



JEFFERSON NEWSLETTER-MAY 2019



Dear Jefferson Parents,

Welcome to the month of May at Jefferson Elementary School! As we enter into the final eight weeks of school, it's important to maintain many of the solid routines that have been established over the course of the school year. As the weather becomes nicer, we recognize that many students are active in a variety of extracurricular events after school. Please ensure that there are still opportunities to complete assignments and study for classroom assessments where applicable.

We are excited to begin Kindergarten screening in the coming weeks as we say hello to our next group of Kindergarten students at Jefferson Elementary. For those of you who have second graders, you will soon be hearing more about our terrific swim program that takes place in early June. We are also preparing for our fourth grade moving up day, kickball tournament, and field day events. Please be on the lookout for opportunities to assist Mrs. Stadel with the many events that occur during the month of June.

Our **"Caught Being Good"** initiative continues to promote positive behavior as students work on specific character education skills each month. This month's theme is **responsibility**. All students will attend assemblies this Friday where they will learn more about what it means to be accountable, reliable, dependable, and more. Some of our fourth grade students will role play short skits for their peers, as well as our younger students. We are very pleased with how well our students have responded to this initiative. Please ask your children about the caught being good green cards.

It is a great time of year as our students have become confident, young learners who are proud of their accomplishments. Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Sincerely,

Mr. Gifford and Mrs. Gordon

Dates to Remember

May 1-3: Grades 3-8 Mathematics Assessment

May 2: Friends of Music Meeting, MS Band Rm., 7 pm

May 6: Meet the Candidates Night, 6 pm
Board of Ed. Meeting, 7 pm
NYSESLAT Listening, Reading, Writing Test
through May 17.

May 7: Fourth Grade Chorus Concert,
HS Auditorium 7 pm.



May 8: JES Book Fair through 5/17

May 13: Kindergarten Screening through 05/20

May 14: JES PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm

May 15: SAA Meeting, 7 pm

May 20: Board of Ed. Meeting, 7 pm

May 21: School Budget Vote and Board Election Day



District Art Show and Education Fair

May 22-May 31: Grade 4 Science Performance Tests

May 27: Memorial Day - **NO SCHOOL**



May 29: Kindergarten Concert, 6:30 pm



NEWS FROM THE P.E. DEPT



Second grade Swim program is Monday, June 3 through Friday, June 7th; more details to follow.

Field Day will be held Monday, June 17th (Rain date Tuesday, June 18th)

If anyone would like to volunteer please email Mrs. Stadel @ hstadel@schalmont.net
More details to follow.

3rd & 4th-grade intramurals were a huge success. Thank you to all the students for participating and thank you, parents, for making the arrangements to allow the students to participate.

As the nicer weather approaches, PE classes will be going outside as often as possible.

Please help your child enjoy the class activities by dressing appropriately.



ART NEWS

May is a huge month for art! Many grades are moving on to new projects, and we have an exciting art show coming up. Kindergarten will be finishing their Spring Birds and bringing them home. In the spirit of warm weather, first grade will be exploring the depths of the ocean while drawing their own diver or mermaid. Students will also learn various tricks for drawing different sea creatures. Second grade will be moving on to their next project; examining ancient Chinese landscape painting, and using them as inspiration for their own landscapes. Students will focus on having a background, middle ground, and foreground; while also exploring overlapping, size, and space. Third grade will be continuing work on their Dragon scenes and moving on to their short stories that will accompany their dragon artwork. Fourth grade will also be continuing their work; moving on to the final steps of their ocean awareness posters. The fourth grade has been hard at work learning about the importance of recycling and the effect it can have on our wildlife. However, the most exciting part of May will be our first ever district-wide art show! Every student participating in an art class will have one of their works framed and on display May 21st! The show will be located in the high school old gym from 6-7:30 PM. More information on the show will be sent home with students during the first week in May. Students have been working hard preparing for this art show all year, and they are very excited to finally share their work with their friends and family! We hope you will join us on this proud and thrilling day!

MUSIC NEWS



It is unbelievable that there are just two months left of school! The kindergarten classes are gearing up for their play, "Prime Time Nursery Rhyme" which will take place on May 29th at **6:30 PM**. (Please note the time on the school calendar is incorrect! The concert will BEGIN at 6:30!) The first-grade students did an amazing job performing "Make a Difference!" on April 17th! They should be very proud of themselves! The second-grade classes spent time in March and April singing songs from our song list and learning some fun folk dances. When we dance, we always talk about the 4 C's of folk dancing, Courtesy, Cooperation, Consideration, & Concentration. Thank you to all of the families who came in to watch our folk dancing presentation in March! We talk about why these things are important and ask the students to think about what they mean. The third-grade classes have been playing a lot of recorder. We are transitioning from learning songs by ear using solfège syllables to reading the notes on the music staff using the letter names. We also learned note values using pipe cleaners. Many classes have enjoyed using our steady beat sabers and the parachute, to illustrate the form of music by John Williams. In the fourth- grade, students have been preparing for their next concert that will take place on May 7th at 7 PM. All concerts take place in the high school auditorium. Our composer of the month for May is Igor Stravinsky.

Important Dates:

*Friend of Music Meeting-May 1st 7 PM Middle School Band Room

*Star Wars & More, A Salute to John Williams

The Palace Theater-May 4, 2019

Tickets start at \$15

*4th Grade Concert-May 7th 7 PM

*Kindergarten Concert-May 29th 6:30 PM

News from the Library May 2019:

SUMMER LOAN PROGRAM

May is the time of year to think about summer borrowing and the return of all library books from the school year. If a book is lost or damaged, the replacement cost is \$2.00. If the book is found and is in good condition, the \$2.00 is returned. To participate in summer borrowing from the Jefferson Elementary Library, a student must have returned or paid for all books that were borrowed during the school year. Don't forget to check out the Rotterdam or Altamont Public Library for summer programs. Also, check out OVERDRIVE or SORA #5 off of the Jefferson library page where a student can read e-books or access audiobooks just using their Schalmont e-mail address.

The last couple of weeks of library class, students have the opportunity to take home a book that has been donated. **If you have any donations, please drop them off before the middle of June.** Thank you.

YES! I would like to participate in the summer borrowing program at Jefferson Elementary School.

Student's Name: _____

Student's Grade in fall 2019 _____

Student's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

I understand that I may take out up to five books to read over the summer and return them in the first week of school in September*. **I understand that in order to participate in this program, I must have returned all of my books from the 2018/19 school year.** If the summer books get lost or damaged, I agree to pay for them.

Please return completed permission slip to Ms. Shands in the library.

The last day to borrow books from the library will be **Friday, May 31**. Please help your child find his/her books and return them to the library. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at mshands@schalmont.net

**current fourth graders return Jefferson books to the middle school library in the fall of 2019.*

1-2-3 TO STAY TICK SAFE!



1 PLAN & PREVENT

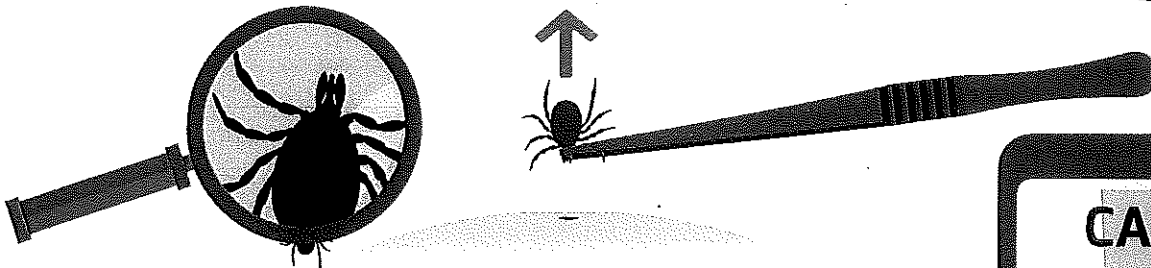
Use an EPA registered tick repellent with more than 20% active ingredients like DEET, picaridin or IR 3535 on exposed skin. You can find the EPA registration number on the label. Wear light colored clothing and tuck your pants into your socks. Try to stay in the center of clear, well-travelled trails.



2 CHECK & REMOVE

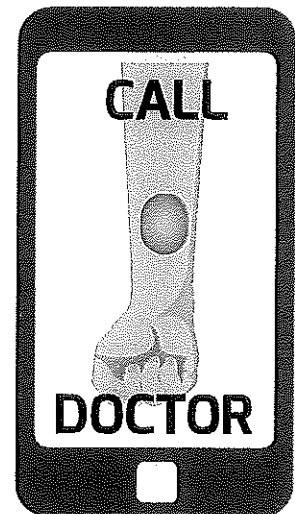
Check your body and clothes after coming back from tick-infested areas. Look in the hair, under your arms, in and around the ears, behind the knees, around the waist and between the legs.

Remove ticks with a fine tipped tweezer using steady upward pressure then clean the area with soap and water.



3 WATCH & CALL

If you develop a rash, chills and fever, headache, stiff neck, muscle and/or joint pain, and swollen glands after removing a tick, tell your parents or doctor. Tell them when the bite occurred and areas where you could have gotten the tick.



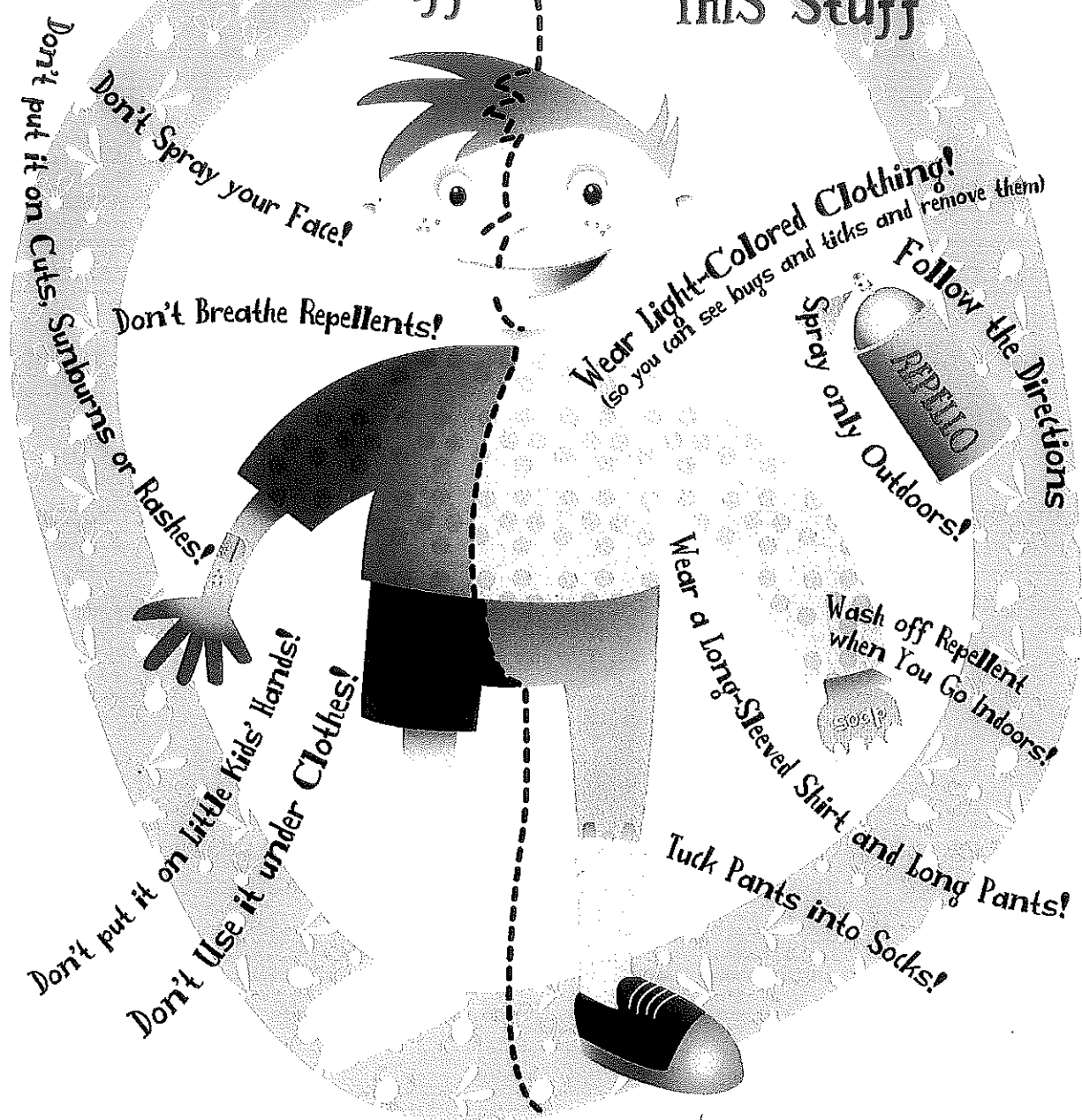
LEARN MORE: NEW YORK STATE CENTER FOR SCHOOL HEALTH | WWW.SCHOOLHEALTHNY.COM | 585.617.2380

Use Insect Repellents Safely!

Dress to REPEL!

Don't do this Stuff

Do THIS Stuff



Don't put it on Cuts, Sunburns or Rashes!

Don't Spray your Face!

Don't Breathe Repellents!

Don't put it on little kids' hands!

Don't Use it under Clothes!

Wear Light-Colored Clothing!
(so you can see bugs and ticks and remove them)

Follow the Directions
Spray only Outdoors!

Wash off Repellent
when You Go Indoors!

Wear a Long-Sleeved Shirt and Long Pants!
Tuck Pants into Socks!



Jefferson Elementary PTO

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President

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**Budget Vote and McTeacher
Night at McDonald's!
MAY 21st!**



3- Grades 4 and 8 Science Exam

3-7 JES Swim Program

7-JES Talent Show, 6 PM

10- Flag Day Parade

17- Grades K-3 Field Day
(Rain Date 6/18)

20-Grade 4 Moving Up
Ceremony and Kickball
Tournament (Rain Date
6/21)

24-Incoming Kindergarten
"Meet Your Teacher" Day

25-K-4 Report Cards Issued
-K-5 "Meet Your Teacher"
Day

26-LAST DAY of School!

**Next PTO Meeting
May 14th
6:30 p.m.
JES Cafeteria**

Discussion Topics:

- ✓ Book Fair
- ✓ Teacher Appreciation
- ✓ Teacher Luncheon
- ✓ Field Day
- ✓ Talent Show
- ✓ Dance

END OF SCHOOL DANCE
June 21st at 6-7:30 PM
Call/text Kelly Salluzzo at
518-852-0513

Help Needed:

- *Set Up/Clean Up
- *Admission Table
- *Food Servers/Snacks
- *Decorations

LOVE Book Fairs?!
We are looking for
volunteers to help with
our **BOGO** Scholastic Book
Fair!

Sign up at

www.signupgenius.com

(Search:

Rosa.pezzuto@yahoo.com)

or email Rosa directly!



May 7th-17th

Volunteers Needed!



1-3 NYS Math Exams
(Gr. 3-8)

6-10 Teacher Appreciation
Week

7 Teacher Appreciation Day

7-17 BOGO BOOK FAIR

13-Kindergarten Screening

14-PTO Meeting, 6:30pm

21-School Budget Vote and

McTeacher Night at McD's

24-27 No School

22-31 Gr. 4 Science Exams

29- Kindergarten Concert

***** GOT TALENT? *****

On June 7th, JES will have our
annual Talent Show!

More info coming soon!

Email Rebecca Paludi:

[littlescholarsLC10@gmail.com](mailto: littlescholarsLC10@gmail.com)

Please send in your Box Tops and
Register your Price Chopper card for
Tools for Schools

THANK YOU,

Miss Scotti, for organizing!

Questions? Email:

SScottis@schalmont.net



SCHOOLBANKING

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Thank you to Vallee Votaw and
Jackie Stark for volunteering
every Wednesday morning for
School Banking!

Questions?

ValleeCaiazzo515@hotmail.com

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6 E	7 A	8 B	9 C	10 D	11
12	13 E	14 A	15 B	16 C	17 D	18
19	20 E	21 A	22 B	23 C	24 <u>NO SCHOOL</u>	25
26	27 Memorial Day <u>NO SCHOOL</u>	28 D	29 E	30 A	31 B	