Week Grading Period/
Second Semester

May 31 - Teacher Records Day (No Students)

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Jun. 2 - Commencement

1st 9 Weeks = 42

3rd 9 Weeks = 47

2nd 9 Weeks = 45

4th 9 Weeks = 46

1st Semester = 87

2nd Semester = 93

180 Student Days

183 Teacher Days

Admit One



*John Glenn Education Foundation
Exceeding in Excellence Gala*

*Saturday, February 17
at Swan Lake Resort*

*Doors open at 6P.M. EST.
Dinner will be served at 7P.M. EST.
CASH BAR AVAILABLE*

*Please join us on Saturday, February 17, 2018 as the John Glenn Education Foundation will host our first annual fundraising gala. The **Exceeding in Excellence Gala** will take place at the Swan Lake Resort.*

The evening will be filled with a plated dinner, dancing, live performances by our show choirs and jazz band, and a silent auction featuring many of our local businesses. Tickets to the Gala will be available for purchase at all home JGHS Boys' and Girls' Varsity Basketball games beginning in January, as well as at the administration office on John Glenn Drive.

Tickets prices are \$75 per couple or \$40 for a single ticket.

This event will raise funds that will enable our Foundation to provide innovative opportunities in education for students and staff within our district. For more information, or to get involved, please email us at jgedfoundation@gmail.com. Reference the Gala in the subject line and a board member will reach out to you.

Spring Break Enrichment 2018

Dear parents,

Registration for the new Spring Break Enrichment is just beginning. Spring Enrichment will be held at North Liberty Elementary from March 26th thru March 30th. Our program will be open from 6:00am until 6:00pm. The cost of the program will be \$20 a day. Payments are to be made by March 16th to guarantee a spot in the enrichment.

A field trip is in the works but not set yet more details will be given closer to Spring Break.

Please fill in the schedule of days your child will be in attendance. Lunch count and the activities need an accurate head count. We are looking forward to a fun filled week of activities and learning.

Sincerely
Charman Dreessen

Please fill out the bottom portion and return to the B&A staff ASAP

Childs name: _____
Age _____ Grade _____
Parents name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____
Emergency Contact: _____
Emergency Phone: _____

ALL Allergies _____

Dentist: _____ Phone _____
Doctor _____ Phone _____

3-26	3-27	3-28	3-29	3-30

The Swoop Scoop

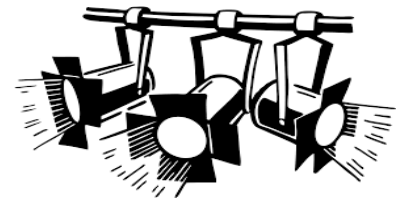
"Swoop" is a nickname for our Title I Program. Students in grades K-3 may qualify for extra reading support each semester thanks to a federally funded program for which JGSC qualifies.

Swoop Groups are busy Mondays through Fridays! Mrs. Weiss travels between two schools to work with our teachers and Swoop aides. Our incredible instructional aides work within K-3rd grade reading classes offering extra help for reading. Some students work in the Swoop room in the afternoons for half hour periods. The students work in consistent small groups with reading lessons led by the instructional aides.

NEW Groups! Every year, we regroup for the second half of the year. We used some time in December to read with each child in grades K-2. This is invaluable as we take the time one on one to enjoy each child and determine whether some extra help would be beneficial. The classroom teachers provide lots of input on the students' progress, too. Then we regroup for our new groups beginning at the end of January. If your child made sufficient progress to leave Swoop, you will receive a letter via USPS. If your child is joining the Swoop Crew, you would receive a letter via USPS, as well.

Swoop Group Spotlight

All our 1st-3rd grade Swoopers enjoyed a literacy game day recently. From Sight Word Candyland to shaving cream writing, it was a nice break from regular lessons as we prepared to regroup and dig in for the last part of the year.



Welcome, Mrs. Nifong!

Mrs. Darci Nifong joined us January 8th! Mrs. Nifong will be a Title I Instructional Aide working with K-3rd grade students. She is a mom and resides in Plymouth. We are very happy to have her on the Swoop Team!



Marshall Co. Reading Council Young Authors' Conference

Save the date: Author Ashley Wolff will be at the annual MCRC Young Authors' Conference April 12 at Menominee School. Our staff helps with this event and ALL our students are welcome. More information will be coming soon.



You are your child's most important teacher! Thank you for your support and teamwork!

~ Mrs. Weiss, Title I Teacher ~

Dino Night was a Roaring Success!

Thank you to the families who joined up on January 9 for our Dino Family Night. The students did a beautiful job with the make and take games, building their dino models, and doing the Dino Move and Groove! The real mastodon bones were amazing! The dino fossil casts turned out fantastic. The cookies and cocoa were yummo, and the smiles said it all on the free dino rides! Here are a few pics, and there are many more on the NLES facebook page. :)



Next Swoop Family Night March 6 ~ 6pm-7:30pm

Snow is falling and books are calling! Please join us for Swoop Family Night. The whole family is invited! From books to games to hands on activities, this evening is sure to bring plenty of smiles! Snacks provided, too. Thanks to our TI grant, there is no cost to families for this event. :) RSVPs will be sent home with your Swooper in February. Please return those asap to help plan materials and refreshments for the evening. We are looking forward to a great evening with our students, their families, and our staff!



You are your child's most important teacher! Thank you for your support and teamwork!
~ Mrs. Weiss, Title I Teacher ~

Gym-NEWS-ium

Jumping Into Your Passion!!!

On January 19th, the NLES students had a fantastic full school assembly with the Flight Crew Jump Ropers. These jumpers were recent semi-finalists on the popular variety show "America's Got Talent". The show was coordinated and funded by the NLES PE department. The Flight Crew also visited JGHS, UMS, and WES. The program was a reward to the NLES Students for this year's PE Fundraiser for achieving the goal of selling 250 cases of "World's Finest Chocolate". The seven high sellers from the fund raiser were given front row seats to watch the talented group perform with their jump ropes and exceptional athletic skills. The crew spoke about Jumping Into Your Passion and good methods to deal with unwanted bullying.



Check out the videos on
the NLES Facebook Page



Important Attendance Update

We at NLES want to make sure our students are successful. For us to accomplish this, student attendance must be made a priority. Although teachers are one of the most important school- related factors in a student's success, they cannot influence or provide learning opportunities when your child is absent. Of course, there will be times when students must miss school, but our goal is to make sure students are only absent when necessary. Just remember, if your child is going to be absent, always call the school so we know that your child is safe.



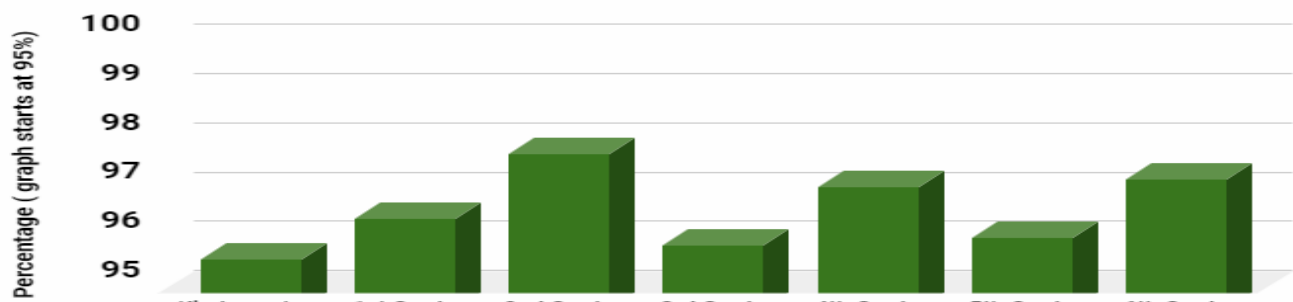
Did You Know? Being frequently absent early in a child's school career not only shows lower achievement in math, reading, and general knowledge, it is also a common statistic of high school dropouts.

The bar graph below shows the percentage of attendance for each grade since the beginning of this school year, our goal is to make sure every grade level is above 96% at the end of the year.

We are on our way to reaching our goal!

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**North Liberty Elementary Attendance Percentages
2017-2018**



Attendance Matters!!!

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much BUT.....

If your child misses...	That equals....	Which is.....	And over 13 years of schooling that's....
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	over 5 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child??

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	And over 13 years of schooling that's....
10 min per day	50 min per week	nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	nearly ½ year
20 min per day	1hr 40min per week	over 2 ½ weeks per year	nearly 1 year
30 min per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	nearly 1 ½ years

EVERY DAY COUNTS

* Fortnight means 14 days

If you want your child to be successful at school, then
YES, attendance does matter!!



What Does it Mean to be College and Career Ready?

College Ready -A College Ready student is an academically prepared student, ready for postsecondary education or training without the need for remedial coursework. Whether you are pursuing a four-year degree or studying for a skilled trade license, being ready means having the reading, writing, mathematics, social, and cognitive skills to qualify for and succeed in the academic program of your choice.

Career Ready -A Career Ready student possesses both the necessary knowledge and technical skills needed for employment in their desired career field. For example, a student who is ready to become a teacher not only possesses knowledge of education policy, but also possesses all required certifications required to become a teacher.

Why is it important for our students to be college and career ready?

Students in elementary school are not too young to be exposed to the idea of postsecondary education/training. The elementary school years are an ideal time to foster students' enthusiasm about "what they want to be when they grow up," to encourage excitement about their futures, and to build the foundation for academic success.

What Parents Can Do

Help your child become a reader by reading to your child every day or having him read to you. When your child is old enough to read independently, expect twenty to thirty minutes of daily reading. Support your child's reading habit by talking about books, visiting the library, and letting your child see you read, too.

Help your child get to school on time every day. Frequent absence or tardiness has a negative impact on learning and achievement.

Monitor your child's progress in school and keep in contact with his teachers. Reinforce learning by reviewing math facts and vocabulary words with your child.

Talk to your child about different careers and the education or training required for various types of jobs. For example, during a visit to the pediatrician, point out different career opportunities: doctor, nurse, medical secretary, lab technician. If possible, take your child to visit your place of employment. **See the "Family Career Tree" activity.**

Cultivate your child's natural curiosity by exploring museums, zoos, airports, planetariums, and battlefields. The classroom isn't the only place where learning happens.

Expose your child to the arts. Locate opportunities for music, dance, art, and theater experiences and lessons.

What Students Can Do

Read every day.

Try your best in school.

Get involved in something outside of school.

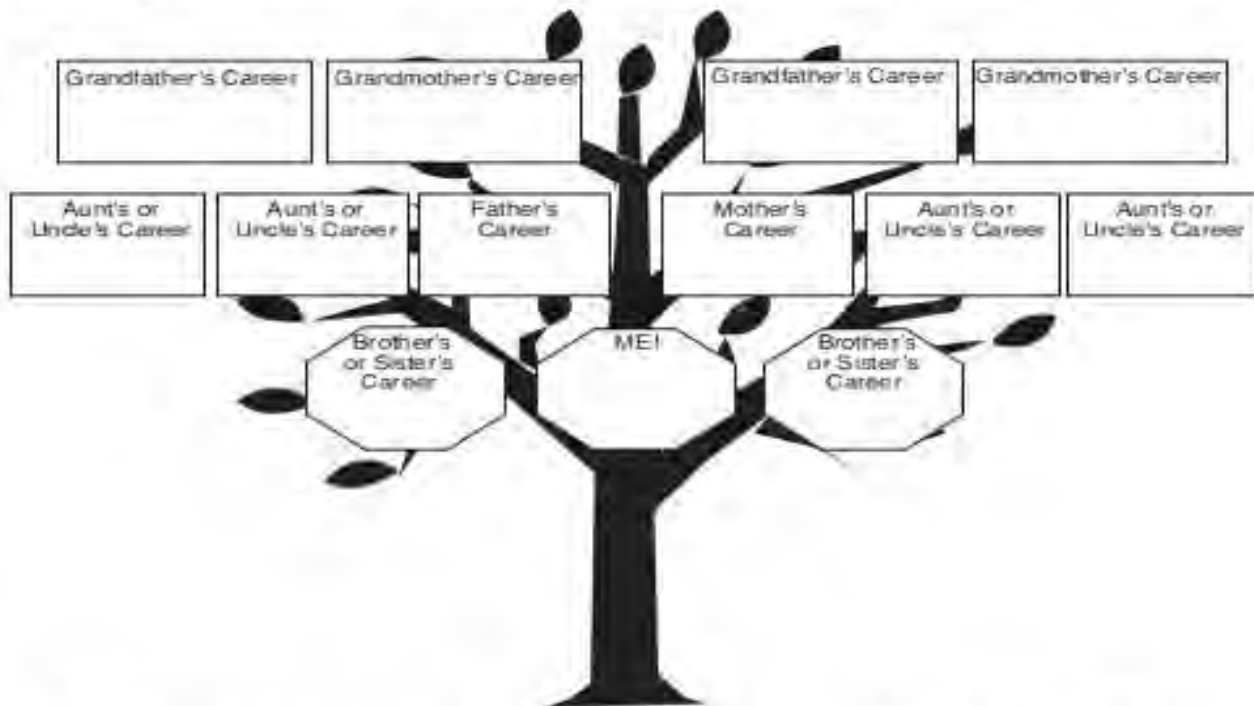
Ask lots of questions.

Here is a great family activity to start a conversation about career exploration:

Career Family Tree Worksheet

Take a look at the careers chosen by your grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, and other relatives.

It's fun to think about how family members' career choices have influenced their lives—and it may help you identify things you want and don't want in a career. Fill in each box with the career of the listed person. Add boxes for more aunts, uncles, cousins, brothers, and sisters if you can.



Are there career areas that several of your relatives have pursued? If so, list them here.

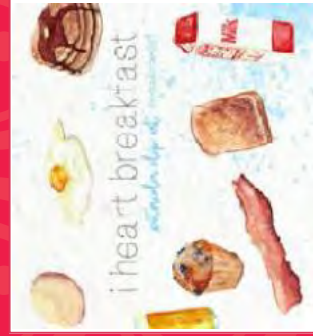
How have your family members' career choices changed over time?

What do your relatives tell you about reasons to choose or not choose careers like theirs?

Look for our monthly College & Career Readiness e-newsletter coming in your email this week including upcoming events, college saving tips, and college & career readiness activities...hard copies can be requested.

John Glenn
School Corporation

Full price breakfast \$1.30
Reduced price breakfast \$0.30



All meals include a milk

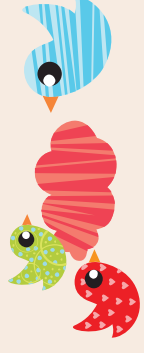
Students must select a fruit with
breakfast.

You can keep track of your
students account and make
payments @ myschoolbucks.com

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February 2018



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5	6	7	8	9
Cinnamon Bagel Fruit 100% Fruit Juice	Bacon & Egg Breakfast Pizza Fruit 100% Fruit Juice	Assorted Cereal Cheddar Goldfish Fruit 100% fruit Juice	Pancake Wrap Fruit 100% Fruit Juice	Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast Fruit 100% Fruit Juice
12	13	14	15	16
Yogurt Banana Bread Fruit 100% Fruit Juice	Dutch Waffle Fruit 100% Fruit Juice	Assorted Cereal Cheddar Goldfish Fruit 100% Fruit juice	Mini Pancakes w/syrup Fruit 100% Fruit Juice	Snow Day Make Up!! Scrambled Eggs NutriGrain Bar Fruit 100% Fruit Juice
19	20	21	22	23
No School Presidents Day	Bacon & Egg Breakfast Pizza Fruit 100% Fruit Juice	Assorted Cereal Cheddar Goldfish Fruit 100% Fruit juice	Cheese Omelet Blueberry Muffin Fruit 100% Fruit juice	Donut Fruit 100% Fruit Juice
26	27	28		
Yogurt Banana Bread Fruit 100% Fruit juice	Dutch Waffle Fruit 100% Fruit Juice	Assorted Cereal Cheddar Goldfish Fruit 100% Fruit juice		



February is **National
Hot Breakfast Month!**

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Full price lunch \$2.00
Reduced price lunch \$0.40



All meals include a milk

Students must select a fruit or vegetable with each meal.

You can keep track of your students account and make payments @ myschoolbucks.com

February 2018



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Sloppy Joe with Bun Green Peas Coin Carrots Fruit Choice	Drumstick Mashed Potato Golden Corn Fruit Choice Pudding Cup	Chicken Quesadilla Salsa Refried Beans Garden Bar Fruit Choice	Falcon Bowl Garden Bar Fruit Choice	Hot Dog with Bun Baked Beans Carrots and Celery with Ranch Fruit Choice
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Salisbury Steak w/ Brown Gravy Au Gratin Potatoes Golden Corn Warm Dinner Roll Fruit Choice	Pork Patty Sandwich Baked Beans Steamed Broccoli Fruit Choice	Pollock Fillet Garden Bar California Blend Veggies Fruit Choice Johnny Pop	Big Daddy Pizza Sweet Potato Fries Green Beans Fruit Choice	Snow Day Make Up!! Chicken Nuggets Baby Carrots Mixed Veggies Fruit Choice
19	20	21	22	23
No School Presidents Day	Oven "Fried" Chicken Potato Smiles Sweet Peas Fruit Choice	Grilled Cheese with Tomato Soup Tri Tater Baby Carrots w/ Ranch Fruit Choice	Chicken Smackers Baked Beans Steamed Broccoli Cheddar Goldfish Fruit Choice	Alfredo Pasta Roasted Red Skin Potatoes Sweet Peas Fruit Choice Chocolate Chip Cookie
26	27	28		
Meatball Marinara Sub Golden Corn Garden Bar Fruit Choice	Chicken Tenders Baked Beans Cole Slaw Fruit Choice	Meatloaf Potato Cubes Green Beans Fruit Choice		



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Hot Breakfast Month!**

SHAMROCK GRAMS

To: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____



NLES _____

WES _____

Urey _____

JGHS _____

From: _____ Message: _____

SHAMROCK GRAMS

To: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____



NLES _____

WES _____

Urey _____

JGHS _____

From: _____ Message: _____



SCIENCE *alive*

Highlights Include:

- Entertaining Stage Shows
- Hands-on Activities
- Raffles & Giveaways

Saturday, February 3
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Main Library



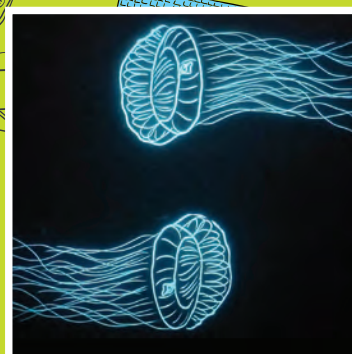
Prepare to be mesmerized by **StormTeam 16** as they share the inside scoop on how weather changes are predicted.



Snakes, Birds, and Bugs! Learn more about your favorite animals during the **Silly Safaris, Inc.** Show and Meet and Greet.



Shake from excitement as **Science Central** demonstrates how sound travels during their "Good Vibrations" performance.



Up, Up, and Away! Soar through the starry skies and find out about "The History of Light" with the **Sea Beast Puppet Company**.



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***North Liberty
Elementary
2nd 9 Week
Honor Roll
Third Grade***

Distinguished

Scarlett Franklin
Casen Garrett
Lydia Goodsell
Dakota Hickey
Cloey Hummel
Christina Laskowski
Miah Lichtenbarger
Landon Richie
Finley Seal
Levi Spychalski
Amelia Stevens
Jackson Taylor
Kamden Tibbs
Kylie Timm
Brayden Whitmer
Myla Williams

Regular

Rylie Albright
Logan Alexander
Mackenzie Banaszak
Addison Beatty
Devin Braun
Mari Brennan
Payton Bohnke
Allie Brinkhoff
Carter Carpenter
Kenzie Chizum
Guillermo Coria
Alexia Cox
Allison Dennie
Lilah Donlon
Hunter Dupont
Konor Fugate

Charis Geist
Katelynn Griesinger
Mason Grove
Riley Hamilton
Corbin Hamrick
Molly Harness
Erin Harrison
Karter Hensley
Nicolas Holzer
Haylee Isbell
Peyton James
Zalia Kaser
Savannah Leslie
Ava Litteral
Laelyn Lowery
Anthony Lubelski
Donavan Martin
Karlyn McNeill
Koda Nimon
Arieana Palmer
Emmalane Pittman
Persayus Richard
Kacen Sanchez
Trace Slayton-Miller

Aidan Smith
Alexander Sweet
Reid Taylor
Ryan Taylor
Layne Tibbs
John Vanek
Cailee Verduin
Isabella Williamson
Hailey Yoder

***Fourth Grade
Distinguished***

Alyssa Buss
Kaden Lang
Anna Watson

Regular

Ajay Brinkhoff

Morgan Gill
Ethan Giszewski
Gabriel Goodsell
Preston Grove
Calli Hahn
Taylor Jackson
Rylee Johnson
Adam Laffoon
Justin Leslie
Kinley MacLeod
Elden Philson
Cohen Pena
Peyton Radandt
Julia Rudecki
Jacob Scott
Ayden Smigielski
Arianna Stanley
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Casen Garrett
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Katelynn Griesinger
Riley Hamilton
Corbin Hamrick
Dakota Hickey
Nicolas Holzer
Cloey Hummel
Christina Laskowski
Miah Lichtenbarger
Ava Litteral
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Finley Seal
Aidan Smith
Levi Spychalski
Amelia Stevens
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Kylie Timm
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Kenzie Chizum
Guillermo Coria
Courtney Lylian
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Alaina Duszynski
Konor Fugate
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Mason Grove
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I love you because...

Family members can share what they love about each other with this writing activity. Have your youngster cut out paper hearts. Write love notes on them and hide for others to find. For example, maybe your child will put one under her sister's placemat that says, "I love you because you make me laugh."

On the road again

Carpooling with other parents is a great way to save time and money—and to get to know your youngster's classmates. When you drive, you'll probably hear them discuss school, sports, and friends. *Note:* Ask parents about booster seats—if a child uses one in his parents' car, he'll need one in yours, too.

Indoor "recess"—at home

When winter weather keeps your family inside, ask your child to show you what she does during indoor recess at school. She could teach you games, crafts, or songs she enjoys. Then, encourage her to come up with new ideas to try at home or in class.

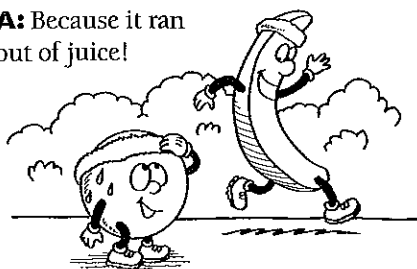
Worth quoting

"Life itself is the most wonderful fairy tale." *Hans Christian Andersen*

JUST FOR FUN

Q: Why did the orange lose the race?

A: Because it ran out of juice!



Olympic-sized learning

While the 2018 Winter Olympic Games are taking place thousands of miles away, your child can earn a "medal" in learning at home. Turn Olympic magic into educational gold with these suggestions.

Reading

Speed skating, ski jumping, luge...which Winter Olympics sports does your youngster enjoy watching? Head to the library together to pick out books about their history, the rules, and how the athletes train. *Idea:* Hold a "reading Olympics." Let family members count the books they read in February. At the end of the month, everyone can award medals to their three favorites.

Math

Your child will practice gathering, recording, and calculating data to find out which of his favorite countries wins the most medals. Encourage him to divide poster board into four columns: "Country," "Gold," "Silver," "Bronze." In column one, he can list teams he'd like



to follow. Every day, have him check a newspaper or olympic.org and add tally marks for each country's medals. After the Olympics end, he can total them up to see who got the most in each category.

Social studies

Where in the world do the Olympic athletes come from? To explore geography, help your youngster use a map to find countries represented in the Olympics. He might put star stickers on the countries on a wall map. Or let him print out a world map and make a dot on each competing country.♥

Decisions, decisions

Learning to make smaller decisions now will prepare your youngster to make bigger ones later. Here are ways to build her decision-making skills:

- Hearing you think through your choices gives your child an example to follow. You might say, "I'd like to visit Aunt Sue tonight, but then I might not finish this proposal for work. I'll go Saturday instead."
- When possible, give your youngster two to three specific options. That way, she can make a decision without feeling overwhelmed. *Example:* "Do you want to sweep or dust?" rather than "Which chore would you prefer to do?"♥



An anti-bullying attitude

Having a positive attitude toward others can help to keep your youngster from participating in bullying. With these ideas, she'll be more apt to be kind to others and want them to feel included.

1. Watch your words. Let your youngster know you expect her to speak kindly. Before she says something she's unsure about, she could ask herself if she would want *you* to hear it. If she overhears another

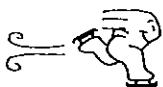


student calling a classmate names or gossiping, she could counter the unkind words with nice ones. ("I hear you're really good at gymnastics.")

2. Accept everyone.

Leaving people out on purpose is a form of bullying. Suggest that your child look for chances to make others feel that they belong. For example, she might ask to

join someone who normally sits alone on the bus. Or she could invite a new student to her birthday party. She'll see how good it feels to make someone's day—and perhaps she'll even gain a friend!♥



ACTIVITY CORNER

Inspired by art

Art unleashes your child's imagination and lets him practice fine-motor skills. Try these tips to encourage him to experiment.



Use natural supplies

Challenge your youngster to find free art materials right in your backyard! For instance, he might use sticks or feathers as paintbrushes. Or he could draw on rocks with colored chalk.

Try new formats

Suggest that your child arrange objects (toys, fruits) on a table and sketch a *still life*. Or go outdoors where he can paint a *landscape* of natural scenery like trees or a pond. If he wants to draw a *portrait*, he could ask a family member to pose—or look in a mirror and create a self-portrait.♥

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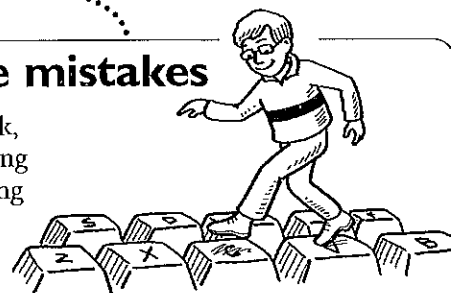
Safe to make mistakes

My third grader, Mark, gets discouraged when he can't do something correctly right away. While he was practicing his typing skills, he said, "Forget it, I'm no good at this," and walked away from the computer.

I told Mark that mistakes are part of learning. I admitted that when I was his age, I wanted to quit the violin because I couldn't get the notes right on my favorite piece. Luckily, the school music teacher encouraged me to continue, and Mark knows that I enjoy playing the violin to this day.

To show Mark his mistakes were "stepping-stones," I drew circles across a sheet of paper. Each time he made a mistake while typing, I suggested he cross out a stepping-stone and start the sentence again. I knew that if he kept trying, he'd type an error-free sentence before he got to the last stone—and I was right.

Now Mark has a way to track his progress with typing and other things that require persistence.♥



Q & A

Study with a pencil in hand

Q: When my daughter studies for a test, she simply reads through her notes or textbook chapter once and announces she's finished. How can I help her study more effectively?

A: Reading is an important part of studying. But writing and drawing can help cement the information in her mind—in fun and interesting ways.

For example, if she's studying a textbook chapter, she could write answers to

the end-of-chapter questions or even design her own quiz. When she studies with a classmate, they might write questions on index cards and play "quiz show."

Sketching pictures is another good study strategy. To prepare for a test on planets, she can draw and label the solar system. Or she could draw pizzas and write fractions on the slices while studying for a math test.♥



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What's the source?

Share these ideas for keeping track of sources when your youngster writes reports for school. He can jot each fact on the front of an index card and list the book's title and author on the back. Or he could print out articles and highlight information he plans to use. The URL will be right there at the bottom of the page.

Winter wear

Not too cold, not too hot—your child will concentrate better in school if she's comfortable. Encourage her to dress in layers so she can remove or add as needed. For example, she might wear a sweater over a T-shirt or a vest on top of a blouse.

Developing diligence

When your youngster gives a job his wholehearted effort, he's being *diligent*. To demonstrate, suggest that he fold a few shirts before putting them in a drawer and then just throw in the rest. Ask him if he has done the job right. Point out that diligence will give him better results (unwrinkled shirts).

Worth quoting

"Hold on to a true friend with both your hands." *Nigerian proverb*

JUST FOR FUN

Q: Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?

A: At the bottom.



Together time

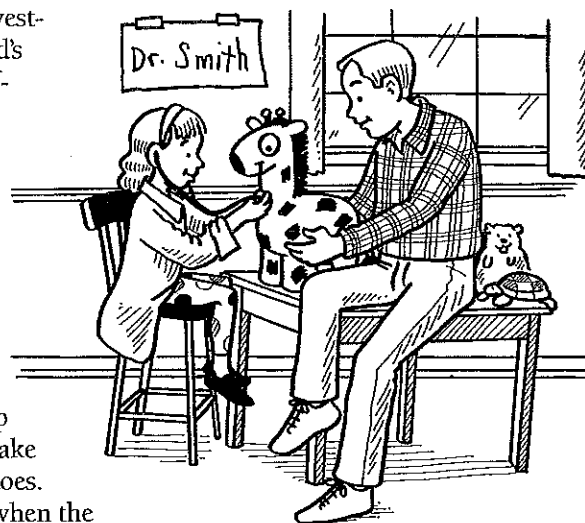
Family time is a worthy investment that can boost your child's communication skills and self-esteem. As a result, she may learn more and behave better in school. Try these ideas for fitting in more time with your youngster.

Maximize minutes

Sharing simple, everyday moments may lead to conversations about school or friends. Ask your child to help you with dinner. She could make the salad while you peel potatoes. Or sing along with the radio when the two of you are in the car or listening to music at home.

Have "play dates"

Join your youngster when she plays. She might teach you the rules for *Trouble* or *Mousetrap*, or you could show her a card game you liked at her age. Or pretend with her—maybe she'll be a veterinarian and you'll bring stuffed animals for checkups. Taking turns and role-playing build social skills she needs in school.



Plan ahead

With your child, list special activities you both enjoy, such as going to a flea market, visiting a nature center, or watching a basketball game. Put these on a calendar so you'll plan on them. She'll see that her company is important to you.

Tip: Silence or put away your phone to give your youngster your undivided attention while you chat or play.♥

Celebrate history

For a child, even yesterday can seem like a long time ago. Bring the past into the present for your youngster with these do-it-today activities.

● Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

This civil rights leader helped to change the world. How can your family make a difference? Have each person draw a star on a sheet of paper, then cut it out and write one way to help others on each of the star's points. *Examples:* "Make a meal for a sick neighbor." "Play with a classmate who doesn't have a lot of friends."

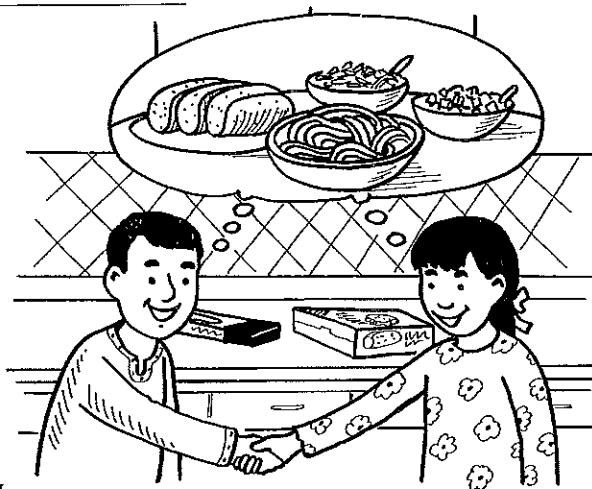
● **Create a personal history museum.** History isn't just about others—your family has its own history, too! Let your child turn a box into a museum filled with items that remind family members of "historic" moments. He might include his T-ball award or a photograph of his little sister in a school play.♥



Keys to collaboration

Here's a skill that will come in handy when your child works with partners or groups: collaboration. He'll need to exchange opinions and solve problems throughout his school career and in future jobs. Share these tips.

Think before answering. In a good discussion, each person builds on others' responses. Practice by asking



one family member wants tacos for dinner and another wants pasta. Perhaps he'll suggest a "taco-spaghetti bar" where you have tortillas and noodles, with toppings for both.♥

a "Would you rather" question, such as "Would you rather fly like a bird or transport anywhere instantly?" Maybe you'll say "teleporting" is better because you'd get home from work quickly. Your youngster might reply, "I agree that teleporting would be faster, but I'd like to fly and look at the world below."

Negotiate thoughtfully.

Appoint your child "consensus builder" for one week. His job is to think of compromises. Say

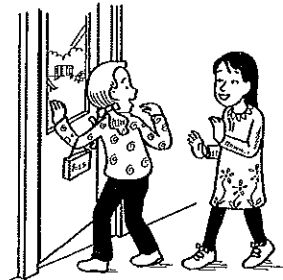
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Peer pressure: Stop and think

My daughter Chloe has a friend who dares her to do things that could lead to trouble. When the girls got a restroom pass from their teacher, this friend pressured her to sneak onto the playground. Chloe said it was hard to say no, and when she did, her friend called her a "scaredy-cat."

I told Chloe I was proud of her for doing the right thing. Then I shared an idea to use if she faces peer pressure. She can picture a stop sign in her mind—that's her cue to stop and think. If she wouldn't want her teacher or me to see her saying yes, she should say no.

We also talked about how true friends will take "no" for an answer. I hope the "stop sign" strategy will help her handle tough situations in the future.♥



Q & A

Encourage active play

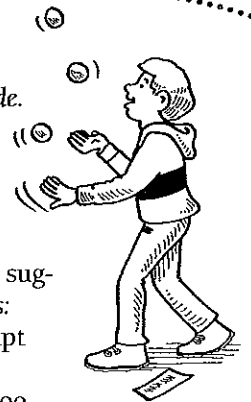
Q: My son used to get plenty of exercise by playing outside. Now that he's older, he spends more time sitting around than running around. How can I get him moving?

A: You're right to want your son to move more, since daily physical activity will keep him healthier.

Challenge your child to think of fun ways to be active, and suggest that he write each one on a separate index card. Examples: "Jump rope." "Juggle balls." "Play air guitar." Every day, prompt him to pick a few cards and do what they say.

Encourage him to enjoy physical activity with other kids, too, by joining a sports team or taking a class like karate or gymnastics. You can also help by being active with him. Go outside for a game of catch, follow along with a workout video, or play Ping-Pong at the community center.

Between these ideas—and recess and PE at school—your son can get the recommended hour or more of exercise per day.♥



ACTIVITY CORNER

Make a crystal "garden"

This sparkly science experiment will show your youngster how crystals form.

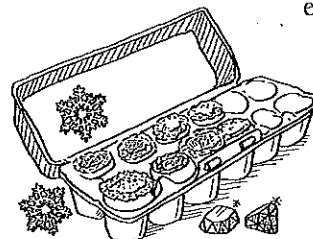
1. Save the shells from 4 eggs that you've cracked in half. Have your child rinse them and place into an empty egg carton.
2. Measure $\frac{1}{2}$ cup boiling water into a mug. Your youngster should stir in about $\frac{1}{4}$ cup salt, a little at a time, until it won't dissolve anymore.
3. Let your child pour 1 tbsp. water into each shell and add a drop of food coloring.

4. Have her check the shells twice a day and record what she sees. Over several days, colorful crystals will form.

5. She could paint her crystals with clear nail polish to preserve them.

The science: As salt dissolves, the water molecules drive apart the salt molecules. When the water evaporates, the salt molecules go back together,

forming a regular, geometric pattern called a crystal. Snowflakes and diamonds are real-world examples of crystals.♥



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