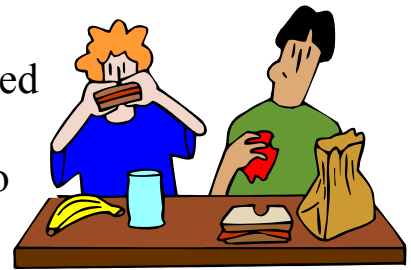


Free and Reduced Lunch

Did you know that families can qualify for free and reduced priced meals depending on household income and family size? Please stop by the office or request for your child to bring home a Free and Reduced Price Meal Application form to see if your family qualifies.



Kindergarten, First and Second Grade Parents

There are new changes being made to the Pupil Progression Plan that will impact promotion. Please look for information coming home about information sessions that will address the new requirements.

Attention Parents!

Are you planning on:

- ◆ **Going on a field trip**
- ◆ **Eating lunch in the cafeteria with your child**
- ◆ **Bringing in cupcakes/treats to your child's classroom**



Or if you feel that you are going to volunteer at any time during this school year we need you to complete a volunteer application. To ensure the safety of our students, volunteers must complete an application and undergo a background screening. Volunteers are a vital part of student success in Duval County Public Schools, please help by becoming a volunteer today.

You can easily go online to apply and find out more at:

<http://www.duvalschools.org/static/offcampus/volunteer/index.asp>. If you don't have access to a computer, please let the school know and we will assist you. Without approval, you will be unable to participate in the above activities.

Early Checkout

Duval County Policy JE 2B went into effect January 8, 2007, to comply with Florida Statutes. It states that a student should not be released within the final forty-five minutes of the school day unless there is an emergency or an excused event (doctor's appointment). Students will not be released after 2:15 during the week or 1:00 on an Early Release Day. During this time our classrooms and students are preparing for dismissal and in transition to the proper dismissal location throughout the school. Please be mindful of this policy when picking up your child.

Mark Your Calendar!



December 8-PTA Mtg./
Kindergarten Program -6:00
December 9—PTA Movie Night
December 15th—Papa John's
Night
December 15th—Music Rocks
Ensemble Spaghetti Dinner and
Concert (6:00pm)



Early Release Wednesdays-1:30pm

December 7
January 11
January 25
February 8
February 22
March 7
March 28
April 11
April 25
May 23

Kindergarten News

The Kindergarten students have been practicing diligently for their upcoming Holiday Program, "The Incredible Reindeer." The program will be on Thursday, December 8th at 6:00pm. We are asking all parents to come and show their support during this festive time of year. More information will be forthcoming from your child's teacher. Happy Holidays!

1st Grade News

Our first graders have been learning about the very difficult life Pilgrims and Indians lead. Their study ended with the play, *The first Thanksgiving*, November 17th at JCA. Our students also participated in making Thanksgiving placemats for those less fortunate. Most were also asked to write a story about a turkey and decorate a paper turkey to go along with their story. We had some interesting stories and some very colorful turkeys. Please have your child read to you at least 15 minutes every night. **Practice makes perfect!**



2nd Grade News

Our second graders have been busy these last couple of weeks studying about early American Culture. This is part of our social studies curriculum. Students were dressed like Native Americans and rotated to different centers in the classroom to experience various Colonial traditions. We are sure they have been sharing with you all the new and interesting things they learned.

3rd Grade News

Our third graders are finishing up the second theme in the reading book. We will have a benchmark test that counts as two test grades in reading after the entire theme is completed. The third theme in the book is titled Incredible Stories. Speaking of stories, the students are just finishing up the narrative genre which gave them the opportunity to make up stories with characters, settings, a problem, events, solution, and an ending. The teachers enjoyed reading the creative stories with similes, onomatopoeia's, and descriptive words in it. Our next writing genre will be persuasive writing. The math department is continuing work with multiplication and working on solids and liquids in science. We enjoyed our field trip to Tree Hill. Thanks for all our parents who volunteered to chaperone. The third grade teachers extend a warm and sincere wish for a very happy holiday season.

4th Grade News

- Our recent field trip to the Ritz Theater and museum provided students with a wonderful experience aligned with our study of Florida history. Prior to the trip, trunks of artifacts were sent to Brookview to enhance the preparatory lessons.
- Student-created stories with illustrations make wonderful gifts and keepsakes for grandparents and family members! While you are waiting for those cookies to come out of the oven, your student can create amazing masterpieces that everyone can enjoy!
- Math- Please continue to work with your child in their quick recall of division and multiplication facts. We are now working on fractions and decimals. Please keep their minds active over winter break. Ask real world math problems on these topics, as you go about your winter break activities, such as with cooking!

5th Grade News

Congratulations to Nicholas Martin, winner of the Brookview Fifth Grade Spelling Bee! Martin will represent Brookview Elementary in the Duval County Spelling Bee in January. His winning spelling words are "inflammable" and "controversy." Fifth grader Jade Brewster is honored as Brookview's spelling bee runner-up.

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