



JORDAN CREEK JOURNAL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Jordan Creek is very dedicated to the success of each student. Attendance at school is a cornerstone of a student's development. It is very important that students start each day on time, remain for the entire school day and only have absences that are vital. We understand that there are illnesses and some professional appointments that cannot occur before or after school. However, when scheduling appointments, please make every effort to have them occur beyond the school day hours if possible.

Any child of compulsory attendance age who fails to attend school as required by the state statute or as required by the school's attendance policy, without a reasonable excuse for the absence, shall be considered truant. The State Statute requires children to attend school a minimum of 49 days per trimester. This translates to a maximum of 12 absences during a trimester. Tardiness to school, and early leaves, which results in a serious loss of instructional time, also figures into this truancy policy.

It is the desire of all of the Jordan Creek personnel to insure each student's success.

Sincerely,

Nancy S. Moorhead, Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- Tues. 15 Orchestra Orientation Lesson for parents only/4th grade
7:00 PM @ Indian Hills
- Thurs. 17 5th grade Camp Hantesa
Overnight Field Trip
- Fri. 18 Preschool to Wills Family Orchard
- Tues. 22 4th gd. Red Feather Prairie Field Trip
- Fri. 25 3rd grade Omaha Zoo Trip
Spanish Quiz Bowl
- Tues. 29 Picture Day at Jordan Creek

October

- Thurs. 1 Picture Day at Valley Church-AM
KD-Mrs. Hallman's class
Preschool- Mrs. Mullins' class
6th grade Wetlands Field Trip
- Mon. 5-9 Cognitive Abilities Testing grades 3 & 6
Monday-Friday, Oct. 5-9
- Mon. 12 NO SCHOOL
- Mon. 26 Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 26-30

Westside Sixth Grade Band

The Westside Sixth Grade Band consists of students from Jordan Creek, Fairmeadows, Western Hills and Westridge. The first rehearsal will be on Tuesday, September 15 at 8:00 a.m. at Valley Southwoods in the band room. Rehearsals will be every Tuesday and Thursday. Students will need transportation to the rehearsals. Car-pooling is encouraged. Buses will return students to their home school.

Notes from the Office

**Every Wednesday is a collaboration day. School ends each Wednesday at 3:10 p.m.
Half-day kindergarten ends at 11:10 a.m.**

Media Center News
IowaChildren's Choice Award

Each year all Iowa students in grades 3-6 are eligible to vote in the Iowa Children's Choice Award. This award encourages children to read more and better books, to discriminate in choosing worthwhile books and to provide positive dialogue among teacher, students and parents about the books and authors.

These books are very popular with our Jordan Creek students! Sometimes there is a waiting list in the media center of 70 students or more for some of these titles. If you have a copy at home that you would be willing to donate or if you would like to purchase a copy for the media center, that would be very helpful. PAPERBACK versions are fine! Listed are some of the titles from the 2009-10 ICCA with the title and author's last name.

These are the titles we could use extra copies of for the students: One Handed Catch—Auch; Surprises According to Humphrey—Birney; Black Tower—Byars; Julia's Kitchen—Ferber; Eleven—Griff; Liberation of Gabriel King—Going; Homework Machine—Gutman; Double Identity—Haddix; A Dog's Life—Martin; Snap—McGhee; Invention of Hugo Cabret—Selznick; Crooked Kind of Perfect—Urban; Someone Named Eve—Wolf; 15 Minutes—Young; Way Down Deep—White; What I Call Life—Wolfson.

THANK YOU FOR ANY DONATION of these titles!

Thank you to Abby Bishop (1C) and Ella Bishop (1B) for donating the book Let's Do Nothing, by Tony Fucile, in honor of their birthday. We appreciate your kind donation. Many students will have a chance to read and enjoy the book you donated!

Thank you for Character Counts Tee-Shirts
Donated by PFC!

The Jordan Creek PFC donated tee-shirts to every student and staff member. Each grade level has a different color tee-shirt. The tee-shirts will be used all year for spirit day, field trips and special events. Thank you to our wonderful PFC for the tee-shirts!



Parent-to-Parent: Family Training on AD/HD

Have you been searching for a reliable source of information about AD/HD and how to manage the issues related to the disorder? Parent-to-Parent is a six-session interactive program for parents of children with AD/HD. Classes begin Tuesday, October 6 from 6:30-8:45 p.m., and will continue each Tuesday for six weeks. REGISTRATION CLOSSES SEPTEMBER 15, and class will fill up quickly! Please call Julie at 515-223-6730 for more information and to register.

AD/HD Parent Support Group sponsored by CHADD

The parent support group meets the first Monday of every month at the West Des Moines Library from 7-9 p.m. (If it is a holiday, we meet the following Monday.) For questions please call Julie at 515-223-6730.

Smiles for Education

Jordan Creek has a chance to win \$5,000 from Hy-Vee's "Smiles for Education" program. Parents, students and teachers are encouraged to enter a student's name in the weekly drawing. Hy-Vee will hold a drawing to select 10 winning students each week for eight weeks. Winners will receive a laptop computer and their school will win \$5,000. Register at your favorite Hy-Vee store!

Looking Ahead

The Valley Homecoming Parade will be held on Thursday, October 1. Jordan Creek parents need to be aware that Fuller Road will be closed from 5:30-6 p.m. There will be no access to Jordan Creek in order to pick up students at Kids West.

Picture Day at Jordan Creek

Picture day will be held at Jordan Creek on Tuesday, September 29. The photographer this year is Jolesch Photography. A flyer will be sent home with your child detailing package options. Please be sure that the flyer along with your payment for the selected package is returned to your child's teacher on or before picture day. All students will be photographed so they can be included on the class composite.

Mrs. Hallman's kindergarten class and Mrs. Mullins' preschool class will be photographed at the Valley Church on Thursday, October 1.

