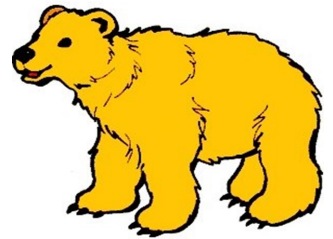


The Bearzette



Johnston Elementary School

Engaging...Empowering...Enriching

April/May

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Message from the Principal

Happy May everyone!

Can you believe we are so close to the end of the year? Where has the time gone? As we wrap up our year, let me take the time to highlight some upcoming events!

****Our state testing will be coming up very soon. Please be sure to take note of Ms. Harmon's suggestions below in order for your child to have a successful testing experience. We are anticipating our students to do well on these tests. We are looking for growth each year as we prepare them for this week of testing. Please encourage your child to do his or her best and to put forth the effort that will reflect that they tried their best. While WE certainly don't measure everything by our state tests, the state does put emphasis on them as measures of growth and success among schools. Therefore, it is imperative that our students put forth the effort to reflect what they have learned this year. Thank you for your support!**

****We are looking forward to our Arts Alive program this year. Like always, our parents and community members are invited to attend.**

****Our yearbooks are in and they look GREAT!!! We will be having a yearbook day and it is tentatively scheduled for May 24. This will be a time where your child can get others to sign their yearbook and just enjoy being with their classmates one more time before summer gets here. We do have some extra yearbooks. Please send \$13 with your child and we will reserve a copy. This will be first come-first serve.**

****Our Field Days are scheduled for this year. Please be sure to ask your child's teacher about the specific time and day. Some are only half day this year.**

****Our farewell for our 5th grade students will be May 30. We will have an awards ceremony in the gym followed by refreshments in the park in front of the school. We look forward to seeing all of our parents enjoy this special time with us!**

****5K graduation will be May 26 at 8:30 in the gym! We look forward to our parents being in attendance!**

AP's Notes

JES is excited about testing!

Standardized testing is right around the corner. The exact dates are on the next page. **Here are some tips for helping students on the morning of the test:**

Get up a few minutes early to avoid rushing and make sure your child arrives at school on time.

Have your child eat a nutritious breakfast. There is a strong correlation between eating breakfast and memory and cognitive func-

tioning.

Have your child dress comfortably.

Be positive and communicate that this is your child's chance to show what he/she has learned. Help your child build confidence about doing his/her very best.

Lit Bit

Looking for ways to encourage your child to read over the summer? Visit

www.storylineonline.net! This is a free site featuring actors who creatively read books aloud. Actors of all ages engage children by telling them why they like to read or why they chose a specific book to share. This high-quality website features well-known and contemporary picture books that include professional voice narration and original background music to accompany the read aloud. Happy Summer Reading! Ms. Kaltz, Literacy

Nurse's Nook

Research shows that students who skip breakfast have shorter attention spans and don't do as well on tests. Make sure your child gets up in time to have a nutritious breakfast either at home or at school. JES café serves breakfast from 7am - 7:25am. If running late to school, make sure your child gets fed at home.

Ms. Dixie, Nurse

Library Links

Summer Reading Registration begins May 22 at the local libraries (Johnston and Edgefield). Keep books in the forefront by participating in this program. There will be all kinds of fun educational activities and incentives to keep up the interest. At JES we will recognize all of our students who participate!

I have absolutely LOVED being in the JES library this year and I am already looking forward to next year. We are going to GROW some reader/thinkers!

Ms. Holmes

Campbell's Scoop

Summer will be here before we know it! Even though we aren't at school, the learning should continue. One way is to find or create a fun summer reading place. When I was a little girl I took my books and crawled under the branches of my neighbor's weeping willow tree. I hid from the real world while entering my book world. I was so sad when the neighbors cut that tree down!!! But guess what! I made a fort out of our picnic table and an old bed sheet. I'd crawl inside there and READ, READ, READ. Where will your special reading place be? I can't wait to hear your ideas.

Ms. Campbell, RTI

May

- 2- 4 3rd Grade Testing
- 5 - Field Day 4K- 3rd
- 6 - Chorus Sings
- 8 - 12 4 & 5 Testing
- 22 - 5th Field Trip
- 23 - 4th Field Trip
- 25 - Arts Alive
- 24 - Yearbook Day
- 26 - Kindergarten Grad
- 26 - Field Day 4 & 5
- 30 - 5th Farewell

Keep the Beat

The JES chorus members will perform at the Peach Blossom Festival on May 6 immediately following the Parade.

Our annual ARTS ALIVE festivities will be held on May the 25th. We will begin with a cultural parade around 8:15 which will lead into our performance in the gym at 8:30. The students at JES have been working hard to prepare music and dance for our festival. I hope to see you all there!

Ms. Sease

Please continue to collect Box Tops over the summer. A form will be sent home with your child that can be filled and returned in August. There will be a prize for the student whose name is drawn.



Bear Den Cafe

Super Hero Breakfast Week was a SUCCESS! Thank you for participating!

This year we are letting the children choose the lunches for the last days of school!

Ms. Sandy, Café Manager