



Jay Shideler Elementary School

Blues News

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Principal's Note

Dear Jay Shideler Families,

It's hard to believe that school has been in session for three weeks already! Our students are settling in nicely and teachers have been working hard to build those relationships with their students that we know will make for a successful school year!

A big THANK YOU to all parents who attended our Parent Night on August 25th. We are so fortunate as a Jay Shideler community to have parents who care so deeply about their child's education and support our building level teachers.

Looking forward, we have a very exciting event happening in the month of September. The **Boosterthon Fun Run** is an annual event organized by the Jay Shideler PTO. Boosterthon stresses the importance of fitness, leadership, and character while partnering with schools to fundraise. This event will be held on the soccer field on **September 9th** during grade level PE times. Be sure to ask your child about this fun and worthwhile event!

Sincerely,

Sandra Cromwell, Principal
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School Calendar

9/09	Boosterthon Fun Run
9/14	PTO Meeting, 6:00p
9/14	Early Release
9/16	Outdoor Edu. Grade 3
9/19	Board of Education, 6:30p
9/26	No School (Staff Day)
9/28	Outdoor Edu. Grade 5
9/19	Board of Education, 6:30p
10/03	Board of Education, 6:30p
10/04	Picture Day



Mrs. K's Counseling Corner

Dear Blue Jay Families,

I hope the beginning of the school year has started off smoothly and perhaps seems a little more "normal" than the last couple of years. Getting back into a school routine can be a little tough at the beginning, for adults and kids as we get back to a sleep schedule, hurried mornings, juggling practices and finding time for homework. As a school counselor, it is my job, and my privilege to help students navigate the school day, and to help with big emotions and problem solving, executive functioning skills, and collaboration.

A regular day starts out checking emails and phone messages, and when students arrive, I check in with students and greet them in the hallways. During primary weeks, I teach K-2 (SEL) classes in the morning, and during intermediate weeks, I teach 3-6th grade SEL (social-emotional-learning). Lessons are based on our **CARE** traits (**C**ollaborate, **A**ct Responsibly, **R**espect, and **E**mpower), as well as our **Second Step Curriculum**, which is also taught by the classroom teachers.

I have also eaten lunch with new students, and I have started eating lunch with different grade level students. This is a good opportunity for me to learn more about students and for them to learn more about each other.

This is a laid-back time and it's a little quieter than the café.

It is a pleasure to be a part of this school family. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me either through email or by phone. If I

can't answer my phone, I will always call you back. Here's to a great school year!

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SAVE THE DATE

Music Concerts

Kindergarten	First	Second	Third	
4/4/2023 6:00PM	4/4/2023 7:30PM	12/12/2022 6:00PM	12/12/2022 7:30PM	
Fourth	Fifth Choir	Fifth Band	Sixth Choir	Sixth Band
5/3/2023 6:30PM	12/13/22 6:00PM & 5/8/2023 6:30PM	12/13/22 6:00PM & 5/8/2023 6:30PM	12/13/22 7:30PM & 4/25/2023 7:00PM	12/13/22 7:30PM & 4/27/2023 7:00PM

MORE DETAILS TO COME

Any questions or concerns contact Mrs. Mergan at mergajan@usd437.net

President's Pen

The new school year is up and running and so is the Jay Shideler PTO.

For those who are new to JSE, the PTO typically holds our two main fundraisers at the beginning of the school year. The first of those is the **Boosterthon Fun Run** which will take place on Friday, Sept. 9th. This event will be held outdoors again this year. If you'd like to help mark laps for the students, please sign up using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4CA8AA2AA13-funrun>

Or you're welcome to just come watch. Here is the schedule for each grade level:

4th Grade - 8:50-9:30

3rd Grade - 9:30-10:10

6th Grade - 10:10-10:50

5th Grade - 10:50-11:30

Kindergarten - 1:20-2:00

1st Grade - 2:00-2:40

2nd Grade – 2:40-3:20

We'd like to thank **Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers** for generously donating frozen custard to every student on the day of the Fun Run.

The **Sock Hop Carnival** is our second fundraiser. It is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 13th. It takes a lot of volunteers to put this event on. We have volunteer opportunities that can be done during the day, as well as, evening time. If you'd like to help, please reach out to me. Please watch for updates about the Sock Hop in the upcoming weeks. It seems a bit crazy to host two events within the first semester of school, but this helps to ensure that the money you, your family, and your friends raise gets spent during the school year.

One question many parents ask is, how the money we raise gets spent? The goal is to always invest in student needs and areas that the school district doesn't fund. This year the Boosterthon Fun Run is raising funds to update outdoor spaces for both learning and playing. Money raised from both our fundraisers also helps to give every teacher money to spend on supplies for their

class, we also fund events like the author's visit, science fair, sports day, Shideler City Streets, and 6th grade recognition.

During our August PTO meeting we discussed the upcoming fundraisers, reviewed the PTO budget, and discussed open positions within our committees. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 14th at 6 p.m. in the JSE library. We would love to see you there!

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about JSE PTO.

It's a Great Day To Be A Blue Jay!

Lori Rupp, PTO President

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Library News from Mrs. Hall

We kicked off the year in the library and students are checking out new books to read and enjoy! Check out for students happens every week during their library class. Kindergarten students check out 1 book at a time and 1st-6th grade students can check out up to 3 books. Students have learned how to put books on hold and library staff deliver books daily to students in their classrooms. You can check out the [JS Library website](#) to view the catalog, complete 20 book challenge forms, and so much more!



Books & Bundts Reading Challenge

We have partnered with Nothing Bundt Cakes to challenge students to read 400 minutes each month. Reading trackers were sent home during library classes and you can support your student by reading with them, listening to them read, or helping them track their minutes. A parent signature is required to show completion of their reading minutes. Once

students complete 400 minutes, they need to bring it to the library and Mrs. Hall or Mrs. Pretsch will sign it. Then, students can turn it in at Nothing Bundt Cakes for a free bundlet. We are hoping this will be a great monthly challenge to encourage at-home reading. Just 20 minutes a day for 20 days = 400 minutes. You got this, Blue Jays!

[20 Book Challenge](#)

Students and teachers are competing to complete 20 or 40 book challenges this year! Each book students read that is 50+ pages can count. They simply need to fill out the form located on the JS Library website for each book they complete. The challenge runs all year, until May 12, and it is a fun way to see the progress teachers and students are making on their independent reading. Check out the [20 book challenge](#) site to see how our teachers and staff are doing on completing their challenges!

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Hall, Librarian

