



Delphos City Schools

November 2024

From the Desk of
Mr. Hobbs

Upcoming Events:

December 20—1:30 dismissal

December 21– January 3– Break

January 6– School Resumes

January 10– End of 2nd Quarter

The weather is changing, and it is beginning to feel like winter in Ohio! We have been fortunate to see mild temperatures through October and November, but Mother Nature has decided it's time for winter coats and toboggans. Winter sports have begun with boys' and girls' basketball in full swing. As well, wrestling has just finished its first week of practice and our cheerleaders have been hard at work for several weeks. The varsity bowling team rolled a very competitive first match against Parkway last week. The Lady Jeff Cats opened the season by defeating St. Johns in varsity girls' basketball on Saturday morning. We are super proud of all our Wild Cats! If you get the opportunity to attend a game the kids would appreciate your support.

"Service Above Self" are traits that we teach our young people and they have not disappointed us over the last couple weeks at both the MS and HS levels. Different groups from each school raked and removed leaves for citizens of Delphos as a service project. Both school's Student Councils are highly involved in doing projects like this that give back to the community. November 25th students from K-12 delivered letters of appreciation to our local police and fire departments. They also visited elderly citizens of Delphos helping them have a great day with a small note and a smile. We are very blessed in Delphos to have amazing people and groups to help support our young people's educational journey. Giving back shows our appreciation in return! These great working relationships help our students excel while making us proud in and out of the classroom.

The district has recently hosted some very cool activities of note. The Delphos City Schools have partnered with Delphos St. Johns to have a "Hometown Heroes" series organized by the guidance counselors in each school along with the local business community. Earlier this year the seniors in both schools attended business tours to see opportunities that exist in Delphos while spending the day together. This past week, Jefferson MS hosted, "Professional Etiquette Day." This event saw local business folks meeting with all the MS students focusing on soft skills needed for success in today's workforce environment. The same event will take place at DSJ in early December. These activities have been very well received and help build the relationships between Delphos Jefferson and Delphos St. Johns students. More events will come as the year continues.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out or call.

Go JeffCats!

Jeff Hobbs

Superintendent

Delphos Preschool



The preschoolers enjoyed trick or treating with the high school National Honor Society, Yearbook, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Wildcat Warriors, Choir, Cheer, Student Council, Senior Class Officers, High school office staff, Cafeteria staff, District office staff, Mr. Lamb, and Mr. Smelser. The Wildcat mascot even escorted the preschoolers through the building. Thanks to everyone for making this a successful event.



Franklin Elementary



These students were nominated for Student of the Month at Franklin. Congratulations to Valeria Garcia-Santiz, Grace Estle, Cooper Etzkorn, Nora Thomas, Skylar Huffer, Larkyn Brenneman, Olivia Speakman, Gunnar Noftz, Isabella Rahrig, Hannah Wheeler, Scarlett Richards, Aliyah Kimmitt, Tessa Hosking, Maggie Redmon, Alex Osenga, Roman Jefferson, Lincoln Wisher, Star Lindeman and Serenity Kindle.

Students in First and Second Grade got the opportunity to experience Ohio State's 4-H mobile classroom. The classroom provides hands-on experiences in science, technology, engineering, arts and math. The students loved using technology to help bring their imagination to life!



SESA (Science Enhancement for Science Advancement) visited Beginner, Kindergarten and Third Grade classrooms. Students in Kindergarten participated in hands-on learning experiences to explore animal senses, habitats and adaptations. Students in Third grades learned all about soil. They looked at Sand, silt and clay samples and had an opportunity to feel it and describe the characteristics of each one.

Delphos Middle School



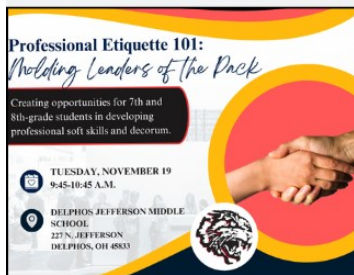
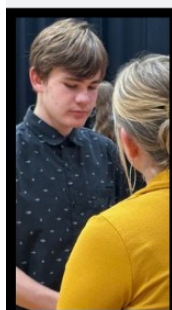
DJMS is proud to announce the October Students of the Month.

They are Front l to r: 5th Grade- Nora Wisher and Logan Norris.

6th Grade-Serenity Hardesty & Anderson Carpenter.

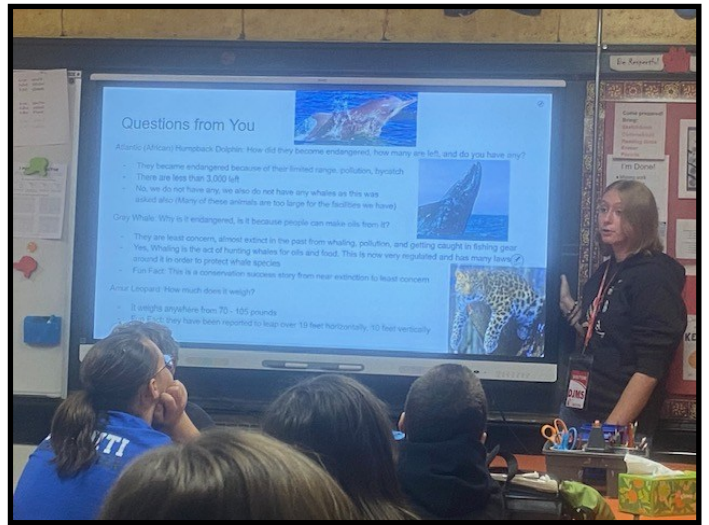
Back l to r: 7th Grade; Kinlee Geary & Will Osting. 8th Grade- Madison Edwards & Fate Van Dyke

On November 19, seventh and eighth graders at DJMS participated in our inaugural Professional Etiquette 101 event. Students engaged in role-playing scenarios with professionals from Delphos, simulating real-world workplace situations. Dressed in business casual attire, they showcased essential soft skills, including proper handshaking and maintaining eye contact.

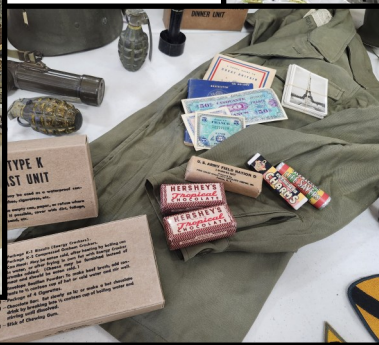


We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Mrs. Karen Grothouse, a member of the Delphos School Board, for leading the event. We also extend our appreciation to Delphos professionals who participated in the event. Seventh grader Kynlee Geary said the event was helpful as it "allowed us to interact with adults and demonstrate our social skills."

Great job, Wildcats!



From a Haunted House, learning about Zoology, Veteran's Day Assembly presented by Mr. Harper and local veterans, raking leaves for the Community, and helping out our neighbors St. John's with meals to name a few, the Middle School Students have been extra busy this past month.





Vantage Career Center: DJMS 8th Graders Loved Our Visit!



2024-2025 STAFF SPOTLIGHT **Mrs. Suzette Sanders**



DJMS cherishes breakfast and lunch times. These moments not only provide an opportunity to socialize with friends but also to enjoy delicious meals. Mrs. Sanders has been a dedicated cook at DJMS for the past 11 years. Her favorite part of her job is “serving the children and staff. I love greeting the kids in the morning, preparing their meals, and serving them.” Alongside her husband, Kevin, they have three adult children—Amanda, Jill, and Steven—and three lovely granddaughters and a grandson.

As a family, they relish vacationing, spending time outdoors, and creating lasting memories. Mrs. Sanders also enjoys working on puzzles. She hopes to continue serving students at the school for many years and, even after retirement, find new ways to contribute. She emphasizes the significance of the Golden Rule: Treat others as you wish to be treated. We are grateful to you, Mrs. Sanders, for everything you do for our students and staff!



Delphos Jefferson Middle School 2024-2025 STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Mr. Matthew Spencer



On the second floor of DJMS, students are inspired each day to innovate and work together with their classmates. Leading this initiative is Mr. Spencer, our dedicated DJMS STEM teacher, who has been part of the DJMS community for six years. A graduate of Lima Senior High, The University of Toledo, and The Ohio State University, Mr. Spencer takes great pleasure in watching his students mature into responsible, proactive members of society. He and his wife, Jessica, are proud parents of three daughters: Skylyn (14), Stormie (12), and Sophia (11).

When he's not teaching, Mr. Spencer happily serves as a taxi driver for his children's sports and activities. Looking ahead, he is excited about the ongoing development of an Engineering program for Delphos City Schools. Mr. Spencer shares this valuable advice: "You're going to screw up. You're going to make mistakes. It's normal; it's expected. What truly matters is how you respond after you make those mistakes."

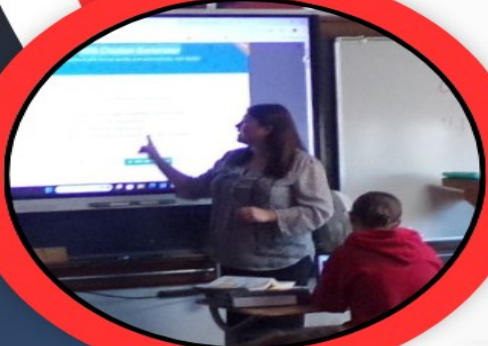


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Mrs. Alicia Koester

We at DJMS are so fortunate to have Mrs. Koester as our 8th grade ELA/Reading teacher for her fifth year at the school. A graduate of Delphos Jefferson, Mrs. Koester continued her education at the University of Toledo and Western Governors University. She shares her greatest joy in working at DJMS is working in the same community where she lives. "I love encouraging my students to volunteer and take pride in their own community so they can aspire to make Delphos better." Mrs. Koester and her husband, Luke, are the proud parents of Nathan (11), Austin (7), Evan (4) and Haylee (2).

Mrs. Koester enjoys spending time with her family and friends doing anything in the great outdoors. Her future aspiration is one day become a published author of a children's or young adult novel. Mrs. Koester reminds her students daily to "always remember to stay true of who you are as a person. Hold your values strong and let them guide you. Finally, assume best intentions from others around you and be kind to everyone." Thank you for all that you do, Mrs. Koester!



Hometown Heroes

A day of gratitude

Monday, November 25

Delphos City and Delphos St. John's Schools are so thankful for our amazing community each and every day!



Delphos Jefferson High School

**The DJHS Girls and Boys basketball team schedules for the month
of November/December.**

Good Luck!

Basketball

Fri, Nov. 22 DJ Girls @ St. Johns
WIN 47-36

Tue, Nov. 26 DJ Girls New Bremen

Fri, Nov 29 DJ Boys Wapakoneta

Tue, Dec. 3 DJ Boys @ Tinora

Thurs, Dec 5 DJ Girls Spencerville

Fri, Dec 6 DJ Boys @ Fairview

Sat, Dec 7 DJ Boys @ Perry

Tues, Dec 10 DJ Girls Kalida

Thurs, Dec 12 DJ Girls Bluffton

Fri, Dec 13 DJ Boys @ Bluffton

Mon, Dec. 16 DJ Girls Bath

Thurs, Dec 19 DJ Girls @ Allen
East

Fri, Dec 20 DJ Boys Allen East

Sat, Dec 21 DJ Boys @ Antwerp

Mon. Dec. 23 DJ Girls @ Van Wert

Fri Dec 27 DJ Boys @ St. Johns

Mon. Dec. 30 DJ Girls Paulding

Wrestling

Sat, Dec 7th @ Columbus Grove

Sat, Dec 14 @ Lincolnview

Sat, Dec 21 @ Lima Senior

Choir

Weds, Dec 11 Choir Concert @ 7pm
in MS Auditorium

Fri, Dec 13 Show Choir tour
around Delphos



Fri, Dec 13 DJHS Wear Orange
in support of those fighting leukemia