



Updates from the Wildcats

January 2024

Message from the Superintendent

2024 in the Delphos City Schools is off and running. Ohio weather has been as expected, volatile... To date we have missed our (5) calamity days and will be forced to do online days the next time we miss a day. Each building and your children's teachers should give you updates and information regarding our protocol. We try very hard to get information out to the district as soon as possible and even occasionally the night before to make planning easier for our families. If you are not on the text update, please contact your children's school and the secretaries will make this happen for anyone in your family.

The Delphos City Schools Board of Education had their organizational meeting welcoming new members Karen Grothouse and Lynn Bockey. The BOE elected Becca Suever as their President and Tina Brinkman as their Vice-President. The BOE re-drafted their Educational Committees at this meeting. These can be found on the school's website. The regular BOE meeting schedule for the 2024 Calendar Year is also listed on the district website.

Winter sports are in the home stretch of their seasons. Girl's Basketball is currently 14-2 and tied for the top of the Northwest Conference. They were ranked #10 in last week's AP Poll. The Boys' Basketball Team had a great weekend last getting two victories to potentially get them in position to finish their season strong. The Wrestling Team hosted a home meet January 23rd against Spencerville and Lincolnview. Though the JeffCats are small, they are super competitive and got some wins. The Jefferson Bowling Team is having a very nice year under the direction of Coach Cam Reed. They have their sectional tournament at Minster next week.

After the short patch of cold and snow it started to feel like Spring. Then the fog hit town! Warm weather isn't too far down the road, but until it gets here keep your young people bundled up to keep them warm and hopefully healthy. Thank you for trusting us with your greatest treasures, your children. Please know we do not take this for granted and work daily to make our district a better and safer place for a world-class education. As always, feel free to email or call if you have questions or concerns.

Go JeffCats!

Jeff Hobbs

Superintendent

TAKE NOTE:

Feb 6—2 hour delay Inservice

Feb 12—3rd quarter Interim

Feb 19— No School

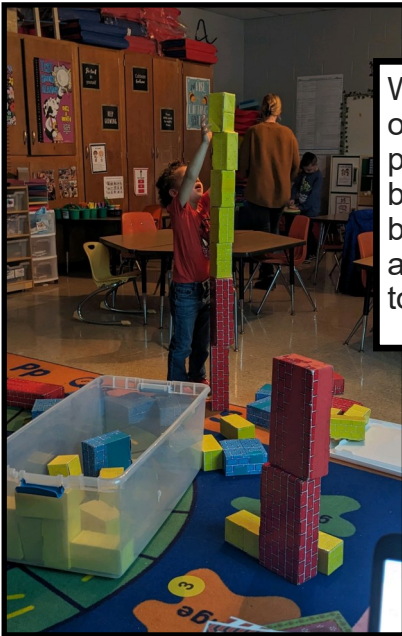
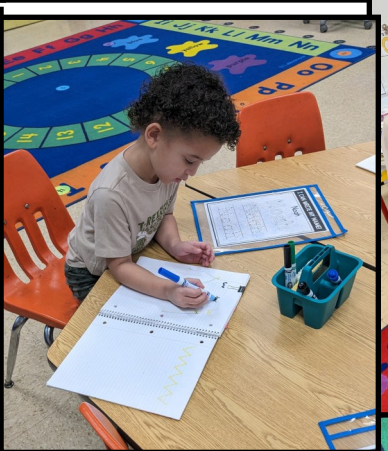
March 7—2 hour delay Inservice

Preschool



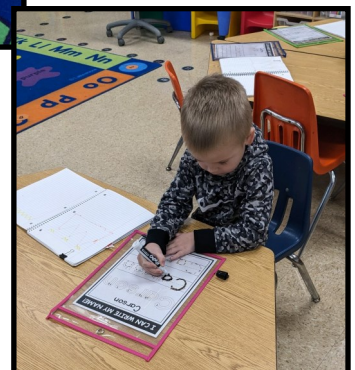
Building

Who can build the tallest tower or the biggest building? The preschoolers use a variety of blocks to build various towers or buildings. Sometimes they build alone and other times they work together to create their struc-



Fine Motor

The preschoolers have been working hard to improve their fine motor skills. They start the day by working on writing their name and writing in their fine motor journals. The preschoolers also work on their fine motor skills and hand eye coordination by sewing letters.



Patterns

The preschool students have been working on recognizing, duplicating, and extending simple patterns, such as ABAB and ABCABC, using linking cubes and nuts and bolts. Can you extend our patterns?



Franklin



Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of staff, students, and the community Franklin was able to have a successful Teddy Bear Raffle. Franklin students raised over \$1,400 to donate to the Teddy Bear Fund, which provides hospitalized children with a stuffed animal. Local churches, businesses and staff donated 232 stuffed animals to send home with students during the Teddy Bear Raffle.



Seventh Graders spent a morning at Franklin for an awesome STEM opportunity. The Middle School students were provided with a case study of a child with cerebral palsy who has specific goals. Students were challenged to design a toy or game that would help engage the child while also being fun. The begindergarten and kindergarten classes had the opportunity to test these projects and had a great time!



These students have worked hard to achieve Student of the Month for December. Congratulations to Kash Ulm, Killian Sherry, Lucille Gehr, Kennidy Garber, Riggs Hoersten, Tayva Ford, Cooper Rada-baugh, Aubrey Leach, Damian Alvarez Santis, Brady Allen, Kylie Garber, Tessa Hosking, Hunter Moore, Aubree Meabon, Elora Bassett, Elizabeth Edwards, Avery Harter and Jackson Osburn.



Congratulations to all students who participated in the Delphos Jefferson Middle School Spelling Bee. After 17 Rounds, 5th Grader James Ridenour emerged victorious by correctly spelling the word: DEVOTION. 7th Grader Bryar Suever was Runner-Up. James will now compete at the Allen County ESC Spelling Bee at OSU/Lima on Saturday February 24.



The Delphos Jefferson Middle School staff is proud to announce the December Students of the Month as nominated and voted upon. Front row l to r: 5th Grade: Caffrey Hauter & Kallie Brotherwood. 6th Grade: Harper Grothaus & Riley Rode. Back row l to r: 7th Grade: Maci Pepiot & Brynleigh Johnson. 8th Grade: Mia Munoz & Paige Schwinnen

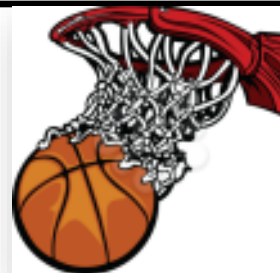
DJHS

BOYS SCHEDULE

February 2 Leipsic
February 3 @ Waynesfield Goshen
February 6 @ Fort Jennings
February 9 @ Lincolnview
February 13 @ L.C.C
February 16 @ Columbus Grove
February 17 @ Elida
February 23 Spencerville

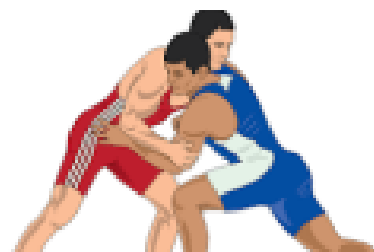
GIRLS SCHEDULE

February 1 @ Leipsic
February 5 Miller City
February 8 Lincolnview
February 12 Fort Jennings
February 15 Columbus Grove



SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER

February 6 Two hour delay for Teacher In Service
February 10 Music Boosters Hog Raffle Drawing;
Contact Mrs Wirth or Mr Reed for more information.
February 12 Third quarter interim
February 19 No School for Presidents Day



WRESTLING

February 17 NWC Championships in Ada



WE PROUDLY RECOGNIZE PAYTON PLESCHER

Congratulations to **Payton Plescher** for representing Delphos Jefferson at the OMEA D3 Honors Festival this past weekend in Van Wert!

Through a rigorous audition process, Payton was selected as one of the top musicians from across nine neighboring counties to perform in this year's honors festival. Over the past two months, Payton attended multiple rehearsals and worked directly with Dr. Daniel Tembras, Associate Professor of Music at Purdue University Fort Wayne. They performed a variety of challenging repertoire including a piece titled Chasing Sunlight.

Payton first performed this piece at the Large Group Competition with the Delphos Jefferson Concert Band back in 2022, and now again at the Honors Festival. She was also selected to speak to the audience and to educate them about this particular piece at the performance.

Thank you Payton for representing Delphos Jefferson! We are extremely proud of you!

Sincerely, Mr. Cameron Reed
GO PAYTON!!!!
~Mr. Brinkman

