



# West Jefferson

## Elementary School News

May 2019

### Calendar of Events

#### May



|     |   |
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| 1   | 5th Grade to State Capitol                    |
|     | West Jeff Reads Together night @ 6:15PM       |
| 2   | Kindergarten Step-up Day                      |
|     | 5th Grade to tour Middle School               |
|     | PTA Meeting @ 4:00 PM                         |
|     | Deadline to return Talent Show Audition Forms |
| 4   | Mountain Ninja Race Fundraiser                |
| 3-6 | Assessment Day- sign up on our website        |
| 7   | Beginning Band/Orch. Concert @ 7 PM           |
| 8   | 2nd Grade InHouse FieldTrip                   |
|     | 3rd Grade InHouse Field Trip                  |
| 9   | Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast              |
|     | Talent Show Auditions                         |
|     | Health & Wellness @ 4:00 PM                   |

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Attendance

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**Calendar of Events, continued...****May, continued...**

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| <b>10</b>         | 4th Grade Field Trip - Dino Ridge            |
| <b>11</b>         | Mother's Day Family Fun Run Flying J @ 10 AM |
| <b>15</b>         | 5th Grade Field Trip - Buffalo Creek         |
|                   | LAST DAY for 100 Mile Club                   |
| <b>16</b>         | Awards @ 9 AM - By invitation                |
|                   | Kindergarten Field Trip Staunton State Park  |
|                   | 1st Grade Inhouse Field Trip                 |
|                   | BAM @ 4:30 PM                                |
|                   | Advanced Band/Orch. Concert @ 7 PM           |
| <b>17</b>         | Field Day                                    |
| <b>20</b>         | 3rd Grade - Day In Denver                    |
| <b>21</b>         | 5th Grade Continuation @ 6 PM                |
| <b>23</b>         | Talent Show @ 11 AM                          |
|                   | LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!! Dismissal @ 1:05 PM   |
| <b>24, 28, 29</b> | Potential Snow Make-up Days                  |

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## 1st Grade Celebrations

Student ornithologists are building literacy skills while investigating how different bird species have different beaks, feathers, and feet depending on their habitats, diets, and needs to survive. Students' work products come from both module lessons as well as the accompanying play-based labs and were chosen to be displayed at the network gathering of EL Cohorts on May 3rd-4th. Congratulations 1st graders!

First grade students create bird puppets during EL lab time. Students layer construction paper to make beautiful birds.



## ***1st Grade Celebrations, continued...***

First graders used pattern blocks to create Geo Birds. The students connected geometry to our EL study of birds.



First grade students used crayons and watercolors to create colorful birds. The students tied art to EL and our study of birds.



### **3rd Grade Celebrations**

#### **Kiwanis Reading Celebration on April 20th**



A special congratulations to our top readers: Hailley Fouts, Cara Davis, Aubrielle Wilson, Fred Lehman, Dylan Stewart and Greeley Truby who each received a Barnes and Nobles Gift Certificate. All who attended received a free book by Dr. Joe Wheeler who was there to sign as well! The Kiwanis Club of Conifer donated \$1000 to our school to support the purchase of books for K-3rd graders!

#### **Market Day**

On April 12th, the third graders had Market Day! They formed businesses, created websites, made commercials, and provided products and services for the entire school. Students enjoyed becoming producers and consumers and learning about Economics throughout this real world experience.



## Field Day

May 17th is our Field Day. Please click [HERE](#) sign up to volunteer for the day or to bring fruit for students.

Each Grade level is assigned a color. If you can get your child a shirt in the following colors, it will add to the fun of the day. It also helps us track down students who might wander away from their class.



Kinder- Orange

1st- Yellow

2nd- Blue

3rd- Purple

4th- Green

5th- Red

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## Day Without Hate - from Liz Wehr (Social Emotional Learning Specialist)

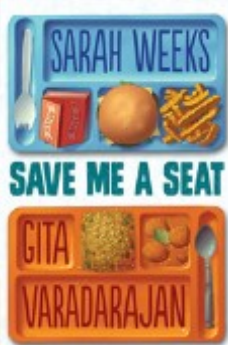
On April 22nd, we celebrated Day Without Hate. I had the opportunity to go into each classroom to do an activity. In Kindergarten, we read the book, *How Full is Your Bucket for Kids*. After reading we did a compliment circle where every student gave and received a compliment from a classmate. In 1st grade, we also read, *How Full is Your Bucket for Kids*. The students then picked a classmate at random and filled their “bucket” by writing or drawing something they like about them. In 2nd grade students were given paper plates that they hung on their back and classmates walked around and wrote things they liked about each person on the plate. In grades 3-5, students worked in groups to build a cabin with either pretzel sticks and mini marshmallows, or just pretzel sticks. Groups who had both pretzels and marshmallows struggled, as the marshmallows were hard and difficult to build with. Students with just the pretzel sticks were successful. The pretzels represented students and the school community and the marshmallows represented unkind, hateful words or actions. Many groups just pushed the marshmallows aside, finding no use for them. We had a wonderful discussion about how this related to them. It was a wonderful day where all students had the opportunity to show caring and compassion to one another.



## Library

### West Jeff Reads Together

During the month of May, West Jeff Elementary will read together one book. Each family will receive the book that they can keep forever free of charge. On Wednesday, May 1 we revealed the title of the book at a family event with cookies and milk, door prizes, and a chance to hear the first chapter read aloud. Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan is our read-together book choice.



*Joe and Ravi might be from very different places, but they're both stuck in the same place: school. Joe's lived in the same town all his life, and was doing just fine until his best friends moved away and left him on his own. Ravi's family just moved to America from India, and he's finding it pretty hard to figure out where he fits in. Joe and Ravi don't think they have anything in common, but soon enough they have a common enemy (the biggest bully in their class) and a common mission: to take control of their lives over the course of a single crazy week.*

We are grateful to Kia Lowry owner of The Colorado Cookie Company for donating the cookies for the evening.



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**Indulge Your Sweet Tooth**

Throughout the month, on the Bobcat News on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, students will be asked questions about the book that if answered correctly can win them prizes. There is a display in the library with books that you may want to read after finishing Save Me a Seat, so feel free to come to the library and check them out!

This family reading program aims to encourage families to read together at home. So, take this opportunity to climb into your pajamas, gather your family, and read together.

### Summer Reading Book Lists

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) published a fabulous Summer Reading List for children of all ages. Click on your student's level and download the list to keep you reading all summer long.

[Birth to Preschool](#)

[Kindergarten - Second Grade](#)

[Third - Fifth Grade](#)

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***Library, continued...******Summer Reading at Jefferson County Public Library***

On Tuesday, May 14 the Jefferson County Public Library is coming to West Jeff to introduce this summer's Summer Reading Program: Mission to Read. Look for more information in your student's backpack to keep your students reading all summer long.



Jefferson County  
**PUBLIC LIBRARY**

***May 9: Return All Library Books***

All materials are due back in the library on Thursday, May 9. On May 10, books not returned are considered "Lost". On Tuesday, May 14 we will send home lost book notices that will inform you of the cost of the books. All lost books need to be returned or paid for by the end of the school year. Please let me, Holly Wagner at [Holly.Wagner@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:Holly.Wagner@jeffco.k12.co.us) know if you have any questions or if you recall returning the book. We can double check the shelves to make sure the book is indeed lost.

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***Health Room***

It is that time of year again. If your student has medication in the health room: District policy requires that a parent/guardian pick up an unused or discontinued medication at the end of each school year. Our last day of school is May 23rd. If you have any questions, please call Marianne at 303-982-2975 or email at [marianne.hislop@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:marianne.hislop@jeffco.k12.co.us). Thank you!



The Serving Kids Program, operated by Jeffco Schools Foundation provides a week's worth of clothing for any student in Jeffco Public Schools. If your family is in need, please contact our school health aid, Marianne Hislop, at 303-982-2975 or [marianne.hislop@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:marianne.hislop@jeffco.k12.co.us). The deadline for placing an order is **May 8th**. Clean and gently used clothing will be delivered to West Jeff Elementary before the end of the school year.

## Talent Show

Please view the link below if you are interested in participating in this year's Talent Show.

Forms are Due by **May 2nd**, Auditions will be held on **May 9th** after school (you will be assigned a time), and the performance is on **May 23rd** (last day of school!).

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zW\\_LUqid9hHpEIzMukJ5FDrgwf2pVit/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zW_LUqid9hHpEIzMukJ5FDrgwf2pVit/view?usp=sharing)



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## Crayola Recycling Program



Do you have any old markers that don't work? Bring them to school and we will send them to Crayola to recycle. They don't have to be Crayola markers-any markers will do. Please send them to school with your child or bring them to the office.

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## Habits of Character: **COMPASSION**

This month, our students and staff will be focusing on **COMPASSION** as our MAY Habit of Character. Students will continue to *work to become effective learners* with a focus on compassion; helping others feel free from pain or suffering by seeing things through other people's eyes. We have already focused on empathy. When we use our critical thinking paired with empathy, we are more likely to do compassionate actions. They learn about this during literacy as well as during their Social Emotional Learning Lessons and during our CREW time each morning. Teachers will introduce this habit at the beginning of the month when they get together with buddy classes. Students will be earning **GOLD Habit Hero** tickets for showing compassion and will be able to turn them in for a prize when they have collected three. They can earn them in class, waiting for the bus after school, in the hallways, in Art, Music and PE, at lunch and recess and any time during the school day. We will be highlighting our Habit Heroes all throughout the school year. Ask your kids about it this month! Students have been studying different topics and pair it with their developed sense of empathy to take action where they feel it is important to them, others or the world.



**PTA News**

**WJES**  
**SLUMBER PARTY**



**A NIGHT OF MOVIES, PIZZA, PANCAKES, CRAFTS, SLEEPING BAG RACES & MORE IN THE SCHOOL!!**

**May 10th, 2019**  
**\*50% off if Parents attend PTA open house\***

Mrs Woodland will be supervising: children must be at least in 1st grade to sleepover  
Evening hours: 5:30pm-9:30pm  
Overnight Hours: 5:30pm-8am  
Evening: \$20/first child + \$10/additional children  
Overnight: \$40/first child + \$20/additional child

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4dae2da5ff2-pnosleepover>



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**MAY 10 | FRIDAY | 6:00PM**  
**TRES GARCIAS**

Learn about and weigh in on PTA goals and projects for next year  
over margaritas and queso!

### **4th Grade Parents - Graduation - Help Needed**

Please follow the link to sign up to help with 5th Grade Continuation! It is a tradition that 4th grade parents help so that 5th grade parents can relax and enjoy the evening.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BADA722A2FF2-5thgrade>

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### **Assessment Days**

Students will need to be signed up and attend on either Friday, May 3rd or Monday, May 6th for a 2 hour slot to complete assessments in a small group with their teacher.

Please sign up if you haven't already:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084caeac2ba57-spring2>

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### **Next Year's Teachers**

We are excited to announce our teachers for next year:

In preschool we have 2 licensed teachers: **Cayla Hauck and Julie Lee**

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### **Coach's Corner**



Classrooms are busy working on finishing up their Performance Tasks for Module 4 and Expeditions.

Kindergarten experienced live Colorado trees on a recent expedition. They want to share what they mean to us and why we need them by creating artwork to showcase their understanding of trees and inspire members of the community to enjoy and appreciate trees.

In first grade, students are learning the importance of caring for birds and are creating Feathered Friends Savers to hang in the windows of the school or local businesses. This artwork will help prevent birds from flying into windows.

Second graders want to share with others the importance of pollinators. They are creating seed packets with instructions for planting along with the importance of protecting butterflies.

In third grade students are planning and creating a video public service announcement to educate people about their chosen water issue and to encourage them to take action with specific recommendations to solve the problem.

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### ***Coach's Corner, continued...***

Fourth Graders are identifying an issue in their community that they want to address and writing public service announcement encouraging other students to help. They will then write a press release reporting on what they did, when and where it occurred, the results and the impact.

Fifth Graders are sharing their learning about how to stay safe during a natural disaster by unveiling their public service announcements. They will create an emergency preparedness kit and share the rationale for the items they have chosen to include.

Be sure to ask your child about their Performance Task for Module 4 and how they are sharing their new learning with the school and community.

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### ***Calling All Volunteers!***

Adults, If you have volunteered in any capacity at WJE, we want to honor and thank you.

Please join us Thursday, May 9th at 8:00 for our annual **WJE Volunteer Breakfast**. The WJE staff will be providing breakfast, coffee and juice for you. As part of their Community Service Project, 4th graders will be helping with set up, serving and clean up.

