

John Jacobs Elementary School  
**Jaguar Journal**



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**Mission Statement:** The mission of John Jacobs School is to provide the best possible education for our students; challenging them to be creative, resourceful citizens who have respect for their world, their community and individual diversities.



## Message from the Principal

December, 2016

Dear Parents,

On December 6, we are proud to showcase our music program. Our band and strings will kick off our holiday concert at 6 p.m., followed by some talented vocalists from third and fourth grades. Please come out and support our JJ musicians. They have worked very hard this semester.

Some reminders for parents about communication: Communication with the teacher is key to your child's success. Your child's teacher wants to answer any and all questions and concerns you may have on any given day. If you should need to speak with your child's teacher, please call the office and we can forward your message to the teacher's voice mail. Another effective method of communication is using e-mail. If you need assistance with obtaining an e-mail address, please call our office. During the instructional day, parents may visit with teachers only on their scheduled planning period if you have made an appointment. This procedure is in place to respect the instructional time during the day and reduce interruptions to learning.

Finally, please partner with our school as we reintroduce the pillars of character this school year. I began this conversation with the students by speaking about integrity a few weeks ago. This holiday season, I am asking students to commit to performing at least one act of kindness each day! Please encourage your child to find ways to show kindness toward others every day in the month of December.

As always, please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns.

*Pamela Wright*

John Jacobs Principal



**Congratulations to the following students who were students of the month for November. They will enjoy an ice cream treat with Mrs. Wright.**

Fourth Grade:

Mr. Gonzalez: Mirna B.  
Mr. Judy: Skyeler N.  
Ms. Seto: Sienna B.



Fifth Grade:

Mr. Lester: Xavier R.  
Mr. Schwan: Diego M.  
Mrs. Wester: Jaslyn A.

Sixth Grade:

Ms. Baumener: Lily G.  
Mrs. DeHart: Kimberlee G.  
Mr. Wiese: Grecia A.



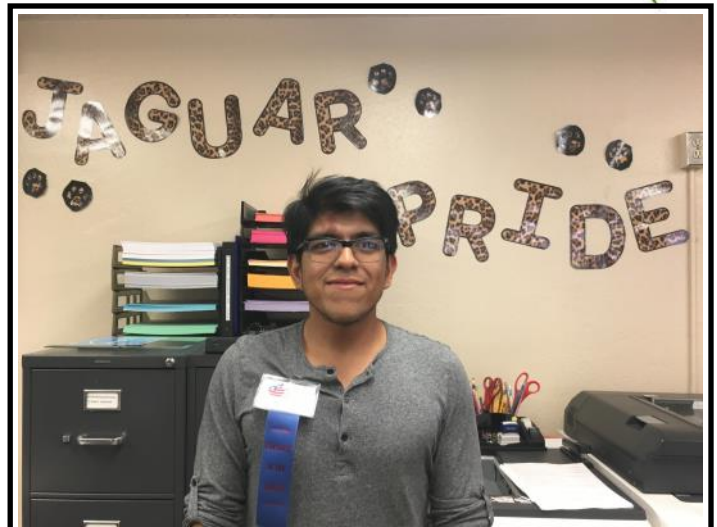
**Have you moved ?  
Do you have a new phone number?**



If you have moved or will be moving, please bring in your proof of residency and fill out a new Proof of Residency form that is available at the front office.



Also, please be sure to update the office of any phone number changes as well as emergency pickup information for your student(s).



**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO JUAN FAVELA  
WESD November**

**Employee of the Month!**

As his co-workers say, "Juan is a dedicated, hard-working, enthusiastic, and positive employee. He is always smiling, and his smile is contagious. WESD is a better place because of employees like Juan Favela." Be sure to congratulate Mr. Juan when you see him!



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## After-school Academy (ASA)

Full STEAM Ahead! After working hard to master our first objective in ASA, the students enjoyed a week of STEAM activities. A GREAT time was had by all! Students worked collaboratively to use tools to build a chain reaction. They challenged themselves to build a tower of cups with limited resources. They enjoyed the musical talents of Jonah Littlesunday, a storytelling Native American flutist from Flagstaff. They played cool math games in the computer lab, had FUN with our HUGE parachute, made STEAM slime, and enjoyed nutritious train kabobs. We will now focus on our second learning goal before enjoying another week of STEAM activities before the semester ends on December 22. Remember, one of our grant goals is for each student to master these two objectives. Another grant goal this year is for each child involved in an ASA class to attend two Family Links classes or family events WITH their parents. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

- December 1 – 4:00 p.m. Family Links (Ms. Dunou and Ms. Medley's ASA classes only)
- December 8 – 4:00 p.m. Family Links (Ms. DeHart's ASA class only)
- December 12 – 6:45 a.m. Family Links (Coaches, Ms. Kakritz and Mr. Schwan's AM classes)
- December 22 – Last day for AM and PM classes for Fall.
- January 23 – First day of new ASA spring classes.

(Invitations will be sent home before Winter Break)

For questions about our ASA classes, please contact Wendy Wittenwyler at 602-896-5743 or

[wendy.wittenwyler@wesdschools.org](mailto:wendy.wittenwyler@wesdschools.org).



## JJ Cross Country

Cross country season is almost over and what a great season we have had!

This team has worked hard, persevered to the end and have truly been a team. I'm proud of the way they have grown!

Division II Finals will be on Monday, December 5 at Moon Valley High School at 3625 W. Cactus Road. Division I Finals, students who placed in the top 1/3 of their races, will be on Thursday, December 8 also at Moon Valley High School. All races begin promptly at 4:15 p.m. A flyer will be coming home soon to let you know which final your child is in.

Happy running!  
Coach Harris

## Winter Concert

Don't miss the musical sounds of the season at our Winter Band/Strings/Choir concert on Tuesday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria!



## Important Notice from the Heath Office



Parents, as we enter the cold and flu season, I have noticed many students arriving to school with cough drops or other over-the-counter medication. Please help us keep our students safe! It is important to always have an adult bring medication into the health office. In order to administer over-the-counter medication, written permission is mandatory. Any medication, even cough drops, will need to be in the original manufacturer's packaging with the directions, dosages, compound contents and proportions clearly marked. If you have any questions, please call Stephanie Watson (health technician) at 602-896-5710. Thank You!



## December Important Dates!

### Dec. 2

- ◆ Cross Country Practice 6:50 a.m. PE Field
- ◆ Autism Classes Field Trip to Barro's Pizza 10:15 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

### Dec. 5

- ◆ Cross Country Division II Finals at Moon Valley High School (3625 W. Cactus Rd.) 4:15 p.m.

### Dec. 6

- ◆ Baton Twirling Class 2:30–3:20 p.m. Room # 7
- ◆ Winter Band/Strings/Choir Concert 6:00 p.m.



### Dec. 7

- ◆ Cross Country Practice 6:50 a.m. PE Field
- ◆ Site Council Meeting 3:30-4:30 p.m. Room #24

### Dec. 8

- ◆ PTO Meeting 3:30—4:30 p.m. Library
- ◆ Family Links Class 4:00—5:00 p.m. Room #108
- ◆ Cross Country Division I Finals at Moon Valley High School (3625 W. Cactus Rd.) 4:15 p.m.
- ◆ Governing Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. WESD Administrative Center

### Dec. 9

- ◆ Cross Country Practice 6:50 a.m. PE Field
- ◆ 6th Grade Field Trip to Wildlife World Zoo 9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

### Dec. 10

- ◆ Cross Country Team Party 2:00—3:30 p.m. Moon Valley Park (502 W. Coral Gables Dr.)

### Dec. 12

- ◆ Family Links Class 4:00-5:00 p.m. Room #35, #107 and Cafeteria

### Dec. 13

- ◆ Baton Twirling Class 2:30–3:20 p.m. Room # 7
- ◆ John Jacobs Block Watch Mtg. 6:30–7:30 p.m. Cafeteria

### Dec. 16

- ◆ 6th Grade Field Trip to Honeywell 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

### Dec. 20

- ◆ Baton Twirling Class 2:30–3:20 p.m. Room # 7
- ◆ Colony South HOA Meeting 6:30-8:00 p.m. Library

### December 23 – January 8

- ◆ NO School – Winter Break



### Monday, January 9

- ◆ Back to School – first bell rings at 7:25 a.m. Please remember your ID badge