



West Jefferson

Elementary School News

December 2018

Calendar of Events



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Attendance

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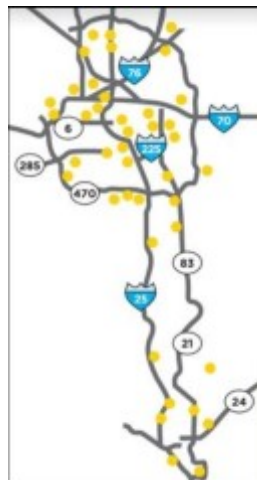


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December

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| 6 | PTA Meeting 4:00 pm |
| | Advanced Orch. Concert @CHS |
| 11 & 12 | Elf Shop |
| 11 | Advanced Band Concert @ CHS |
| 13 | Health and Wellness Meeting |
| | Beginning Band/Orch. Concert @ WJMS |
| 20 | Bobcats Accountability Meeting 4:30 PM |
| 21 | 8:45-9:45- Classroom Winter Parties |
| | 10:00- Annual Tree Sing Event |
| 22-Jan 8 | No School for Students |

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Winter Parties

All classrooms will celebrate winter parties the morning of Friday, December 21st from 8:45 -9:45. Our Tree Sing will follow immediately after parties and last approximately an hour from 10-11am. All families are welcome to join in for the fun. We encourage students to stay for the remainder of the day as we will continue with regular class schedules. If you choose to check your child out, you must first notify the office and we will give you a slip to pick up your child from the teacher.



Health and Wellness

Have you noticed the **ornaments** hanging out in front of the school? These were made by the students of WJES at our Fall Festival and have messages of thankfulness and gratitude. It was extraordinary to see how insightful our students were when mentioning the things they loved. Please try to read a couple next time you are at the building.



Health and Wellness could always use **new members** and new ideas! We meet the second Thursday of each month at 4:00. There is no pressure to take on any activity, just show up and share your thoughts.

Congratulations to our **Healthy Snack Competition winners from our Halloween Parties**: Bryant Johnson, Jake Winefeldt, and JJ/Wesley Dowell! They each won a \$25 gift card to either King Soopers or Whole Foods, happily donated by each store. Halloween brought some frightfully fun snack presentations. It was a tough competition at these parties, so thanks for all who made an effort to make healthy snacks visually appealing. We will be judging again at the Winter Holiday Parties and hope to see more amazing food then. It will be a breakfast party, so keep that in mind.

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Health Room

We are still in need of some **TISSUES** for our health room. As you can imagine, we “blow” through the tissues! Thanks in advance for your donations!



Front Office

Just a family reminder to call the office for absences, whether your child is sick or you're heading out of town. Call the attendance line 303-982-2967 to leave a message and reason for the absence. If your child will be out for more than two days, please complete an **Prearranged Absence Form** which you can pick up in the office.

Is your child going home a different way? Or having a playdate after school? Please call the office BEFORE 3:15 to let us know of the change in plans. Our office gets super busy from 3:15 to dismissal. This will help ensure your child gets home safely and we can avoid making last minute phone calls home.

Winter Break

Friday, December 21st is the last of school before our Winter Break. Students will return to school on Wednesday, January 9th.

Enjoy your break and time with family!



Attendance and Tardies



Please remember that daily attendance is VERY important. Even if students complete their make-up work, they are still missing a LOT of classroom instruction and can quickly fall behind. It also can create some social issues for students who struggle with friendships when they are absent frequently.

Being at school ON TIME is also very important. It can be very disruptive to the start of the day when students come in after 8:45. Please let us know if you need support with your child getting to school on time or coming every day.



Elf Shop December 11th and 12th



This is a tradition at West Jefferson Elementary! It's a great opportunity for your child to do some holiday shopping here at school! You are also welcome to shop and check out items made by our students, families and local crafters! There's something for every budget! As always, we can use volunteers, please contact PTA. Please visit our website www.wjes.net and click on Family Resources. The link to the information is at the bottom of the list.

Kindergarten Mystery Reader...we still need YOU

Every Thursday, the kindergarteners will be visiting the library. As a part of our checkout, we will also be listening to a story being read aloud. We would love to have a variety of people to read to our students; family members, community members, siblings, and school staff. We are asking for you to sign up for a time to come in and be our mystery reader. We can choose and have a book ready for you or you can bring your own. We also ask that you spread the word with this sign up to any other family members, community members, and any other organizations that may have individuals interested. Please let one of the kindergarten teachers know if you have any questions. Thank you for helping us build the excitement of reading!

Click here to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4faba72f4-mystery>



100 Mile Club

Remember that if you are planning on your child staying on Mondays after school to run to complete the Sign Up Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084caeac2ba57-100mile1>

Students can also come and run before school at 8:00 am on Wednesdays and Fridays. BUT, students should meet in the front entrance and not begin running until our 100 Mile Club volunteers are ready. This is for safety. Laps completed before then will not count.

We now have two students who have crossed the 100 MILE MARK! Congratulations to Emerson Butler and Kyler Boymel!



Giving Tree

Every year our WJES community comes together to support our families who could use a little help at the holidays. We put up a “giving tree” in our front foyer and students, parents or anyone can grab an ornament and bring a gift for child. You can pick between boys or girls and the ages are specified. Ornaments for specific needs or requests are also there if you want a little guidance. You can also bring gift cards to the office to give to families. Even if you don’t get an ornament you can bring something for a child from an infant to 18. We also have adults on the tree if you are interested.



If you or someone you know could use a little help, please fill out this google form and let us know. Families will pick up gift bags before Winter Break.

<https://goo.gl/forms/6TwZlZKY2H2fySMg2>

Watch D.O.G.S.

We have been so happy to see some new Watch DOGS joining us this year. If you are interested in becoming a Watch D.O.G.S. (I feel like everyone could take one day within the year;-)) please stop by the office and fill out a background check form, then sign up to come it. You can sign up online or write your name on the huge calendars in our main hallway:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084caeac2ba57-watch4> There are some wonderful opportunities for your to join us in December.

Hope to see you soon!

EL Education Updates

Module 2:

We will be wrapping up Module 2 in all grades before Christmas. Each class will be “Showcasing” their performance tasks in their classrooms on December 21st. This will be a busy day for WJE community and Students: Morning Holiday Parties, Tree Sing Performance and Classroom Showcases. If possible, please plan to spend some time with us to help celebrate all the hard work our students do here at WJE. Ask your child’s teacher when they will be sharing the classroom EL Showcases. Some will take place during the parties, others may be later in the morning or afternoon.

Module 3:

Classrooms will begin Module 3 in January and there are several needs. If you can help out with any of the following, please drop items off in the office:

10 eye droppers

6 empty spray bottles

Variety of seeds for planting: Sunflower seeds, dill, alfalfa seeds (or similar)

2 Five lb bags of soil for planting

Styrofoam Cubes, variety of sizes, 1”cubes to 3” cubes

Box of craft sticks



Bobcats Accountability Meeting (BAM)

We will be meeting on Thursday, December 20th at 4:30 pm. We will be reviewing the first draft of our Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) that we will be submitting to the Colorado Department of Education to show our plan for improvement. All schools must submit a UIP. This will be your chance to review it and to give input or ask questions.



We will also give any updates we have by then about how the passing of 5A and 5B will impact our school this year or in the future.

You can still fill out our Budget Prioritization Survey by clicking [HERE](#).

So far we have just over 50 responses. We would love everyone to weigh in on your priorities for how our school spends the money we get from you, the taxpayer. We will continue to look at the results from this survey as we plan our budget for the 2019-2020 school year.

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2018-19

JEFFCO GT PARENT SEMINAR

January 28, 2019

January 28, 2019
6:30-8:00 pm

Jeffco Education Center
5th Floor Board Room
1829 Denver West Dr., #27
Golden, CO 80401

Topics

- Executive Function
- Social Emotional
- Early Access
- Shopping for Post-Secondary Options
- GT 101

Rotations

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| Rotation 1 | 6:30-7:10 |
| Break | 7:10-7:15 |
| Rotation 2 | 7:15-7:50 |

Executive Function

Room: 3A/3B (3rd Floor)
Facilitators: Diana Caldeira; Lisa Fiess; Paula Jacques-Bonneau

Join us to explore working memory as it relates to executive functioning skills. Our working memory is the brain's Post-it note. It uses short-term memory and attention and helps each of us process information for storage.

Shopping for Post-Secondary Options

Room: Board Room (5th Floor)
Facilitator: Connie Brown

Don't wait for senior year to start thinking about the next step! Stepping into the world of adulthood can be incredibly stress inducing, especially for gifted students who want to get it "just right". What pathways to success are available after high school and how can we help our child make the right decision? This session will provide a smorgasbord of post-secondary options as well as methods for tracking meaningful communication with prospective schools, programs and employers.

Early Access

Room: 4E (4th Floor)
Facilitators: Stefanie Renquist; Lindsey Reinert

Early Access to kindergarten and first grade is for 4 & 5 year olds, respectively, as an exception to the normal age requirements as per board policy JEB. Children who are highly gifted (97th percentile or higher) may benefit from early grade acceleration. Come learn about the application process and timelines for Early Access to kindergarten or first grade!

GT 101

Room: 3F (3rd Floor)
Facilitator: Ginny Grimes

How is "giftedness" defined? How does Jeffco identify gifted students? What is an ALP? How do I get my student tested? Can a student be gifted in one area but really struggle in others? These are all questions that will be answered during this session. Join us if you are new to GT, new to Jeffco, or just want more information about giftedness and GT programming.

Social Emotional

Room: 2A (2nd Floor) Facilitators: Casey Gardner; Erin Shea, Laurie Perea, Lisa Fiess, Julio Ocana, Tracy Ferguson

Part 1*-How does anxiety manifest in gifted children? Come learn how anxiety can mix with overexcitabilities, social challenges, and perfectionism. We will talk about how anxiety can look in gifted children as well as how to help children manage and develop effective coping strategies.

Part 2*-Connect with other parents of gifted children, share personal experiences, and hear about real-life challenges and successes. In a community building event, you'll have the chance to connect with parents who "get it" and learn from their collective expertise in the room. ***You do not need to attend both parts.**

- Cancellations will be posted on our website
- Parents do not need to RSVP
- Baby sitting is not available
- Age appropriate attendance is encouraged