



## JEFFERSON NEWSLETTER-JUNE 2019



Dear Jefferson Families,

It's hard to believe we are already in June. The year has flown by with so many wonderful schoolwide activities and special projects in every classroom. The teachers have created positive learning environments which have fostered a sense of community within the building. We started the Caught Being Good program this Spring. We have a theme each month and students earn a green ticket when they are seen practicing that theme. We then have weekly drawings with prizes for students who earned tickets that week. June's theme is Citizenship - where students do their share to make their school and community a better place. Be on the lookout for the green tickets!

We participated in the Read for Ronald McDonald House again this year. The students kept a reading log for the month of January. Families, friends, and teachers sponsored their reading with a donation. Our fundraising goal was \$7,000. The students amazed us by raising \$8,132.16!

We did provide some encouragement for participation - if we had over 100 students participate, Mrs. Gordon would kiss a goat and Mr. Gifford would take a pie in the face! Well, that got students interested and involved. We had 191 students participate. We tripled the number compared to last year. We are so appreciative of the kind and caring students and families we have at Jefferson.

We wish you a safe and enjoyable summer. We look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Sincerely,

Mr. Gifford and Mrs. Gordon

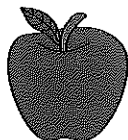
### Dates to Remember

- June 3: Board of Ed. Meeting, 7 pm  
Gr. 4 Science Written Exam  
JES Swim Program through 06/07
- June 4: Top 10/Wall of Distinction Ceremony, 6 pm
- June 5: Friends of Schalmont Libraries Meeting,  
MS Library, 6:30 pm
- June 7: JES Talent Show has been canceled. We will try  
again next year.
- June 17: Board of Ed. Meeting, 7 pm  
Grade K-3 Field Day (Rain Date 06/18)
- June 19: SAA Meeting, 7 pm
- June 20: 4th Grade Moving Up Ceremony



JES Kickball Tournament (Rain Date 06/21)

- June 24: **Half Day K-4 11:30 Dismissal**  
JES Incoming Kindergarten "Meet Your Teacher"  
Day



- June 25: **Half Day K-4 11:30 Dismissal**  
Grades K-5 "Meet Your Teacher" Day  
K-4 Final Report Cards Issued



**LAST DAY OF CLASSES!**  
**Enjoy the Summer!**

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### YMCA AFTER SCHOOL SCHEDULE

- Thursday 6/20 & Friday 6/21 regular AM and PM  
hours.  
-Monday 6/24 & Tuesday 6/25 AM CARE ONLY.  
No PM program or half day care.

### Notes from the Health Office



Dear parents,

As we begin to prepare for the close of the school year, I will need to return your child's daily, or as needed, medication to you. As a reminder, **students are not allowed to carry their medication home.** Please call the Health Office at 355-1342 ext. 5036 and set up a pickup time over the next few weeks. The Health Office hours are 8:30 am - 3:10 pm. **Please remember that for each new school year, your child will need a new medication order, care plan (if required), parent permission, and the medication in its original, labeled container.**

ALSO:

In preparation for the 2019-2020 School Year please be aware that the NY State Education Department requires a physical exam for new entrants and students in Grades K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 & 11. If you have not already received a physical form to bring to your doctor, please request one from the health office.

Thank you,

Tara Bush, RN

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### **BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB**

**June 7th will be the LAST DAY of BOYS and GIRLS Club. Please be sure to inform your child's teacher of any new transportation arrangements for the remainder of the year.**

## NEWS FROM THE P.E. DEPT

The second-grade swim program will take place the week of June 3rd-7th.

Please help your child be prepared each day with a swimsuit and towel. Goggles are a good idea, as is a comb/brush/hair tie if your child has long hair.



The schedule for each day is as follows:

**The swim program is at the Duanesburg YMCA**

**9:30-10:30 Knapik/Mulone**

**11:30-12:30 O'Rourke/DiPiazza**

**1-2 King**

**Please have all items labeled and brought in a bag that is labeled.**

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**Field Day is Monday, June 17th (Rain date Tuesday, June 18th)**

**Grades K-1 are in the AM and Grade 2-3 are in the PM. Specific times will be in the letter going home.**

**If parents would like to volunteer please email [hstadel@schalmont.net](mailto:hstadel@schalmont.net)**

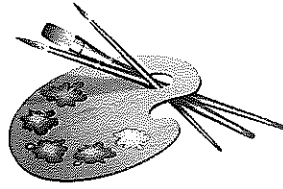
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It is hard to believe the end of the year is here already! We have made so much music down here in the music suite this year! The kindergarten classes are currently putting the final touches on their May 29<sup>th</sup> concert, "Prime Time Nursery Rhymes!" By the time you are reading this, the performance will be complete!

The first and second-grade classes have been doing lots of singing, moving, playing with puppet friends, and are looking forward to starting "Mallet Madness" at the beginning of June. The third-grade students have been working on their song list, parachute activities, and have recently learned a cup routine to the march "El Capitan." The fourth-grade classes had a fantastic concert in May and are working on preparing songs for their moving up day as well as learning about the instruments of the orchestra.

## ART DEPARTMENT NEWS



Thank you to everyone who joined us at Schalmont's first annual district art show! The art department and all of our dedicated young artists appreciated the support! It was a very proud moment for us, and we are thankful for being able to share it with you!

All of our Jefferson artists have been hard at work all year. Their last project of the school year will be coming to an end in the upcoming weeks. All work will be sent home during the final week of school. Kindergarten classes will be completing a collage sand castle; working on their cutting and design skills. First-grade classes will be finishing their mermaids and swimmers and will be completing a quick name project inspired by Pablo Picasso. Second-grade classes will be adding their final touches to their ancient Chinese landscapes, and will then move on to one final self-portrait. Third Grade classes recently took some time to design the front and back cover of the agenda book for next year. Students voted on all of the amazing designs; first place will be the front cover, and second place will be the back cover. The votes are finally in, and I would like to congratulate Landon Blanchard for coming in first place and Kaitlyn Villano for coming in second place! Fourth-grade classes will also be moving on to their last project of the year. They will be exploring space while drawing a family portrait based on their dream vacation!

Thank you for an amazing year! Please take a moment to check out our art website which highlights our awesome accomplishments this year. The following is the link to our page;  
<https://sites.google.com/schalmont.net/art-at-jefferson/home>

## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY JUNE 2019:

A study done by professor Richard Allington found that **TWELVE** books read over the summer is the magic number in terms of raising a student's reading score. Moreover, reading twelve books was as effective as attending summer school and was especially pronounced for those who were most economically disadvantaged. (*Time* July 2013). Other studies have shown that as few as **FIVE** books read during the summer are enough to **maintain** a child's reading level over the summer. Having books at home for kids to read helps meet these goals as well as participating in summer reading programs such as:

- Jefferson's summer reading program – the forms are off of the Jefferson Elementary Library webpage. Students will receive tickets for prizes that will be raffled off at an assembly in the fall. For more information go to:

<https://sites.google.com/a/schalmont.net/jefferson-library/home/summer-forms>

- The Rotterdam Public Library's summer reading Program. More information available at <http://www.scpl.org/youth/programs.html>

Or the Altamont public library at

<http://www.altamontfreelibrary.org/>

- Check out Barnes and Noble's Summer Reading Program at: <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/summer-reading/> /N-rs9 It also has books lists
- Students also have the opportunity to borrow books over the summer from the Jefferson Elementary Library as well as participate in a book swap in mid-June.
- Scholastic has a summer reading challenge at <http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/collection/keep-kids-reading-all-summer-long> it also has book lists.

For more information, please contact Mary Shands at [mshands@schalmont.net](mailto:mshands@schalmont.net)

# Happy Summer Reading

## Academic Intervention Service (AIS)

AIS teachers have been working with small groups of Kindergarten through fourth-grade students throughout the year reinforcing both English Language Arts skills and Math skills. Summer is an important time to maintain skills and we are encouraging continued reinforcement. Please consider incorporating one of the following suggestions into your child's summer routine.

We are strongly encouraging parents to continue reading to/with your child daily throughout the summer. There are many programs you can participate in including Jefferson Summer Reading/Incentive program organized by our school librarian: [mshands@schalmont.net](mailto:mshands@schalmont.net), your local public library Summer Program. Also, your child may borrow five books from our Jefferson library and from our 1,000 Book Club (for younger students). In addition, the website [www.readinga-z.com](http://www.readinga-z.com) provides free leveled reading materials and questions.

Your child can easily keep up their math skills over the summer. There are a number of free math web sites that are both fun and educational. Check out: [www.mathplayground.com](http://www.mathplayground.com) for activities and games focusing on both fact practice and word problems for every grade level. [www.multiplication.com](http://www.multiplication.com) is a website that is great for helping children practice multiplication facts. Another excellent website is [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

In addition, one of the best ways for your child to appreciate and value math is by seeing math in their everyday lives. Involve your child as you use math while you cook, measure, count money, tell time, etc. Help your child see how important math is in the world.



# June 2019

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