

# December Newsletter

## NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Winter is one of my favorite times of the year. With Thanksgiving winding down, the excitement from our students starts for the Christmas season. We celebrate with wonderful concerts by our 1st & 2nd grade (12/5) as well as our 5th & 6th graders (12/13) sharing their glorious talents. The spelling bee for students in 3rd - 6th grade is on December 20th at 1:45 pm. Our Student Council students travel to the Antonine Village to spend time making crafts with the residents and sharing stories. Our staff begin their Blue Jay Elf drive supporting local families in their holiday festivities. We partner with local food banks and some of the American Legion post 727 members in delivering dinners in time for the holidays. It is just a time to reflect on all the amazing talent and generosity of our Blue Jay community and families.

Our student body is also treated to some joyous celebrations within their classrooms and school. PTA kicks off with Santa's workshop running from December 3rd - 7th. Officer Phil will be in to meet with all students K-3 on Monday, December 10th. Student council will be sponsoring Ugly Sweater day on Tuesday, December 18th. Students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade will be celebrating Polar Express Day on 12/19. Christmas parties will be on Friday, December 21st. Please remember to only send non-edible treats in due to allergies. Lastly, our Christmas break will begin December 22nd with student returning on January 3rd (Staff report for a waiver day on January 2nd).

As you can see, we are blessed to have so many wonderful things going on at JMES. It's a great time to be a Blue Jay!

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## INCLEMENT WEATHER



With winter upon us, so begins inclement weather which often brings closings or delays. If we are to have a school adjustment, you will receive a call from our One Call system. If you receive the weekly parent broadcast then you will receive this notice as well. You can always sign up for text alerts from your local media stations. WKBN and WFMJ both offer this service on their website. You can also check my Facebook page - Kimberly Fisk Principal. If we have a 2 hour delay, everything will run 2 hours behind. Doors will not open at the elementary until 10:25. Busses will also be 2 hours behind so your 8:05 bus time will now be 10:05. On delay days we will not have before school drop off and breakfast will not be served.

## COUNSELOR CORNER

December is upon us and it is a time for showing compassion. Although Thanksgiving is over it is important to remember that we can always find something that we can be grateful for. This year we will be doing our Blue Jay Elf drive again. Ms. Wierly and I accept donations to help our school families. If you would like to donate to this you can contact one of us.

seniors and by helping to feed families this holiday season. Please encourage your child to talk about ways they can show compassion for someone. Showing compassion requires that we first know how to look at emotions people have and see what might be going on in his or her life.

Our word of the month is Compassion. Our student council is working hard to show compassion to our community by volunteering their time to

Asher update: Asher's recovery has been slower than we had hoped for. We are hoping for him to return to school soon.

## PTA NEWS

We are excited to share the beautiful inspirational artwork that the PTA has added to the downstairs bathroom as part one of many new inspirational sayings that will be added throughout the building. Huge THANK YOU to Marilee Modarelli and Angela Fox for making this happen.

Santa's Workshop will be held the week of December 3rd during your child's normal Library time. We have spent a lot of time this year revamping this event trying to make the shopping experience more fun for your children as well as make the gifts they can purchase of greater value to the receiver. If you have any questions about the type of items being offered or helping during the shopping times please contact Marilee Modarelli.

Thank you to all who joined us for the New York City Bus Trip. We had a great time and are very excited to do another trip in the future!

We would like to remind everyone that we are selling Handel's Ice Cream Pint Cards for \$4.50 each. If you would like to purchase any please send money and how many cards you want in an envelope with your child. Checks can be made out to JMES PTA. These make great Christmas gifts!



## CLUB DATES

Coder Club - 12/4

Math Club - 12/12

Science Club - 12/8