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October Calendar

2	Zoo Break Fundraiser Pledges DUE!
3	PTA Meeting at 4:00 PM in Library
4	MOVIE NIGHT- Aladdin 5:30-9:00
10	Health and Wellness Meeting at 4:00 PM
17	Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children - 6:00@WJES
21/23	Conferences- sign up below
21-24	Book Fair
25	No School for Students or Staff
28	No School for Students- Teacher Work Day
31	Zoo Break Fun Run PRIZE DAY

November Calendar

1	2:15 - Costume Parade
	2:30-3:30 - Fall Parties
	Trunk or Treat

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NEW VOLLEYBALL AND BASKETBALL REC LEAGUES!



CLICK HERE to register!

Preparing kids for the game of life.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences on October 21 and 23- Sign up Genius:

Please take a few minutes to sign up for your parent/teacher conferences happening the week of October 21st. We are required to meet with every family during the year for a conference. These will be Goal-Setting conferences and you will have an opportunity to see some of the work your child has been doing so far!

Full Day Preschool and Kinder through 5th grade:

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

AM or PM Preschool (October 21st Only):

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084caeac2ba57-preschool1>



Book Fair

Join our **Arctic Adventure** at this year's fall Book Fair. Whether you're looking to pre-order the newest *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* (Book 14 due out Nov 5 is *The Wrecking Ball*) or purchase the new *Dog Man For Whom the Ball Rolls* or waiting for Jennifer Nielsen's newest book *Words on Fire* (out October 1 historical fiction about book burning in Lithuania during the 1800s), you will find 'Snow Much to Read' at this fall Book Fair.



Previews will be Friday, October 18, then we'll open for sales on Monday, October 21. We'll be open from 8:15 am to 8:15 pm on Monday and Wednesday (our conference days) and from 8:15 am to 4 pm on Tuesday and Thursday.

Thank you to Shannon Konyndyk for coordinating all the details for this year's Book Fair. Could you be a Student to Book Matchmaker? Or help with set-up or tear-down? Click [HERE](#) for the sign-up. Sales will be a breeze with the new EasyScan II systems.

Two NEW shopping options! Book Fair eWallet is a safe and convenient digital payment option for your student to shop the Fair cash-free. [Watch this brief video to learn more.](#) If you're not able to attend the Fair, try our new online shopping. We've partnered with the Scholastic Store to offer over 6,000 products that ship direct to home (with free shipping on book-only orders of \$25 or more)! Visit our homepage to get started:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/westjeffersonelemschool>

Volunteers Needed: Do you have an extra hour here or there? Like to create order from chaos? Shelving books in the library could be the perfect volunteer job for you. Please email Holly Wagner at holly.wagner@jeffco.k12.co.us to set up a time for an orientation, then you can come into the library anytime it's convenient for you to shelve books.



Kindness Cash

Kindness cash will return for the month of October. If a student is caught doing a random act of kindness, he/she will earn one piece of Kindness Cash. We will have a store on November 1 where the students can spend their cash on prizes.



Monthly Yoga at WJES

Each month all students in grades K-5 (preschool will start in January) get a 45 minute yoga and mindfulness class with a licensed instructor! We are grateful to our private donor who has paid for this for the last two years. Please check out this video if you want to learn about bit about the power of Yoga in schools: <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/managing-school-stress-by-bringing-yoga-into-the-classroom>

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Trunk or Treat

This year's Trunk or Treat Community Event will be on Friday, November 1 at 6:00 pm. That means it's time to start planning your trunk! This year's event will include a classroom candy drive and trunk decorating contest judged by you! It's never too early to start planning costumes and your trunk theme! We look forward to seeing what you have concocted, in the deep and dark pits of your trunks, that will delight and terrify us! We will be looking for some helpful volunteers for setup and on the day of, please keep your eyes peeled for a SignUp coming your way soon.



Sponsorship space in this newsletter is extremely affordable!

Reach parents in your local community and a significant portion of your investment goes back to the school! Want to sponsor this school? Please contact Rob Mangelson at Rob@tscacolorado.com or (720) 878-4107.

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Yearbook Team

This year we have a student group of 5th graders putting our Yearbook together. We can always use your photos – 1st day of school, field trips and Halloween/Trunk or Treat are a few that would be useful. If you would like to upload some photos or buy a yearbook for this year, please go to :

https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/view_account.asp?l=0DBEBD45-8587-462E-8755-CC5DD85EA345&yearbook_id=35424



Keep Your Shirts from the Fun Run

We will be using the same colors for our Field Day in the spring!

Fall Parties

This year our Fall Parties will happen on Friday, November 1st. Health and Wellness would like to remind you that Fall/Halloween Parties are approaching. We will have a contest for the most creative healthy snack again this year and YOU could be the winner! Judges will make the rounds into classrooms and the three top winners will earn a prize. Remember that it is DISTRICT policy for parties to have at least 50% healthier options!

PTA Reflections 2019-20 Look Within

The West Jefferson PTA is offering Reflections this year, an art based competition that will have winners at the school, county, state and possibly even national level! Reflect on the theme this year, "Look Within" and create a work of art! The categories to choose from are: Visual Arts, Photography, Literature, Dance Choreography, Music Composition, and Film. All grades and abilities are welcome. Complete the entry form, follow the program rules, and turn in your submissions to your teacher by October 16, 2019! We will have judging shortly after all entries are submitted and will showcase our school's winners who will be going onto the county level competition. The arts-and the National PTA Reflections program-support student success and serve as a valuable tool for building strong partnerships in our school community!



Contact Jaime Davis if you have any questions-720-999-3505 or wjebobcats@gmail.com. See FLYER at the end of email.

Silent Auction is BACK!

*****Save the Date Nov 15 @ The Barn at Marshdale.**

The West Jefferson Elementary PTA is having its annual Silent Auction!



When: Friday, November 15th

Where: The Barn At The Evergreen Memorial-26624 N. Turkey Creek Rd, Evergreen, CO 80439

Time: 6:30pm-9:30pm.

There will be food, drinks and entertainment that you don't want to miss! The Silent Auction is the primary annual fundraising event for the PTA benefiting students and their families, teachers and our local community in many ways. This year's goal is to raise \$10,000 which will be used to assist the school in purchasing technology, other classroom needs, and even provide event scholarships such as field trips for families in need. The PTA is a non-profit organization, so your admission ticket and purchases are 100% tax deductible. Some items available for auction include: Framed Art, Jewelry, Apparel, Wine, Food, Tattoo & Piercing Services, Spa & Beauty and much, much more! Come enjoy a night out and support your kids and community! You may purchase admission tickets in advance for \$10 or at the door for \$12. Donations are also welcomed if you are unable to attend. You may pay by cash, check, or credit card (in person with no fee or online at Event Bright with a \$2.24 fee). The PTA will have a table set up to purchase your advanced admission tickets at the Parent/Teacher Conferences, Movie Night, Trunk or Treat and at the school on 11.8.19.

Here is the link to purchase tickets at Event Bright:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/west-jefferson-elementary-school-2019-silent-auction-tickets-73864692283?aff=utm_source%3Dweb_email%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_campaign%3Dnew_event_email&utm_term=eventurl_text

If you or your company has **anything to donate** to this event or you would like to help with the event, contact Dawn Zalfa at 720-495-1225.

Clinic Donations Needed

The clinic is looking for donations of elastic banded pants for both boys and girls (hand me downs greatly appreciated). If you have any you are willing to donate, please drop them by the clinic.



Movie Night



Come join us on **Friday, October 4th from 5:30-9:00 pm** to view Aladdin in our gym for our first movie night. You can buy dinner, snacks and drinks too. The cost is \$2 and you can even win prizes! Adults must stay with students, but it will be a lot of fun.

Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books kicks off on Oct 1st. Fifth graders across the district will form teams and collectively read 10 books. There will be an in-school challenge the week of February 25th and district challenge in March.



October Weekend Run

Our October run will take place October 12 at Meyer Ranch at 10:00. Come out and earn 2 miles toward 100 Mile Club miles!



Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children

Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children will be holding its board meeting at WJES in the library on Thursday, October 17th. JAGC board meets from 5-6 p.m. The community is invited to attend an open forum discussion from 6-7 p.m. This will happen in lieu of our monthly **Bobcats Accountability Meeting**.



Zoo Break Fun Run

Thanks to everyone for your amazing support of our Zoo Break Fun Run Fundraiser. Students still have until October 2nd to turn in their money and have it count toward their prizes.

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Second Step

Hi West Jeff Elementary Families and Friends!

My name is Liz Wehr and I am the SELS (Social Emotional Learning Specialist) at West Jeff Elementary. While I have worked here on a very part time basis the past three years, I am so lucky to be here much more often this year. Now that we are all settled into the new school year with our schedules established, I have had the opportunity to visit every classroom a few times this month. A large part of my role is to work on prevention, meaning teaching our students the skills they need to be successful in and out of school. Success in school is not just about reading and math. It is also about knowing how to learn and how to get along with others. Once again we will be using the *Second Step* program to teach these critical skills. I will be in your child's classroom about 3 times a month. The lessons I teach will align closely with the habit of character your child is learning each month.

The *Second Step* program teaches skills in the following four areas:

- 1. Skills for Learning:** Students gain skills to help themselves learn, including how to focus their attention, listen carefully, use self-talk to stay on task, and be assertive when asking for help with schoolwork.
- 2. Empathy:** Students learn to identify and understand their own and others' feelings. Students also learn how to take another's perspective and how to show compassion.
- 3. Emotion Management:** Students learn specific skills for calming down when experiencing strong feelings, such as anxiety or anger.
- 4. Problem Solving:** Students learn a process for solving problems with others in a positive way.

If you have any questions about the *Second Step* program, please do not hesitate to contact me for more information. Thank you for supporting your child in learning the skills that lead to success in school and in life.

Kind Regards,
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Painted Butterfly Release

3rd grade celebrated their life cycle unit with the release of their adult painted lady butterflies in the school garden. The children were sad to see them leave, but thrilled to see them fly!



Kindergarten Fun!

As a part of our Module Learning on Toys and Play, Kindergarten will be visiting the Children's Museum on Friday, October 4. There we will be applying our learning about attributes of toys as well as toy preferences. We will also have the opportunity to participate in the museum Labs: Explore, Imagine, Investigate, and Create. We are looking forward to a day of applying our learning outside the classroom!



Every Kid Outdoors

Every Kid Outdoors- Visit this website to learn more about Free park entrance for 4th graders!

<https://everykidoutdoors.gov/index.htm>

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September 2019

Dear Conifer Community,

I hope you have all settled back into the routines that come with the start of school each year, and I truly hope you are looking forward to a remarkable year as your child continues on his/her/their educational journey in Jefferson County! It is my great privilege to serve as the Community Superintendent for our elementary schools in the Conifer Articulation as well as those in Columbine, Evergreen and Dennison.

Columbine Articulation	Conifer Articulation	Evergreen Articulation	Option Schools
Columbine Hills Dutch Creek Governor's Ranch Leawood Normandy	Elk Creek Marshdale West Jefferson	Bergen Meadow Bergen Valley Parmalee Wilmot	Dennison

As a Community Superintendent, my most important responsibility is to support each school community through direct collaboration with the building administrator, staff, students and families. I am available to problem solve, provide feedback, connect schools with district resources and resolve any questions, concerns or issues that arise in the school and its community.

I look forward to seeing you and your children as I visit schools and attend various events throughout the school year. My goal is to support schools in providing positive and engaging learning experiences for all students as they learn and grow both academically and socially each year.

I feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to work with an amazing group of Principals who serve school communities that are so dedicated to the success of all children. I am driven by the optimism, enthusiasm, and curiosity that both our students and educators bring to our buildings each day.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher, your school principal or me anytime you have a question or concern, or if you would like to share a positive experience. We are all eager to partner with you in support of your child!

In partnership,

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Our Mission: To provide a quality education that prepares all children for a successful future.