



Delphos City Schools

February 2025

From the Desk of
Mr. Hobbs

Upcoming Events:

March 18th End of 3rd Quarter

March 19th 2 hr delay

April 18 No School

April 21 No School

Message for the Superintendent

Is spring finally here? Spring Sports are hard at work looking to make a positive statement for the JeffCats this year. Baseball, softball, and track are ready to brave the Ohio spring weather looking for great seasons. The last few days have been very mild, and I am hoping we can escape any more treacherous weather forcing school cancellations.

As we enter the spring of the year, we also are now in State Testing season. I would ask you to challenge your young people to do their best and focus to the best of their ability. Too often kids can get nervous or simply disinterested when taking state tests. Most of our students will know when they take their tests. On test days, harp on them to get a good night's sleep the day before, eat breakfast on the day of the test and go with a positive attitude expecting to do well.

Congratulations goes out to the Franklin Elementary students and staff who achieved the Governor's 5-Star Building rating last week. The banner is hanging proudly in the 1st floor hallway at Franklin and is an outstanding award. If you look on the district's Facebook page or website, you will see more about the award.

February 19th the district was pleased to welcome State Senator Susan Manchester to Delphos. Senator Manchester toured all our buildings visiting with students and staff at each stop. Our focus was to discuss the funding issues faced in the Delphos City Schools and for her to see aging buildings. The senator was very impressed with the many folks she met during her tour and praised our maintenance staff for keeping the buildings in as good a shape considering their age.

We are very proud of Delphos Jefferson Middle School 6th Grader James Ridenour who finished 3rd in the Allen County Spelling Bee held at OSU Lima Branch on February 22nd. Franklin 4th Grader Isla Martin also represented the Delphos City Schools very well. Isla was our runner-up at Franklin getting to go in place of the their building winner Chanley Brenneman who was unable to attend.

Lastly, hats off to Jefferson Middle School counselor Nicole Chiles and her MS Yearbook Staff who are working with the Delphos Jefferson Alumni Association as they prepare to celebrate the 150th class this year. The yearbook staff is writing a monthly article in the Delphos Herald about a certain era in JeffCat history. The articles have been fantastic and super informative. They will culminate this summer at the Alumni Dinner on June 14th. Information can be found on the Delphos Jefferson Alumni page on Facebook. They will be launching their new website any day now with more information.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to call or email.

Go JeffCats!

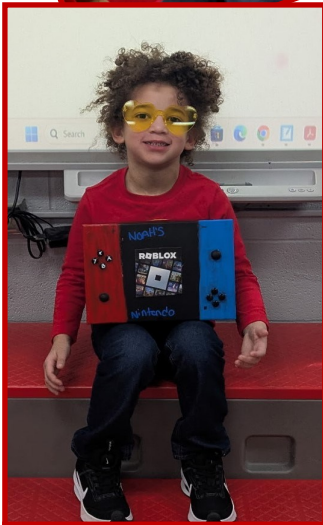
Jeff Hobbs

Superintendent

Delphos Preschool



The preschoolers enjoyed celebrating Valentine's Day with various activities, passing out Valentine cards, and bringing in Valentine boxes made with their families



Franklin Elementary



Franklin Elementary would like to congratulate their students of the month for January. Students pictured: Elizabeth Thomas, Jaxxon Queen, Josias Jimenez Lopez, Naomi Phillips, Carly Knick, Presley Lane, Sydney Carder, Lilith Donahue, Foster Mermin, Luke Hittle, Jaicee Lambert, Henley Teman, Ayden Schrad-er, Esefany Romero Rapalo and Leland Bowers. Students not pictured: Abel White, Connor Smith and Sophira Roeder.



Franklin Elementary School has earned the Overall 5-Star Award for the 2023-2024 Ohio School Report Card. The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce recently recognized Franklin with the pictured banner.



Congratulations to Isla Martin, from Franklin Elementary and James Ridenour, from Delphos Jefferson Middle School. Both students recently competed in the 35th Annual Allen County Spelling Bee.



Mr. Mohr made a visit to teach Kindergarten and First grade students all about dental health.

Delphos Jefferson Middle School



Delphos Jefferson Middle School is proud to announce their January Students of the Month as nominated and voted upon by DJMS Staff: L to R: 5th Grade: Brynn Rahrig, Sebastian Lancaster, 6th Grade: Nathan Koester, Rylee Cook. Back L to R: Madison Smith, Kennadee White, 8th Grade: Brynleigh Johnson, Ava Reed. Congratulations students and keep up the good work!!!



Congratulations to DJMS 8th Grader Braylon Wannemacher for being named the Delphos Optimist Student of the Month for February. Pictured are l to r: Optimist Member Harry Tolhorst, Kelli Wannemacher, DJMS Principal Tony Langhals, Braylon, and Markus Wannemacher. Thank you to the Optimists for your continued support of Delphos schools and their students!!



Delphos Jefferson Middle School recently held their school spelling bee with twenty participants representing the fifth through eighth grades. The spelling bee was fourteen rounds long with sixth grader, James Ridenour, correctly spelling the champion word, "vermin". Kynlee Geary, 7th grader, was the runner-up. James will now represent DJMS at the Allen County Spelling Bee on Saturday February 22 at The Ohio State University at Lima. Good Luck James!!!

Delphos Jefferson Middle School
2024-2025 STAFF SPOTLIGHT
Mrs. Brittany Brenneman



DJMS is fortunate to have Mrs. Brenneman as our dedicated English Language Arts teacher for fifth and sixth graders for the past decade. She also co-advises the SWAG (Students Who Achieve Greatness) group, promoting excellence in our middle school. A graduate of the University of Findlay and Western Governors University, Mrs. Brenneman holds degrees in middle childhood education and curriculum and instruction. Along with her husband, Brad, she enjoys family time with their daughters, Chanley (9) and Larkyn (6).

Outside of school, Mrs. Brenneman loves sunshine, shopping, and reading. She aims to continuously enhance her teaching methods and believes in the power of kindness: "Always treat others with kindness and share a smile. Your positive words and kind actions can make a great impact." We are truly grateful for her commitment to our Delphos Jefferson students and community!



Delphos Jefferson Middle School
2024-2025 STAFF SPOTLIGHT
Mrs. Roxanne Utrup



DJMS is happy to have Mrs. Utrup in the building for her first school year. She has been assigned as a paraprofessional working in the alternative classroom. A graduate of Van Wert high school and The Ohio State University, Mrs. Utrup holds a bachelor of science in social work. Mrs. Utrup and her husband, Todd Utrup, are the proud parents of three children: Logan (9), Samantha (8) and Allison (5). She enjoys spending time with family and friends. "I especially enjoy watching my kids in their sports and activities. I also enjoy listening to music, taking pictures and reading."

Mrs. Utrup's aspirations are to be a good mother, to travel around the world and make an impact on someone's life. Mrs. Utrup leaves us with some words of wisdom: "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."



Delphos Jefferson Middle School 2024-2025 STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Mr. Joe Dellinger



DJMS is excited to welcome Mr. Dellinger as a teacher in the educational alternative room. He has enjoyed his first months at DJMS. "The staff and students have been very welcoming, plus the school lunches I have eaten have been really good!"



A graduate of Wright State University and the University of Findlay, Mr. Dellinger holds a degree in Middle School Childhood grades 4-9 in Math and Social Studies. He hopes to one day go back and receive his masters degree and possibly become a school administrator in the future. Mr. Dellinger and his wife, Abby, have three children: Avery (7), Turner (4) and Cameron (3). An interesting fact about Mr. D. is that he works at a cemetery in the summers. For fun, Mr. Dellinger enjoys coaching athletics, playing golf and fishing. Mr. Dellinger shares with staff and students, "People will remember the times you were kind a lot longer than the times you were cool."



Delphos Jefferson High School

NHS had a successful blood drive in February and the Juniors took the ACT! Spring is near!

Spring sports are starting. Check out the website for complete calendars.

