



West Jefferson Elementary School News

April 2019

Calendar of Events



April

3	3rd Grade CMAS Testing
4	3rd Grade CMAS Testing PTA Meeting 4:00 pm
5	3rd Grade CMAS Testing 5th Grade Denver Museum of Nature and Science
8	3rd and 5th Grade CMAS Testing
9	Autism Awareness Day AT WJES 3rd and 5th Grade CMAS Testing
10	3rd and 5th Grade CMAS Testing
11	4th and 5th Grade CMAS Testing Health and Wellness Meeting at 4:00 PM
12	Kinder Graduation Pictures 4th and 5th Grade CMAS Testing
15	4th and 5th Grade CMAS Testing

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Attendance

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17	4th and 5th Grade CMAS Testing
18	4th and 5th Grade CMAS Testing
	Bobcats Accountability Meeting (BAM)- 4:30 pm
19	4th and 5th Grade CMAS Testing
	1st Grade In-house Expedition
	Parent Input Forms DUE
20	3rd Grade Kiwanis Reading Celebration at the Marshdale Barn
22	Kindergarten Field Trip - IdRahaJe
25	Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast-7:30 am
26	Non-Student Contact Day
29	4th Grade In-House Expedition
30	3rd Grade Musical Performance (2:30 and 6:00)

May

1	5th Grade to State Capitol
2	Kindergarten Step-up Day
	Deadline to return Talent Show Audition Forms
3 and 6	Assessment Day- sign up coming soon!
4	Mountain Ninja Race Fundraiser





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Trees are Alive

Kindergarten completed our EL Education Module 3 learning, Trees are Alive. To share their learning and hard work, students created a tree out of everyday items as well as an animal that depends on that tree. Throughout this learning, students also selected a tree to learn about. Each student shared this learning through writing and illustrations. Be sure and check out their creativity and hard work in the display case!



CMAS Schedule



April 3-5, AM	3rd grade ELA (English Language Arts)
April 8-10, AM	3rd grade Math
April 8-10, PM	5th Grade Science
April 11-12, 15, AM	5th Grade ELA
April 11-12, 15, PM	4th Grade Math
April 17-19, AM	5th Grade Math
April 17-19, PM	4th Grade Math

Spirit Wear

Spirit-wear is here! Show your Bobcat pride with these T-shirts and hoodies inspired by YOUR design choice! These items are only available for a limited-time, so purchase now through April 15th. All orders will be delivered to the school in late-April/early-May for distribution by the PTA. We will send out an email when items are ready to be picked-up. Click on the following link to purchase your spirit-wear today!

http://www.athleticteamsprit.com/store/c30/West_Jeff_Elementary.html



3rd Grade Kiwanis Reading Celebration



Our local Kiwanis club and legendary author, Dr. Joe Wheeler, have been supporting our schools- specifically in reading over the last 17 YEARS! Each year, the Kiwanis gives a generous financial donation toward our school's reading program. Dr. Joe suffered from some serious health issues over the last summer and as a result, we believe this will be the FINAL Reading Celebration. Six students will receive a Barnes and Nobles Gift Card for completing reading homework and/or making progress in reading this year. The celebration is at the Marshdale

Barn from 1-3 on April 20th! There are rides to see the animals, food, refreshments, and other fun activities. Each 3rd grader will get to pick one of Dr. Wheeler's books. Students will preview the books on April 9th in class and learn about Dr. Wheeler! I hope you will join me on Saturday, April 20th!

Movie Night!

Conifer High School Cafeteria

Wednesday, April 24th, 5pm

Parent Input Form (Deadline is April 19th)

We welcome parent input into the process of class placement for the 2019-2020 school year. We want to ensure we place your child with a teacher that is a good match for your child. Although we do not accept requests for particular teachers, we want to know about your child's needs and the characteristics of a teacher you feel will benefit your child as a student in the upcoming school year.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Wc_U4KHM0R9pR0Z1shruoK-VB-A1cOh7/view?usp=sharing

You can print it out and send it in to the office or you can email it to wendy.woodland@jeffco.k12.co.us

Yearbook

It's not too late to get your yearbook! Simply follow the link and search for West Jefferson Elementary link.entourageyearbooks.com.

And we're always looking for more great pictures of our kids, especially from all the class events and parties! If you have any you'd like to submit to the yearbook committee, please send them to westjeffyearbook@gmail.com.

Click [here](#) for information on how to download photos and to order a yearbook!



April Food Drive

West Jefferson Elementary has been helping **Mountain Resource Center** with an annual Food Drive. Once again, we want to help our community. The class that brings in the most points will win a pizza party. Here's how to earn points:



Canned Meat - 5 points

Cereal - 4 points

Personal care Items (shampoo, toothpaste etc...) 3 points

Household Cleaners - 2 points

Any other non-perishable items - 1 point.

Class with the most points wins a pizza party!

District Committee Openings

Jeffco Public Schools is seeking engaged Jeffco parents, staff, and business, and community members to support the district and Board of Education by serving on advisory committees. [Click here](#) for more information on the responsibilities and functions of committee members.

We are seeking members for the following committees:

- District Accountability Committee
- Technology Data Privacy Advisory Committee
- Financial Oversight Committee (FOC)
- Capital Asset Advisory Committee

[Online applications \(Spanish\)](#) will be reviewed by the Board of Education in May so that members can be appointed in June to begin committee work for the 2019-20 school year. Applicants will be contacted via email after the close of the application period in April. If the application meets committee membership requirements, details on next steps will be shared.

The following are welcome to apply:

- Teacher(s) employed by Jeffco Public Schools;
- School administrator(s) employed by Jeffco Public Schools;
- Individual(s) involved in business in the Jeffco Public Schools district boundary;
- Parents of current Jeffco Public Schools students; and
- Community members without students attending Jeffco Public Schools.

Thank you for your consideration of these vital roles to serve Jeffco Public Schools.

Library

Battle of the Books

Five intrepid West Jeff fifth grade readers headed to Rooney Ranch Elementary School in Lakewood to compete against 24 Jeffco elementary schools on Monday, March 11. They called themselves the Oof Cookies (a combination of the Oof Squad and Cookies 'n' Cream). Our team included Hermina Lehman, Phoebe Hornfect, Larissa Jensen, Samantha Larcombe, and Logan Johnson. Like the readers from all the teams, they had read and studied 10 books of various genres and prepared extensively for the competition practicing weekly for over three months. The teams competed in several rounds of competition. The first set of questions in round 1 all began with "In which book...". The next set of questions were book specific, so they began, "In the book _____, ..."

They survived the first round of questions beating out 12 other schools to go on to round 2. Round 2 ran similar to round 1, but unfortunately, the team did not move on to the final round. The competition was fierce and the Oof Cookies did themselves proud. The best part of the whole experience was the level of excitement and expertise displayed by the over 100 students who participated. The joy of reading was palpable and contagious.

Many thanks to Chris Olsen for coaching the kids throughout the three months, to Joan Grawe and Ann Hoy for supporting the kids in the competition, and for all the families for encouraging and supporting their kids as they participated in our first Battle of the Books.

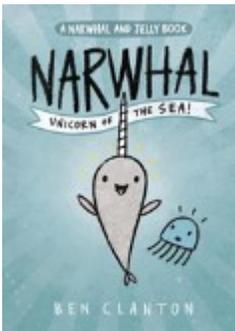
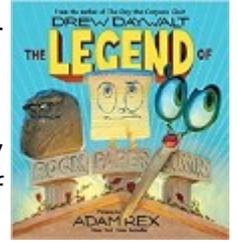
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CCBA Winners



Students across the state and right here at West Jeff voted on their favorite picture book and chapter book to receive the Colorado Children's Book Award. Here at West Jeff, the outstanding winner of the picture book award was *The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors* by Drew Daywalk and Adam Rex. The runner up was *The Creepy Pair of Underwear* by Aaron Reynolds and Peter Brown. And this is precisely how the children around the state voted also.



The Junior Book winner here at West Jeff and throughout Colorado was *Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea (Narwhal and Jelly Series)* by Ben Clanton. Our runner up for *Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate where as the children throughout the state chose *Restart* by Gordon Korman.

Click [here](#) to see the complete list of nominations for next year's award in the Picture Book and the Junior Book categories. It's never too soon to start reading the titles to be ready to vote next year.

One School, One Book®

During the month of May, West Jeff Elementary will participate in a One School, One Book® program. The One School, One Book® program (supported by Read to Them®, a 501C (3)), aims to encourage and enable reading together at home by providing schools and families with tools, resources, guidance, and support to read at home.

Every West Jeff family will receive a copy of our One Book to read together at home that they can keep forever. On the Bobcat News on Tuesday and Thursday

mornings, students will be asked questions about the book that if answered correctly can win them prizes. We will also have a family reading night (tbd) here at school where kids can come in their pajamas, have some milk and cookies, and enjoy a bit of storytime together.



We are in the final stages of choosing the title right now (it's between two). Soon you will know what book will be pulling your family together for some great read aloud time. Watch your Bobcat Updates for the announcement.

Health Room

Dry skin can be itchy, painful and uncomfortable. The school does not provide lotions or lip balms. As parents, you may send a small bottle of **unscented** lotion and lip balm to school with your student. Students are allowed to have these items at school and can keep them in their backpacks. This will help keep them comfortable and more focused on their learning!



Talent Show



Please view the link below if you are interested in participating in this year's Talent Show. Forms are Due by **May 2nd**, Auditions will be held on **May 9th** after school (you will be assigned a time), and the performance is on **May 23rd** (last day of school!).

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zW_LUqjd9hHpEltMukJ5FDrgwf2pVit/view?usp=sharing

Values Award Winners

Congratulations to our following staff members who were nominated by their colleagues for values awards. These people were nominated by more than one person and chosen based on the nominations to represent our school at the District Values Awards Ceremony this month.

EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE- Justine Creel- Instructional Coach

INTEGRITY- Renee Otero- Learning Specialist

TEAMWORK- Karen Duquette- 1st Grade Teacher

VALUING PEOPLE- Esther Adler- Special Education Para Educator



Crayola Recycling Program

Do you have any old markers that don't work? Bring them to school and we will send them to Crayola to recycle. They don't have to be Crayola markers-any markers will do. Please send them to school with your child or bring them to the office.



Habits of Character: PERSEVERANCE



This month, our students and staff will be focusing on **PERSEVERANCE** as our April Habit of Character. Students will continue to work to become effective learners with a focus on perseverance; continuing to work and try their best even when it gets tough. They learn about this during literacy as well as during their Social Emotional Learning Lessons and during our CREW time each morning. Teachers will introduce this habit at the beginning of the month when they get together with buddy classes.

Students will be earning PURPLE Habit Hero tickets for showing collaboration and will be able to turn them in for a prize when they have collected three. They can earn them in class, waiting for the bus after school, in the hallways, in Art, Music and PE, at lunch and recess and any time during the school day. We will be highlighting our Habit Heroes all throughout the school year. Ask your kids about it all through April!

Coach's Corner

Module 4 is in Full Swing!

Module 4 Topics:

Kindergarten: Contributing to Community: Enjoying and Appreciating Trees

1st grade: Caring for Birds

2nd grade: Providing for Pollinators

3rd grade: Water around the world

4th grade: Responding to Inequality: Ratifying the 19th Amendment

5th grade: The Impact of Natural Disasters

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Coach's Corner, continued...

We are still **in need of some supplies**, if you can help with any of the following materials, please drop them off in the office:

Craft Supplies: Googly eyes, Tissue Paper, Feathers (enough for two classrooms)

Seeds (please speak to 2nd grade teachers for specific kind of seeds needed)

Young plants (to study, these need to be pollinator plants. Please speak to 2nd grade teachers for specific kinds needed and how many)

Small egg size / egg looking, stones or other weights

Bird nest materials: sticks, twigs, grass, leaves, strips of yarn and ribbon, pipe cleaners, cotton balls, small pieces of wire

Small containers of playdough (enough for two classes)

File folders (enough for two classes)

Construction paper (shades of green)

Baskets

On our Non-Contact Day, March 15th, grade level teams began working to design and integrate an expedition into one of their EL Modules. Each grade level has come up with a plan that will reach or support others in our community or local areas. These expeditions involve talking with experts, using different environments for learning, being an active investigator and applying research tools and techniques of inquiry. Teachers are currently looking for experts and citizens with first hand knowledge of events or issues to bring into the classroom as part of the learning. Expeditions differ from field trips because students are expected to be active participants in the planning, research and project development. Be looking for information about what expedition your child's grade level will be doing.

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Mountain Ninja Obstacle Course Fundraiser

Did you know that our HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE buys most of our recess equipment (balls, frisbees, corn hole, etc.) as well as purchasing prizes for our kindness cash store? In the past the district has been able to support these purchases through a grant, but next year that funding will no longer be available. So, we are holding a fundraiser that can be fun for the whole family. Please consider joining all of our local mountain schools on Star Wars Day- May 4th. Compete against other schools to support our own - the school with most participants will receive a trophy. Sign up NOW:



<https://www.imathlete.com/#/legacy?url=%2Fevents%2FEventOverview.aspx%3FfEID%3D72114%26fbclid%3DIwAR1fB4TgsnCZ09JU98xkiehEecdTrMWVsYDGq01TsUqydIny475IHqFcom0>

Learn more: <https://www.facebook.com/events/358820821386322/>

Scholarships are available to support families in need. Contact Wendy Woodland -303-982-2975 or wendy.woodland@jeffco.k12.co.us to get your code.

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