



# West Jefferson Elementary School News

March 2019

## Calendar of Events



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Attendance

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Elementary School  
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### February

28	BOB Performance 2 and 6 pm
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### March

1	2nd Grade Inhouse Field Trip
	Battle of the Books in Library at 2 pm
7	PTA Meeting 4:00 pm
8	Spring Pictures (No Re-takes Scheduled)
9	March Family Fun Run at Flying J Ranch Park at 10 am
14	Health & Wellness Meeting 4:00 pm
15	No School – No Student Contact
21	2nd Grade Inhouse Field Trip
25-29	No School- Spring Break

### April

3	ASD Awareness Day
4	PTA Meeting 4:00 pm

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### 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

### Science News

Invisible Forces

By Ann Hoy, 5th Grade

The 5th Graders recently enjoyed a program presented by the Denver Museum of Nature and Science entitled, Invisible Forces: A Physics Challenge. This program gives students a design challenge experience that reveals the forces produced by sound waves, air pressure, light, and electricity. Student teams raced against the clock to try to get the combinations to a lockbox after completing each challenge. Although they were unable to unlock the mysterious box, they learned all about invisible forces around them.





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## **Front Office**

### **ALL SCHOOLS:**

### **LATE START/EARLY RELEASE FOR TEACHER PLANNING TIME SURVEY**

### **DEADLINE MARCH 6**

How do you feel about once-a-week educator planning time? How do families feel about it? This is everyone's chance to weigh in! Please take a few minutes to read about the proposed weekly planning time and take the survey.

[English](#)

[Spanish](#)

School leaders, please share this with your families wherever you can!

**The survey closes on March 6.**

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## **Health Room**

Did you know?

There is no cure for food allergy. Food allergies are managed by avoiding the problem food and learning to recognize and treat reaction symptoms. Jeffco Public Schools guidelines and practices promote inclusive and allergy aware classrooms. Students are encouraged to avoid bringing foods that contain known classroom allergens into the classroom. Students are not permitted to share food, food sharing is prohibited at all times. This includes the classroom and cafeteria. Please encourage your student to follow these practices.

For more information, please refer to the “**Managing Life-Threatening Allergies in School- aged Children Guidelines and Practices Handbook**” on the Health Services website for more details for students with food allergies in the school setting.

[http://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/services/health\\_services](http://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/services/health_services)

## **SEL**

We are so excited to share that thanks to our Jeffco Voters passing 5A, our school will have a ½ time Social Emotional Learning Specialist serving our school next year. This will offer more opportunities for proactive social emotional skills building for our students. It will help us in building on our Habits of Character school wide. Thank you voters!

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## **Library**

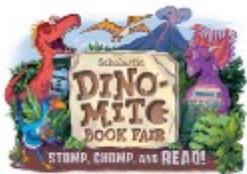
### **Battle of the Books**

On Friday, March 1 seven teams of fifth graders competed in our school-level Battle of the Books. Teams of or three fifth graders read 10 books. Then they competed in a quiz-bowl with different levels of questions. The questions in the first round all began with “In which book...” The second round questions are specific to each book. Since last November, the kids have been meeting after school on Wednesday and before school on Mondays to prepare for the Battle. Many thanks to parent and para Chris Olsen for coaching the teams. As of this date, the winners are not known.

The top two teams will go on to compete with 28 other JeffCo Schools to find the champion battlers on Monday, March 11 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm.

This has been our first year in the Battle of the Books. We’ve learned a lot about commitment and perseverance throughout the process. But, mostly we’ve read some great books and gotten to know some new friends.

### **Stomp, Chomp, and Read Dino-Mite Book Fair**



What a great book fair! I love it when so many students leave with a new book to read at home and keep for years to come. Due to our vigorous sales, the library will be able to add \$1000 to our budget to purchase books and equipment for our learning commons. In addition, we added 30 new titles to our collection from the books at the fair. Many thanks to the West Jeff community for supporting our **Book Fair** held last month. The many volunteers at the book fair make it successful. Thank you to Yvette Battersby,

Kim Petau, Kelly Beaulieu, Rebecca Gschwend, Kristin Paisley, Linda Easterling, Katja Maxwell, Shannon Konyndyk, Melana Boyd, and Nicole Hill.

### **Digital Literacy Lessons**

Students in grades 3-5 continue to create their 3D printing projects during our digital literacy lessons on Tuesdays. First and second graders are also beginning to create eBooks using a variety of digital tools include Google Slides and Google Draw and Book Creator. Kindergarteners are using Seesaw as well as other digital tools to show their learning.

In addition, [second](#) and [third](#) graders are competing against their grade level classrooms in a Typing War. The class at each grade level that completes the most minutes practicing their typing skills using Typing Tutor will win a class party. All students are welcome to come to the library Monday through Friday from 8-8:30 AM to practice their keyboarding skills with Miss Tracy.

## Bobcat News

Are you interested in finding out what's happening at WJES from the students' perspective? Consider subscribing to the Bobcat News youtube channel. Every Tuesday and Thursday, groups of three fifth graders write and broadcast the Bobcat News with important information about what's happening at West Jeff Elementary. Here is a [link](#) to one of our broadcasts.



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## CCBA Voting



Students at West Jeff participated in the Colorado Children's Book Award given by the CCIRA (Colorado Council International Reading Association). Students read at least three of the books from the list of either picture books or chapter books to vote. The winners will be announced in the month of March. This slideshow provides all the books along with a brief description. Ask your student which book(s) they voted to be the winner.



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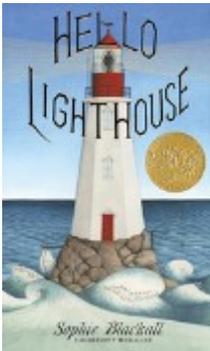
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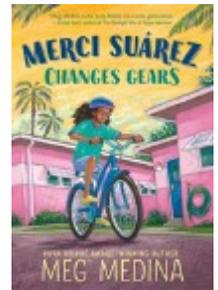
## ***Newbery and Caldecott Winners***

On January 28, 2019 the American Library Association announced it's Youth Media Awards including the Newbery and Caldecott winners. If you're looking for some great books to read with your family, here are some great choices.

*John Newbery Award:* The Newbery Medal is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children. 2018 Newbery Winner is *Merci Suárez Changes Gears* by Meg Medina. Using humor and grace, Merci, a charming and plucky protagonist, cycles through life's challenges with the support of her intergenerational family. This richly nuanced novel tackles the complexity of navigating a multicultural identity amidst changing family dynamics.



*Randolph Caldecott Award* is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children. The 2019 Caldecott Winner is *Hello Lighthouse* illustrated and written by Sophie Blackall. Masterful ink and watercolor illustrations illuminate the story of a lighthouse and the family inside. Stunning images of the lighthouse in all kinds of weather alternate with views of intimate interior detail and circular motifs. Blackall's skill with composition, line and close attention to detail have created an exquisite book.



## ***EL Update***

Module 3 will be completed in all grade levels by March 14th. Classroom teachers will be letting parents know how Module 3 Performance Tasks will be shared.

**Module 4 Begins on March 18th, see below for each grade level's new or extended topic:**

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

If you can help out with any of the following supplies for our new module, 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

## **Habits of Character:**

This Month, our students and staff will be focusing on **Collaboration** as our March Habit of Character. Students will continue to work to become effective learners with a focus on collaboration; working well with others to accomplish a task or goal. They learn about this during literacy as well as during their Social Emotional Learning Lessons and during our CREW time or Morning Meeting. Teachers will introduce this habit at the beginning of the month when they get together with buddy classes. Students will be earning INDIGO 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, 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 March!




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