

VIKING TALES



South Jacksonville Elementary Newsletter

APRIL 2015

Thankful

I would like to give a "Shout Out" to the Rotary Club of Jacksonville. Historically, Rotary writes a grant to be able to give each student in the 2nd grade 6 books to help build their at home libraries. This year, in addition to the books provided to the 2nd graders, the Rotary Club was able to give every student in grades 3-5 a book as well. Our students and staff are so grateful to the Rotary Club, not only for these gifts, but also for all the volunteers that come in and help out weekly in our classrooms.

Carnival

Mark your calendars for Friday, April 24. PTO members have been working tirelessly all winter to plan a wonderful family experience. Rain or shine, the Carnival will go on. This year we are adding a DJ to provide music and help facilitate Minute to Win it games. A donation letter will be sent home soon.

6th Grade Recognition

Save the Date: May 18th at 6 pm. I have been very pleased with our 6th grade class all year. They have shown wonderful leadership all year long. Even though I have only been privileged to know these students for this year, it will be bitter sweet to send them off to Turner.

Continuing Thoughts on Education

I know that it has been a few months since I last wrote. However, I hope you recall that I wrote about fixed vs. growth mindsets. As we continue on the educational journey with our students, we need be cognizant of the messages we send our kids. As an educator, I believe that it is necessary for our students to learn how to work hard and persevere. This is something that I struggle with as a parent too. As a parent, I want to take away any adversity that my kids might face so that they don't feel disappointed or have any pain. When these thoughts begin to creep in my mind, I hop on Twitter and search #edchat, Inspirational Quotes, or #education. Here are some of my favorite tweets that help me foster a love for the journey of education and life:

- Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.—Inspirational Quotes
- If we teach today's students the same as yesterday's, we rob them of tomorrow.—John Dewey, 1915, Inspirational Quotes

Upcoming Events:

Apr. 6-10: Spirit Week

Apr. 9: Skate Night

Apr. 13-24: NWEA MAP Testing

Apr. 15: BOE Mtg, JHS @ 7 pm

Apr. 24: Carnival 5:30-7:30

Apr. 29: US Bank Assembly

May 1: May Day

May 3-22: PARCC Testing

May 8: Blood Drive 2-5

May 12: Welcome to K Night,
Central Office @ 6 pm

May 14: Skate Night

May 20: US Bank Assembly,
BOE Mtg, JHS @ 7 pm

May 21: SIP Day

May 25: No School, Memorial
Day

May 26: Inflatables 9-12

May 28: Teacher Institute, No
School

May 29: Last Full day of school

Parent participation

is the leading predictor that supports students' academic success, regardless of family race, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, or cultural background.

— Dr. Karen Mapp



Like

- The strongest people aren't always the people who win, but the people who don't give up when they lose.—Inspire Me
- Do not listen with the intent to reply, but with the intent to understand.—Inspirational Quotes
- A word of encouragement after failure is worth more than an hour of praise after a success.—Inspirational Quotes
- #Education is about making creators; we have to make inventors, innovators, not conformists... #edchat—Dr. Justin Tarte
- Change is inevitable. Growth is optional.—@ToddWhitaker
- A growth mindset allows students to see they don't need to be perfect right away. As long as they work hard they will achieve greatness! #tlap—@Meems852
- Success is not final, failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts.—Winston Churchill, Inspirational Quotes

It is crucial for Administrators, Teachers, and Parents to work together in partnership to help our students strive and persevere to do their best. As adults, we need to help our students foster the desire to continue to grow and challenge themselves.

Online Registration

May 1 - June 15

Please, please, please consider registering your students during this open registration time. Enrollment in the building is a critical factor in many decisions. Thank you for considering this option!



Please remember that traffic flows in a one-way direction around the building during arrival and dismissal times. Enter West Street from Vandalia and travel in a clockwise direction around the building. Students should only exit and enter cars from the passenger side. This is for your student's safety.

Also, please be cognizant of traffic laws; such as cell phone usage in a school zone and passing busses.