MARCH 6, 2020

Upcoming Events

March 10
5th Grade Econ Trip to Woodland Mall
9:00-2:30

March 10
Parent Club Meeting 7:00 pm
Rosewood Media Center

March 13
Sack Lunch Day
Rosewood School Carnival 5:00-8:00 pm

March 16-20
Rosewood Scholastic Book Fair
Rosewood Media Center

March 17 and 19
Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:30 pm

March 20
1/2 Day of School - Dismiss at 11:50 am

March 23
District Reproductive Health Meeting
6:30 pm El Puente/Kids First Building

March 24
6th Grade Camp Parent Meeting
6:30 Rosewood Media Center

April 3 - 12
Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

April 13
Culver’s Night 5:00-8:00

April 14
Parent Club Meeting 7:00 pm
Rosewood Media Center

April 16
Skating Party 6:15-8:15 Tarry Hall

April 21
4th Grade Trip to Lansing 9:00-3:30

It’s Carnival Time!

We’re having a Luau! Warm weather fans big and small are welcome to wear Hawaiian shirts, sun glasses and grass skirts (school appropriate) and come out to the Rosewood Carnival which will take place Friday, March 13 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Ticket pre-sale forms were sent home in Friday Folders on 2/28 but a form can still be found on the Rosewood Parent Club Facebook page and in the office. Pre-sale tickets are 5/$1 and at the door tickets will be 4/$1. Pre-sale tickets are due no later than Monday, March 9 in the office.

Also, just a reminder, the last day to donate cereal for it to count toward the competition between classes is Wednesday, March 11. The class with the most boxes of cereal donated wins an ice cream party!

The Carnival is fast approaching and we need your help. Many hands make for light work and we would love yours. Please check the volunteer coordinator's email sent home or the Rosewood Parent's Club Facebook page for a link to sign up.

Sack Lunch on Carnival Day, March 13

Due to the school carnival on March 13, we will not be having the hot lunch that is listed on the monthly menu. Food service will offer a sack lunch that day. Your children can still order hot lunch that day, but a sack lunch will be the only option. Thank You!

Jenison ACT Program

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 received a letter in the mail on Friday, Feb. 21 regarding testing for the ACT Program.

If your child did not receive an invitation and you would like him or her to be considered for participation in the screening process, or if you have any other questions, please contact Mr. Verbeek.
6th Grade Camp Parent Meeting - March 24
Please join us on Tuesday, March 24 in the Rosewood Media Center at 6:30 p.m. for this **essential** meeting for all 6th grade parents. Thank you in advance for your participation!

**Parking Lot Guidelines**
When dropping off or picking up your child from school, please be sure you follow our parking lot guidelines. If you come into the school to get your child, please park your car in one of the parking spaces. **Please do not park in the drop-off and pick-up lanes.** If you park out on Tyler, **please do not block the residents driveways.** We have had many complaints from the neighbors that this is a problem.

When exiting the parking lots, please follow the signs regarding which way to turn out of the lot. **If you make a “turn that is prohibited by a sign,” the Ottawa County Sheriff Department has informed us that it is a $120.00 fine and possible points on your license.** It helps keep all of our children safe if we all follow the parking lot rules. Thank you for your cooperation!

**Schools of Choice Internal Building Transfer Request**
For Jenison Residents
- If a family would like to request placement at a different school for their child(ren) entering grades 1-6 they must complete an Internal School of Choice Building Transfer Request Form.
- If a family is pleased with their current building placement, they do not need to complete a form to stay there.

Internal School of Choice Building Transfer Forms are available in the school office or the Administration Building and are due by April 1, 2020. If you have any questions, please contact Lorri Gierman, Registrar, at 457-8839.

**Help Wanted!**
Are YOU our next superstar Lunch Lady or Food Dude? Looking to earn some extra cash? How about a great gig while the kids are in school? Food Service has openings for permanent staff at Jenison High School and Jenison Junior High School. Need something with flexibility? Be an on-call substitute. We are looking for GREAT people to work with a GREAT team, serving our GREAT students. Permanent positions are 2.75 hours per day, Monday through Friday. No nights, weekends or school breaks! Starting pay is $11.30 per hour. Employees must be fingerprinted and pass a background check.

To apply: go to [www.jpsonline.org](http://www.jpsonline.org) and scroll down to Employment Opportunities.

**JPS Reproductive Health Curriculum Materials Review Night**
**Monday, March 23, 2020 6:30 p.m.**
El Puente/Kids First Building
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 El Puente/Kids First Building on Monday, March 23, 2020 beginning at 6:30 pm. Parents will have an opportunity to see the curriculum, including DVD’s, 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.

**March is Reading Month!**
The libraries in Jenison are filled with books that are just waiting to be read, and this is the perfect month to do it! We want you to get into some "spring training" and get your reading muscles all set. Those students who complete twelve tasks will get a prize and be in the grand prize drawing. Check out the attached letter and calendar for all of the details! The more you read, the better you get!

**Lost and Found**
Please check out the MANY valuable items in our lost and found bin that is located across from the kitchen. There are coats, sweatshirts, lunch boxes, mittens, boots, snow pants, etc. **All items will be donated soon after parent teacher conferences.** Also, please label EVERYTHING that you send to school with your child. That way when we find lost items, we can return them to the owner.

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Not Choosing Is The Best Choice

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 being able to choose 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. Significantly this has been time spent with other children. 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, brussel 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 have a special request for a teacher at Rosewood Elementary, you must fill out a form in the office and set up a meeting with Mr. Verbeek to discuss your request. Please note, all requests may not be granted and I hope you understand our decisions are made for what we believe is in the best interest of all of our students at Rosewood.
Dear Parents,

March is National Reading Month, and we will be continuing to build on our Family Read Aloud program, as we strive to create a culture of literacy in every JPS home. Every family is encouraged to participate together to complete the March Reading Calendar, located on the back of this letter.

Engaging families in the joy of reading with quality literature, and fun activities is a wonderful way to build a child’s literacy skills. We invite you to encourage your child to COMPLETE at least 12 of the reading activities and send the calendar back to school. You may pick and choose your activities, and they may be completed in any order. Your child will receive a FREE poster from Scholastic and bookmark, for their participation.

We are also teaming up with the Whitecaps again this year to promote reading. A Whitecaps Reading Club Calendar will be coming home soon, possibly the first week of March. Each student who participates will receive a free ticket to a Whitecaps spring game. Details are on their March Reading log.

Have fun reading and earn great prizes with our March Reading Calendar!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Staley, Director of Elementary Media Services
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| **Students:** Reading Calendar due to your teacher or library by **MARCH 31st** to be eligible for a **POSTER PRIZE**!
New this year!

Jenison Lacrosse has received a grant from U.S. Lacrosse to host a “TryLax Clinic®” with U.S. Lacrosse trained coaches for boys and girls (ages 6-14) who have never played lacrosse before.

Registration is available at: www.jenisonlacrosse.org.

For $35 your player will receive a stick, a one year membership to U.S. Lacrosse and a 90 minute clinic to see if this is something they are interested in playing in the Spring season. There will not be a late fee for registration if your child attends the clinic.

This clinic is open to all West Michigan communities and spots are limited, so sign up today!

For any questions, please contact us at: jenisonlacrosse@outlook.com
JOIN THE TRANSPORTATION TEAM!

Are you a stay-at-home mom or dad looking to work a few hours a week?
Are you retired?
Do you enjoy being around children?
Want to be on a team with awesome people?
Then bus driving might be right for you!

We are currently hiring bus drivers!
No previous experience required.
We will train you.
The starting rate is $18.42 per hour!

If you are interested or know of someone who would be great for this position, please contact us at 616-457-3740 or Transportation@jpsonline.org