Happy New Year to our JIA families!

I would like to welcome everyone back from winter break and hope that all were able to enjoy time to relax and create memories with family and friends! As we start the new year and move into the second half of the school year, I look forward to learning how to best support our JIA students and families. I have truly enjoyed getting to know the amazing JIA students and their families. I look forward to continuing to grow our relationship and working as a team to help your children to be successful.

With winter NWEA testing behind us and second semester starting this Monday, January 20, I encourage students and families to be mindful of re-establishing the necessary routines to ensure students are on task and making progress in their courses. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your teachers for questions and help.

Student report cards will be mailed the week of January 27. Please look for these in the mail by the end of next week. The mailing will also include the NWEA growth reports.

We look forward to a productive start of the year as we launch into the new semester. Please read through the entire newsletter, since it contains important information regarding JIA Events, new Tech Club schedule, and other school/district activities. Please reference the JIA Elementary Weekly Announcements regularly for important, updated announcements. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Take care,

Mrs. Krista Osterberg
JIA Principal
kosterbe@jpsonline.org

Notes from Mr. Wiersma, JIA Academic Dean

- **1st Semester Report Cards** - Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns regarding report cards.
- **NWEA Testing** - A big thank you goes out to all full-time online students who made it to NWEA testing. Thank you also to the STEAM Tech students for trying your best. Completing this test helps us make schoolwide decisions and also gives you an idea of your student’s math and reading growth!
- If you have any questions or concerns regarding **behavior management**, **testing (M-STEP, NWEA, DIBELS, etc.), or academic progress**, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.
  (rwiersma@jpsonline.org)
### Important Dates K-6

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### Important Notes K-6

#### JIA Elementary Full-Time Online

- **Tech Club**: Tech Club is an opportunity for our full-time online students to participate in fun, hands-on learning STEM opportunities. Ms. Smith teams with Dr. Thorp to facilitate these meaningful learning opportunities. Tech Club runs from 12:45-1:45pm and follows a **new schedule**. Please **arrive by 12:40pm** to be sure students are ready to start on time. If you are interested in having your student participate, please complete the following steps:
  - a. Please review this [Tech Club flyer](#) for the new Tech Club schedule.
  - b. Please fill out this [Tech Club form](#) (also found on the Tech Club Flyer) to indicate which schedule, Session A or B, you would like your student(s) to attend.

- **Home Visits**: Mrs. Gibson has sent an email to our full-time online families with a request to schedule a home visit. Mrs. Osterberg looks forward to getting to know our full-time online students, families, and how to best support the students to be successful!
STEAM Tech

- **Stay Warm**: With cold winter weather, please be sure students come to school with hats, gloves, snow pants, and boots (along with shoes to wear indoors).

- **Attendance**: The normal school day runs from **8:45am to 3:45pm**. Please have the students at school by **8:35am** to be prepared to start the day and to participate in the important morning class meetings. Please try your best to get your student to school on time.

- **Parent Drop-Off**: Ms. Hilary is supervising the playground starting at 8:15am. Please feel free to drop your student off by gate located north of the building as early as 8:15am.

- **Parent Pick-Up**: To increase safety, students can be picked up by the gate on the north side of the building. Having students play and run around on the other side of the gate will help to keep students further away from traffic.

- **Student Greeters**: Members of the JIA Junior/Senior High Student Leadership Team are excited to greet students in the morning as they are dropped off at school. The students look forward to establishing positive relationships with STEAM Tech students.

- **Gymnastiks Unlimited**: JIA is excited to partner with Gymnastiks Unlimited! STEAM Tech students will participate in the gymnastics learning opportunities. The community partnership with Gymnastiks Unlimited will run Monday, 1/20, through Friday, March 27. Please make sure your students are dressed in movable clothing and socks!

- **Absences**: When calling in absences, please call Mrs. VanBuren's extension: (616) 457-8477 x2406

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JIA Elementary Points of Pride

**STEM Reading Buddies**

**STEAM Tech Core 1 and Core 4 Partnership**

Every Thursday, Core 4 students read with Core 1 students and help to lead them through STEM-based, hands-on activities. Core 4 does a great job leading students and are excellent role models for our kindergarten students. Keep up the great work Core 1 and Core 4!

After the students read with each other in small groups, students were able to make predictions and observations of various materials viewed with microscopes. This Thursday, Mr. Flessner, 7-12 Science teacher, and Mrs. Osterberg partnered with Mrs. Volk to facilitate this STEM learning experience. Students were able to view salt, sugar, hair, glitter, and sand. Next week, students will be utilizing the microscopes to learn about snow.
Tech Club

Full-Time Online and Homeschool Partnership
Tech Club is an opportunity for our full-time online and homeschool partnership students to participate in fun, hands-on learning STEM opportunities. Ms. Smith teams with Dr. Thorp, OAISD Instructional Technologist and Implementation Strategist, to facilitate the meaningful STEM learning opportunities. JIA is very fortunate to partner with Dr. Thorp. Her expertise and resources with STEM and technology are greatly appreciated. Tech Club runs from 12:45-1:45pm and follows a new schedule.

This Friday, students learned many details about snowflakes, including structure and formation. Did you know that snowflakes never have more than 6 branches? After reading Snowflake Bentley, students utilized various materials, including KEVA planks, to create awesome depictions of snowflakes.

Social Events/Field Trips - Please click on the following link for more details of events:
2019-20 JIA Events

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