

THE REPORTER

ROSEWOOD'S BI-WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



APRIL 12, 2024

Upcoming Events

April 15, 17, 22, 24, 29

May 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22

Running Club

3:35pm - 4:35pm

April 22

4th Grade Lansing Field Trip

April 22

Kindergarten Critter Barn Field Trip

April 24

5th Grade Biz Town Field Trip

April 24

K-2 Spring Concert

7:00pm - JCA

April 25

Mornings With Moms

7:45am - Gym

April 26

RoseBUDS Dance

6:30pm - Gym

April 29 - May 1

6th Grade Camp

Grace Adventures

May 8

6th Grade EcoVision Field Trip



Note To Parents

Dear Parents,

Next week Rosewood students will begin testing using the state's online testing system known as M-STEP. I would like to ask for your help to make sure that all students perform their personal best on the M-STEP. First, please note the testing schedule below and avoid making appointments when your child is scheduled for testing. If you already have a scheduling conflict, please make an effort to change that.

Next, make sure your child gets plenty of sleep before testing days and has a good, healthy breakfast. Finally, encourage your child to do their very best and take pride in getting as many answers right as possible. Let them know that there will be some hard questions and that everybody gets some answers wrong. We just want each student to make their best effort on these tests.

Luke Verbeek



M-Step Schedule

- April 16 & 17 - 5th & 6th grade ELA
- April 22 & 23 - 5th grade Math
- April 23 & 24 - 3rd grade ELA
- April 23 & 24 - 6th grade Math

- May 2 & 3 - 3rd grade Math
- May 2 & 3 - 4th grade ELA
- May 2 & 3 - 5th & 6th grade Science/SS
- May 7 & 8 - 4th grade Math

ACT Update

The ACT Program, the acronym a variation of ACademically Talented, is an enrichment program specifically tailored for academically talented children. Meeting each school week, the project-based curriculum promotes advanced academics in the core subject areas of math, science, language arts, and social studies.

Students in the second through fifth grades have been identified as potential candidates for the ACT Program. Parents with children who have been identified as candidates will receive an email notification on Friday, April 19.

If you do not receive an email and you would like your child to be considered for participation in the testing process, or if you have any other questions, please contact Luke Verbeek.

Dress Code Reminder - Appropriate Dress

Students are expected to dress appropriately for an elementary school setting. Attire such as shirts with inappropriate messages, midriff-bearing shirts, and halter tops are considered to be unacceptable school attire. Dresses, shorts, and skirts must be at least mid-thigh in length. A general guideline for most students would be fingertip-length with arms fully extended at the student's side. No hats or headgear may be worn indoors except for special events or under extenuating circumstances. For health reasons, footwear must be worn at all times. We ask that students refrain from wearing flip flops as they tend to break and cause playground falls. Should a student come to school inappropriately dressed in a way that is causing disruption, the building principal will discuss the matter with the student and contact the parent, if necessary.



JPS Reproductive Health Curriculum Materials Review Night Wednesday, May 8, 2024 - 6:00p.m. - Pinewood Elementary School

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 Pinewood Elementary School on Wednesday, May 8 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 Luke Verbeek.

Parent Information Forms for Student Placement

At conferences a few of you asked about student placement for the next school year. Rosewood has an established procedure and criteria for grouping students and placing them with the next year's teacher. One of our goals in this process is to maintain an overall balance academically, socially and in the number of students that each teacher has in their room. Teachers spend a good deal of time considering a wide range of factors to make the best placement for each child. If you would like to provide your input to this process, you are welcome to stop by the office and pick up a Parent Information Form. Your input is taken into account, so if there is any information you would like us to consider, you need to complete and return that form to the office by April 26. **PLEASE NOTE: These are not teacher request forms, but a chance for you to give us more information about your student. This does not guarantee your student's placement for next school year.** I hope you understand our decisions are made for what we believe is in the best interest of all of our students at Rosewood. (Please see *Not Choosing Is The Best Choice* on the following page.)



Not Choosing Is The Best Choice

The following is from a blog post I received from an unknown author. I made a few changes to fit Rosewood Elementary and why NOT choosing may be the best choice.

Thanks for considering,
Luke Verbeek

There are many good reasons parents believe we have for choosing our child's teacher for the upcoming year. However, this is written to give you another perspective, not to negate feelings or reasons you may have. Please consider why Rosewood Elementary believes that why NOT choosing your child's teacher is the best choice you can make.

Consider the following:

Your child is leaving a classroom with a teacher that has been with your child for as many waking hours as you have as a parent, over the past almost nine months. The teacher sees your child's strengths and weaknesses and those of the other students as well. The teacher has observed these and has worked hard at building on the strengths and encouraging through the weaknesses of all the students. All the while this is done within the context of community.

Your child's teacher doesn't take the placement of your child lightly. Each teacher in Jenison Public Schools spends hours meeting with their grade level partners and other staff members before, during, and after the process. Things considered are:

- *The ratio of boys and girls per class*
- *Even distribution of high, average, and lower ability grouping*
- *Friends your child may have connected with this year*
- *Individual personality traits (some children may benefit from a year away from another student, sometimes even a friend)*
- *Social and emotional needs*
- *Other information that the teacher deems important to this decision*

Often you as a parent have heard information about teachers. Remember that your child is different and has different needs and abilities than other children. Even children within the same family will interact very differently with the same teacher during a different school year.

As one looks back on the years spent in school, there are fond memories and some not so wonderful. There are teachers that were your favorites and those that you didn't like as much. Teachers in some ways are like items on your favorite buffet or smorgasbord. We all have our favorites that we prefer, but we must admit that carrots, brussels sprouts, and broccoli, even though they may not be our favorites, do serve to benefit us with essential nutrients along the way. We can grow to like them, and most often this is true with teachers also. A teacher you thought would be too tough or demanding may have ended up challenging you and growing you in ways you never thought or imagined.

Life lessons are learned in each classroom. Each student learns how to act, interact, and react with and to others around them. In a perfect world, everyone would get along well with everyone else. Sometimes, there are sticky situations that occur. Children learn how to handle these situations in a very safe, controlled environment. Teachers handle these situations in different ways. It may not be the way you as a parent, or even as another teacher, personally would handle it, but your child is learning that people all react and handle things differently. If parents or teachers have a sticky situation, it is best that they talk about them and come to a peaceful solution. In life, your child will encounter situations like this with others in their workplace, home, school, or neighborhood. They will be equipped with the skills to communicate and problem solve in ways they feel have been the most effective in their lives.

Each teacher at Rosewood Elementary strives to help your child achieve their greatest potential. Your child's learning style will be met with choices and differentiated instructions at all times; all under the banner of a loving and working community. If you would like to give us more information regarding your child's strengths and weaknesses as we choose their teacher, you must fill out a form in the office. Please note, these are not teacher request forms, but a chance for you to give us more information about your student. I hope you understand our decisions are made for what we believe is in the best interest of ALL of our students at Rosewood.



**Wear BLUE on
Fridays in April in
support of Autism
Awareness month!
(April 12, 19, & 26)**

SCHOLASTIC

It's **BOOK FAIR** *time!*

Jenison Public Schools District Book Fair
Monday April 22- 12-8:30
Tuesday April 23 - 9-8:30
Wednesday April 24 - 9-8:30

Jenison Center for the Arts
Black Box

Dates / Times / Place

**COME TO
THE FAIR
CHOOSE BOOKS
YOU LOVE**

Check out with eWallet—the convenient, cash-free digital payment system.
Every purchase at the Fair benefits our school! **Woo hoo!**



Morning with


Mom

Thursday

April 25

7:45am-8:30am

in the gym

All students are invited to attend a special morning with Mom, Grandma, Aunt or any other important lady in their life! Donuts, coffee & juice will be served.

Event sponsored by Rosewood Parent Club

The Rosewood Parents Club Presents

Paper copies being sent home
April 19 in Friday folders.



Friday, April 26, 2024

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Rosewood Elementary School

2370 Tyler Street

Jenison MI 49428

Tickets \$5.00 per person

Please send payment by Monday, April 22

Tickets will be sent home on April 26.

Rose BUDS Dance Ticket Order Form

Daughter's Name(s): _____

BUDS's Name: _____

Number of Tickets (\$5 each): _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Please send this form and payment to school by Monday April 18, 2002.
Make payments to Rosewood Parent Club



5TH/6TH GRADE WILDCAT WAY **TRUST** ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

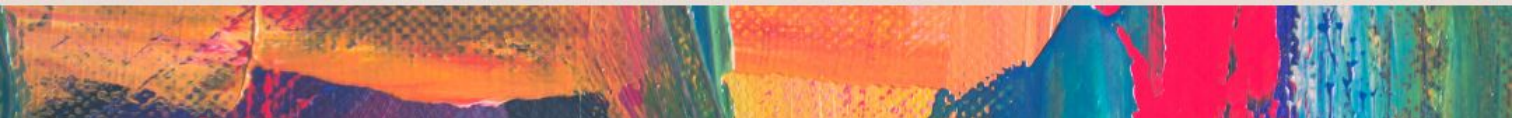


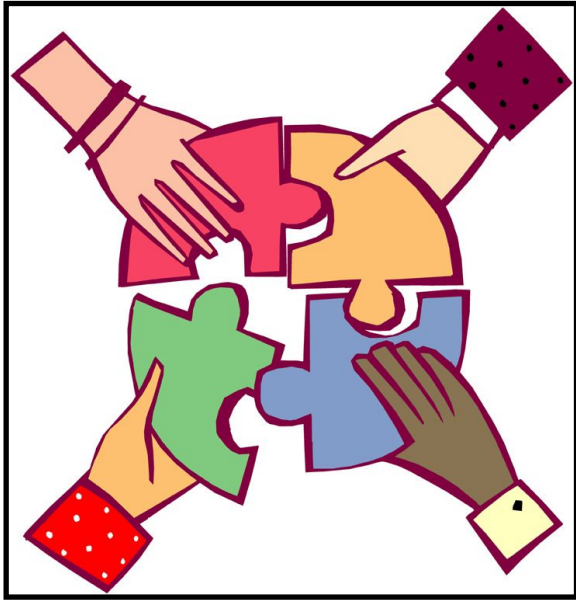
ART NEWS



SPRING ART SHOW Jenison Center for the Arts

If you are attending concerts or the bookfair at the JCA this month, please look for the Spring Art Show on the portable walls in the JCA lobby! This amazing artwork was created by our talented K-12 students!





READING 4

Partners In Education

5 Key Points To Positive Parenting And Educational Success



Do you know why reading at home is important?

- Reading Exercises the Brain
- Reading is a Form of (free) Entertainment
- Reading Improves Concentration and the Ability to Focus
- Reading Improves Literacy
- Reading Improves Sleep
- Reading Increases General Knowledge
- Reading is Motivational
- Reading Reduces Stress

If your child reads 20 minutes a day, your child is exposed to 1.8 million words in a year!

[Reading Foundation Resource](#)

**SPRINGBOARD DIVING
LESSONS AT THE JENISON
HS AQUATICS CENTER!
FOR BOYS AND GIRLS
GRADES 3 & UP**



General Info: Our springboard diving classes are designed for boys and girls **who feel comfortable in the water**. Each class is 55 minutes long and five classes are in each session. Class size is limited so register early if the dates and times work for you. We offer beginner and intermediate classes. **Beginners** are new or have taken one to two diving classes (at Jenison or elsewhere). **Intermediates** have taken two to four diving classes. If class numbers are too low, we will combine the two sessions or notify you that we must cancel. If we cancel you will receive a full refund. **Plan on your class unless you hear from us.**

Sessions A, C, & E are ideally for younger divers (grades 3-5/beginners). Sessions B, D, & F are ideally for older divers (grades 5 and up/intermediates → JH are welcome!). Libby Caird will head coach our springboard diving classes (All-American diver, recent Saginaw Valley State University graduate, current Occupational Therapist, and former Jenison Wildcat! 😊). See class details, cost, time, and registration info below.

April/May Springboard Diving: April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 19 (Sundays)

Session A: 4:30 pm-5:25 pm

Session B: 5:30 pm-6:25 pm

June Springboard Diving: June 4, 6, 11, 18, 20 (Tuesdays/Thursdays)

Session C: 5:45 pm-6:40 pm

Session D: 6:45 pm-7:40 pm

July Springboard Diving: July 9, 11, 16, 18, 23 (Tuesdays/Thursdays)

Session E: 5:45 pm-6:40 pm

Session F: 6:45 pm-7:40 pm

Registration Information: Register at www.jenisonaquatics.org. The cost is \$70 for JPS School District Residents/School of Choice (SOC) or \$85 for Non-JPS School District Residents... You are Non-JPS School District if your school tax dollars go to another school district. From the main page scroll down until you see "Upcoming Programs." FIND the class you have selected based on the title above. CLICK "Register Online." Class size is very limited. There are no make-up classes. **Due to the inability to keep a waitlist, there are NO REFUNDS for the springboard diving classes.**

JENISON WILDCAT VOLLEYTOGETHER

K-3RD



TUESDAY'S MAY 14, 21, AND 28
7P-8:30P
JENISON HIGH SCHOOL
PALS GYM

ATTIRE:

ATHLETIC CLOTHING, ATHLETIC SHOES, AND A WATER BOTTLE!

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN YOUR CHILD AND LEARN SOME BASIC VOLLEYBALL SKILLS TO PRACTICE AT HOME! PLEASE CONTACT COACH TERAN @ COACHTERAN1@GMAIL.COM WITH ANY QUESTIONS!



REGISTER ONLINE:

[HTTPS://WWW.PAYSCHOOLSEVENTS.COM
/EVENTS/DETAILS/28149](https://www.payschoolsevents.com/events/details/28149)

JENISON WILDCAT SPRING CLINIC

4TH-6TH GRADES

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO
LEARN BASIC AND FUNDAMENTAL VOLLEYBALL
SKILLS WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL COACHING STAFF!
PLEASE WEAR ATHLETIC CLOTHING, ATHLETIC
SHOES, AND BRING A WATER BOTTLE!

WHERE: JENISON HIGH SCHOOL PALS GYM

REGISTER ONLINE:

TUESDAY'S ONLY \$60: APRIL 23, 30, AND MAY 7

[HTTPS://WWW.PAYSCHOOLSEVENTS.COM/EVENTS/DETAILS/32198](https://www.payschoolsevents.com/events/details/32198)

THURSDAY'S ONLY \$60: APRIL 25, AND MAY 2, 9

[HTTPS://WWW.PAYSCHOOLSEVENTS.COM/EVENTS/DETAILS/32199](https://www.payschoolsevents.com/events/details/32199)

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY OPTION \$100:

[HTTPS://WWW.PAYSCHOOLSEVENTS.COM/EVENTS/DETAILS/32200](https://www.payschoolsevents.com/events/details/32200)

**PLEASE CONTACT COACH TERAN @ COACHTERAN1@GMAIL.COM
WITH ANY QUESTIONS!**



Miles of Smiles

Dental Services

We are once again happy to announce that the Miles of Smiles (MOS) dental bus will be servicing the Jenison School District. The MOS program was established in 1995 and provides dental services for children at approximately 30 Ottawa County Schools annually. The mobile dental unit will be in Hudsonville to provide dental services during school hours on May 9. The bus is 40 feet long, has 2 patient rooms, digital x-ray, waiting area and a wheelchair lift. Children who qualify will be provided transportation from their school to the bus, parked at Bauer Elementary in Hudsonville.

To qualify for FREE dental services:

- **Your child must not have a dentist**
- **Your child has not had a dental checkup in the last 6 months**
- **Your child has Medicaid Insurance or is uninsured and financially qualifies**
- **Your child lives or attends school in Ottawa County**

Please use the following links for more information and to [sign your child up for services!](#)

[Miles of Smiles 2024](#)

or use the QR code



If you have any questions, please call LuAnn at the miOttawa Department of Public Health @ 1-616-393-5694.

Thank you,

Miles of Smiles Dental Team



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Public Health

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