

Janssen Journal

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Dates to Remember:

December

23 Noon Dismissal
24-Jan.1 No School

January

4 Classes Resume
15 End of Quarter
15 Noon Dismissal

Hello Janssen Families,

We each have an impact on our students. This impact is due in part to us wanting our students to succeed. Our success starts with our behaviors. We problem solve, ask for help, and adjust from our mistakes. What drives our behaviors—empathy, the ability to understand each other. It is not about what we do (or don't do) that we look to adjust. We adjust based on the impact our actions have on our students.

We have processes for keeping us safe and where students can grow. In either case, our problem-solving efforts are focused on adjusting our processes. We believe that our students and staff grow in the environments around them. These environments are relational, emotional, and academic. When we have all three, our students and staff experience a learning community—where problem-solving happens.

Parents, you have an important role with our learning communities—your trust. Each day you trust in us to care and serve your children. Our virtual parent/teacher conferences last month proved that. Your support confirms that we are doing good things.

Covid fatigue may have set in around us, yet we continue to find meaningful and innovative ways to adjust our processes to keep our students and staff engaged in the right work—grow our student as problem solvers to reach their potential in academics, arts, and co-curriculars. This happens because we work together: “We are better when we work together”.

Winter break is this month. May it be a time filled with joy for our families. Be Safe! Be Kind! Our Janssen Families...Rock! Woof! Woof!

Sincerely,

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Principal

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JANSSEN COUNSELOR CORNER

Happy December!

Life Skills Class Updates

Grades K through third have received their first lesson on protective behaviors as part of our personal safety unit. I am hoping that after these lessons, students are more aware of ways to keep themselves safe and the steps to take if they ever encounter a situation where they are subject to unsafe or unwanted touches, or touches that break the touching rule. The touching rule is that no one should ever touch or ask to see your private body parts, except to keep you healthy. The students have been doing a great job with these sometimes uncomfortable topics. All students have also been able to name at least five trusted grown-ups who they could go to for help if they had a big problem or were in an unsafe situation.

Fourth grade has been finishing up a lesson on the marketing, sales and service career cluster. They will transition to protective behavior lessons in January.

After break, grades K through third will be transitioning into lessons on understanding emotions and ways to handle strong emotions.

Happy Holidays!!

As I mentioned last month, things are looking a little different this holiday season and that can cause some stress. However, that doesn't mean we can't enjoy this season and make some wonderful memories. I found an excellent article from the American Academy of Pediatrics detailing how to keep the holidays happy during this unprecedented time.

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/health-issues/conditions/COVID-19/Pages/Keeping-the-holidays-happy.aspx>

I wish everyone a safe, happy and HEALTHY holiday season. We will see you in 2021

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JANSSEN PBIS MONTHLY UPDATE

Here is what is happening at Janssen this month!

Gratitude is Still Great!

As a school, we continue to focus on and learn about gratitude. Classes did an excellent job in November creating visuals for our hallways that highlight what the students learned about gratitude. This month, staff and students are continuing to express gratitude and make connections about why it is important to do so, especially this time of year.

Celebrating the Season

In the lead up to our winter break, we will be celebrating with some fun dress up days to get us in the holiday spirit.

Monday, December 21—Tree Topper Day! Dig out your favorite holiday hat, headband, or reindeer antlers, or tree topper to wear.

Tuesday, December 22—Christmas color day! Wear Red & Green today!

Wednesday, December 23—Dream a little Dream! Wear Cozy PJs and Slippers

SCHOOL FEES AND LUNCH PAYMENTS

Just a reminder that you are able to pay school fees and add money to your lunch account online through Infinite Campus. You are now able to pay fees and add money to your lunch account at anytime during the year without being charged the \$1.75 by using the e-check method. You will still be charged \$1.75 if you choose to use a credit card to recoup some of the credit card fees that the district is charged. Please remember when you use an e-check it is similar to using a paper check and if this check would be rejected by your bank due to non-sufficient funds, you will be charged a \$25 NSF fee.

NOVEMBER STARS!



These students show an exceptional job of the Janssen Way and are role models for the other students in our school! You can look for their Star award on the bulletin board displayed outside the office. Way to go!

5K

Cooper Jones, Walter Poppens, Noah Nicolaison, Valerie Knepfel

Grade 1

Raegan Randerson, Grayson Nieuwenhuis, Laney Phillips, Isabella Henderson

Grade 2

Kate Szymaszek, Myana Garcia, Cameron Mueller, Jonah Schaefer

Grade 3

Owen Wurz, Oliver Brown, Wyatt Scharenbroch, Paige Vyse

Grade 4

Owen Zorn, Mason Lillie, Liam Betow

NOON HOUR SUPERVISORS NEEDED!

Are you interested in helping out at school but just don't know how or when? Or do you know somebody (grandma, grandpa, etc.) who would like help? If so, we have a great opportunity for you. We are looking for a lunchroom supervisors Monday-Friday from 10:45-12:45. **AND THIS IS A PAID POSITION!**

If you are interested in learning more about this position, please contact Laurie in the office at 788-7915.

EMERGENCY MEDICATION

Please be aware that emergency medications that are provided for use during the school day will not be accessible before or after school hours. Parents and students must plan ahead to have emergency medication available during school activities such as clubs and sports. If an emergency arises and a student does not have their emergency medication available, 911 will be called.