

April Newsletter

Information

**EL Puente students and staff are super
READERS!**

**Combined the school read 3,734 hours and
29 minutes in the month of March!**

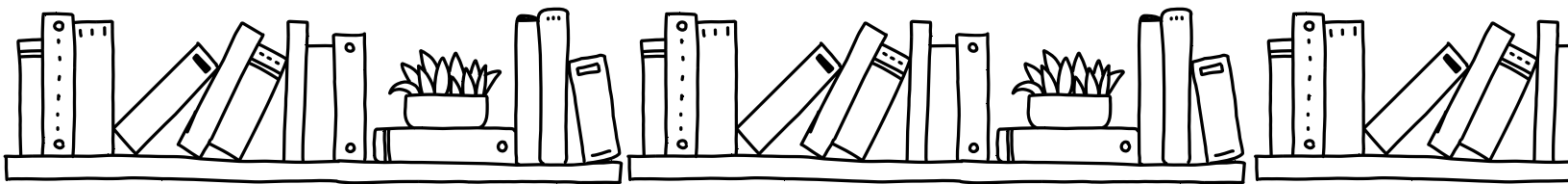
Sr. Gingerich will be on the roof April 25th!

Upcoming Dates

**April 17th Field House Frenzy
6:30-8:30**

April 21st Spring Concert K-2

April 21st-25th Book Fair



A Message from the Library:

Last day to check out books is Friday, May 9.

All library books are due by Friday, May 16.

**If your student has overdue books, you will receive a notice with
replacement costs listed, should they be unable to find the book(s)**

March was an Amazing Month for Reading....

**Congratulations to 5th grade and 1st grade our
March Grade Level Winners!**

Congratulations to our Top EP Readers for 2025:

6th grade– Jude Thompson & Rosalee Villarreal

5th grade Wolfgang Stevens & Violet Pennington

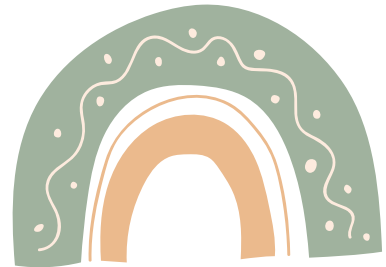
4th grade Huck Thompson & Reid Miller

3rd grade Garrett Smith & Brett Smith

2nd grade– Silas Walcott & Lyla Stevens

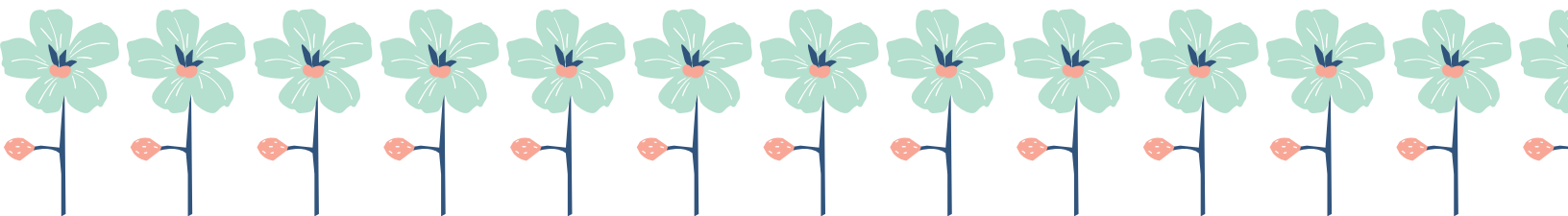
1st grade– Eloise Walcott & Sylvia Wilkerson

From Kinder– Oren Smith & Drew Meyer



Our top teacher Reader:

Maestra Belknap



**Thank you to Padres Parent Club
for Celebrating March Reading!**

Over 100 prizes for students caught in school reading!

4 classroom parties to celebrate grade level winners!

14 Gift certificates to the Book Fair for our top Readers!

-We couldn't celebrate Reading without you!

JENISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CURRICULUM MATERIALS REVIEW NIGHT

**Wednesday, May 7, 2025
6:00 p.m. – Bursley Elementary
Grades: 4th, 5th, and 6th**

In accordance with Public Act 226, in which parents are given the opportunity to review all curricular materials relating to reproductive health instruction, Jenison Public Schools is hosting a district-wide curriculum materials review session at Bursley Elementary School on Wednesday, May 7 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Parents will have an opportunity to see the curriculum, including videos, for the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades. Following a brief general session, breakout sessions for each grade level will be held in classrooms.

Any questions or concerns, please contact your student's building principal.

Attention 6th Grade Parents

7th Grade Immunization Requirements

Students who are currently in 6th grade may need several immunizations prior to starting 7th grade. Typically the immunizations needed are a Tdap booster and/or a Meningococcal vaccine.

It is very important that parents of current 6th graders contact their physician's office to get these immunizations taken care of as soon as possible. Students with incomplete immunizations will not be allowed to start school in the fall.

If you plan to waive these immunizations, waivers must be obtained from the Ottawa County Health Department.

Call (616) 396-5266 to schedule a waiver appointment. If you have previously submitted a waiver for elementary immunizations, a new waiver form is required for 7th grade.

NOTE: Health Department appointments fill up fast. If you are planning to waive vaccines for next year, it is imperative that you call now to schedule a waiver appointment. You won't be able to call in July or August and get in on time for the school year.

Wilderness Academy and El Puente

K-2 Music Program

“Think Spring”

What?	KG, 1st & 2nd Grade Spring Music Program
When?	Monday, April 21, 2025
Time?	Students arrive at 6:40 p.m. Program begins at 7:00 p.m.
Where?	Jenison Center for the Arts (corner of 20th Ave. & Bauer Rd.)
Attire?	Spring Dress Clothes



Do you need help? Yes! We need at least 10 ushers for this performance. So far we have eight volunteers. Please email us at mwillie@jpsonline.org adeboer@jpsonline.org or dschrems@jpsonline.org if you are willing to help. Ushers will need to arrive at 6:15 the night of the performance, and they will be able to save seats for their family before the doors open to the general audience.

What should my performer wear? Students do not have a certain dress requirement for this performance, but we do encourage performers to dress up and look their best! Please be sure that your student will be comfortable moving on risers in whatever footwear they choose.

How can my performer practice at home? Students who wish to practice can visit my class website at <https://mwillie5.wixsite.com/music> Click the tab at the top that says “Concert” and then scroll down to see videos of all of their songs. Additionally, you can scan the QR code below to take you directly there!



Students are working hard to prepare for this concert, and we can't wait to perform for you in April!

Maura Willie, Amy DeBoer, and Diane Schrems -
El Puente and Wilderness Academy Music Teachers



TRANSPORTATION

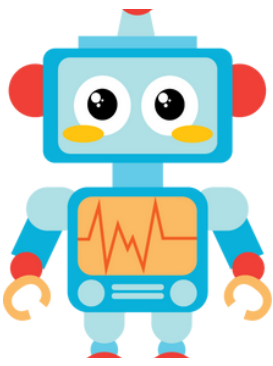


**PLEASE USE THE QR CODE TO SIGN YOUR STUDENT
UP FOR 25/26 SCHOOL YEAR TRANSPORTATION.**

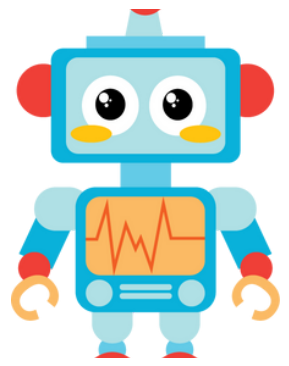
TRANSPORTATION SIGN UP DEADLINE IS JUNE 16, 2025

**ROUTES WILL BE COMPLETE AND READY TO VIEW ON
THE MY RIDE K-12 APP MONDAY AUGUST 11, 2025**





Summer Robotics



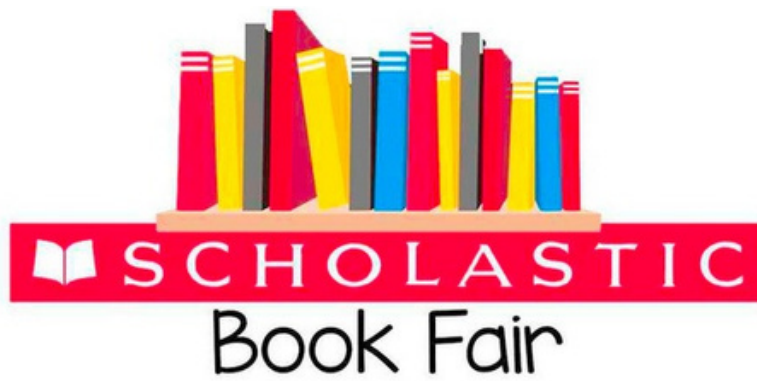
Summer Camp is available for students going into 4th–6th grades in the fall of 2025.

**VEX IQ Robotics Day Camp is June 16–19, 2025, 1:00PM – 4:00PM
each day at the Jenison Robotics Building, 1889 Baldwin St, Jenison. Cost is \$100.**

**More information and a registration link will be available on our website:
<https://jenisonrobotics.org/programs/robotics-grades-4-6/iq-camp-info/>**

Summer camp attendance is limited, registration will open on April 19th at 12:00 pm. We will be hosting a beginner and advanced summer camp. If your child has participated in our fall or winter robotics program they can choose to attend the advanced summer camp. Beginner camp will be for any student that has not participated in robotics before. This is a great chance to see if your child will enjoy robotics before committing to a whole season.

If you have any questions, please email info@jenisonrobotics.org.



Dear Families, Get ready—the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Jenison! This is a great opportunity to connect with your child over the thrill of bringing home new books to dive into again and again. Studies show that kids read more when they choose books for themselves. A love of independent reading boosts academic success, plus children who read more frequently also report improved mental health!

Here's everything you need to know about the Book Fair:

Dates: Monday, April 21 - Thursday, April 25, 2025

Times: 3:30pm - 8:30pm Location: JCA Black Box

We also encourage you to Share the Fair™. Your contributions directly support our students who need help buying books from the Fair. Many of us still remember the rush of finding the perfect book at a Scholastic Book Fair. We hope you'll join your child at our school's Fair and share a reading experience they'll remember forever.

Happy reading!

PS: Need one more reason to visit the Book Fair? Every purchase at the Fair benefits our school!





open swim!

Wednesdays 7pm-8:30pm

Sundays 3pm-4:30pm

\$2 for Jenison Students

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