



J-T Elementary



Newsletter

Home of the Wildcats

December 19th, 2025

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Winter Recess: December 22 – January 2

Board of Education Meeting: January 14

No School: January 19

Conference Day (No School for Students): January 26

**End of Marking Period 2:
January 30**

HAPPY
holidays



INSIDE THE CLASSROOMS



Letters to Santa

The sixth graders put a twist on their letters to Santa this year and chose to ask Santa for a gift for someone else. We hope that Santa can make these Christmas wishes come true.

December 5, 2025

Dear Santa Claus,

Greetings from Jasper-Troupsburg Elementary. I hope this letter reaches you in the North Pole and everything is going great. I know I normally ask for something for myself but this year I have someone else in mind. My mom. This year I wish for my mom to go at least one day stress free.

My mom is so deserving of this day. My mom always helps around the house. She always helps me and my sister with our homework when we have it. And she works every single day, besides on the weekends. She is always trying to keep everybody happy and on their toes. Her life would be better with a stress free day because she could just focus on herself instead of everyone else. She could take that day just to relax.

Santa, my mom is always trying to help people. This is why I would like her to get at least one day stress free. I hope you can make this Christmas gift happen.

December 5, 2025

Dear Santa Clause,

Greetings from J-T Elementary School. I hope things in the North Pole are doing ok. Now you probably think that I'm writing for myself... Well I'm not and I've decided to ask for something for the local animal shelter. I think it would be nice to have some people adopt a dog. If someone doesn't want the dog they can have the dog stay with them until they get adopted.

The animals at the shelter deserve this. I think they deserve this because they are lonely and need someone that will love them. Another reason is I think that they would be more cared for than they are at the shelter. The last reason is that I think the animals would love to be in a loving home for the holidays instead of in the shelter. This trip would be amazing for them.

Thank you for making this possible for them and for me. I will be forever grateful if you could make this happen. And so would the dogs.

Merry Christmas

December 5th, 2025

Dear Mr.Claus,

Greetings from Jasper Troupsburg Elementary. I hope you, Mrs.Claus, the elves, and the reindeer are all doing great up in the North pole. I know I'm usually the one asking for gifts, but this year I'm taking a change. I want other people to get gifts. I'm asking for all orphans to receive loving and welcoming families and for those families to love the child girl or boy like their own

So Santa, you might think I'm crazy, I know it's a lot. The orphans are very deserving in every way possible even if they are mischievous. The orphans need loving and welcoming families because it can be lonely and sad with no family. I know it can be lonely because, let's say you are a small kid in a big world with no one to go to. It can make you feel out of place like a puzzle piece in the wrong puzzle set.

Thank you so very much for considering my request. I would be very grateful if you can make this dream come true. If you can bless lonely orphans with this christmas miracle.

Merry Christmas,

December 5, 2025

Dear Santa,

Hello from New York! I hope you're doing well! I know you may think I'm gonna ask for something for myself but this year isn't the case. I hope you could do something for the homeless. So if you could please do that, it would be great!

The homeless need a home so they don't have to sleep in such a harsh environment. This would also give them time to turn their life around. The homeless' life would be so much better. They may be kinder and more helpful. This would also give them a chance to get a job and become a working member of society.

Thank you a bunch for thinking about this! It would really help, thanks!

Sincerely,

December 5, 2025

Dear Santa Claus,

Greetings from JT Elementary School. I hope this letter finds you jolly and in the Christmas spirit. Normally I would ask for something for myself, but this year I would like you to get something for the endangered animals. I would be extremely grateful if you could get them protection from the poachers that are driving them to extinction. If you could make that happen, it would be an amazing Christmas.

The endangered animals are so deserving of being protected. These animals are almost extinct and if illegal poaching continues, those species will cease to exist. These endangered animals are usually very important to the environment and they are very beautiful creatures. The endangered animals would extremely benefit from this because it could give them a better chance to repopulate their species. It would be the most wonderful thing to get these animals protected.

I appreciate you very much for considering my wish. I would forever be thankful if you could protect endangered animals.

Happy Holidays.





First Graders Take the Lead: Learning Comes Alive



1st Graders learning from each other in alternating teacher/student roles. The synergy was flowing!



Gingerbread Fun in Mrs. Hayes' Kindergarten



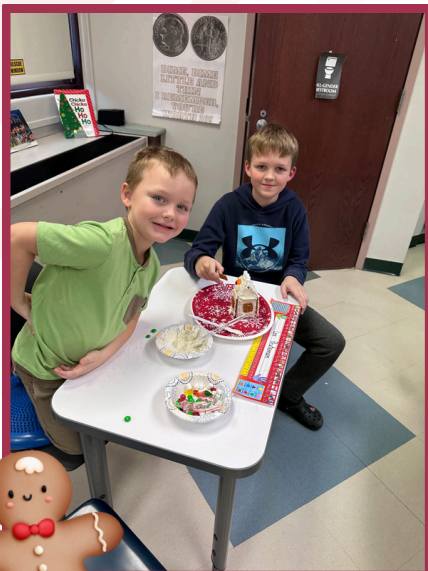
On December 12, Ms. Russell's 5th grade students, our Paw Pals, helped us decorate our annual gingerbread houses, bringing creativity, teamwork, and holiday cheer to the tradition.





SWEET CONNECTIONS: PAW PAL TIME IN MISS ROBORDS' KINDERGARTEN

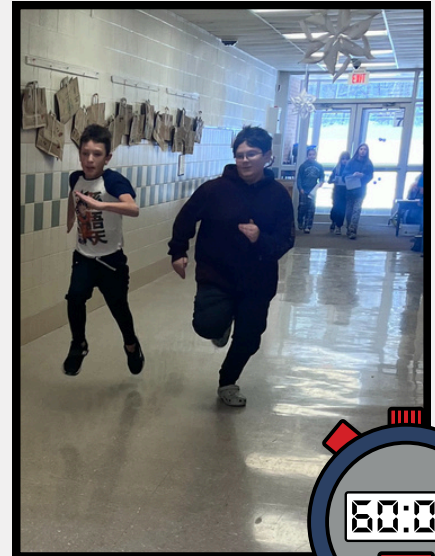
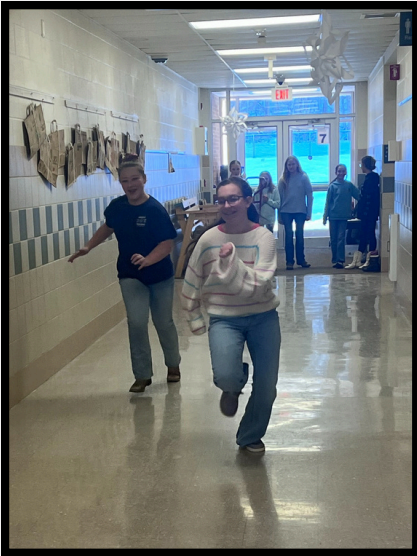
Miss Robords' kindergarten class had a festive and fun-filled experience creating gingerbread houses with the help of their Paw Pals. Laughter, teamwork, and creativity filled the room as students worked together to decorate their sweet creations, making special memories and spreading holiday cheer.





Racing Through Ratios

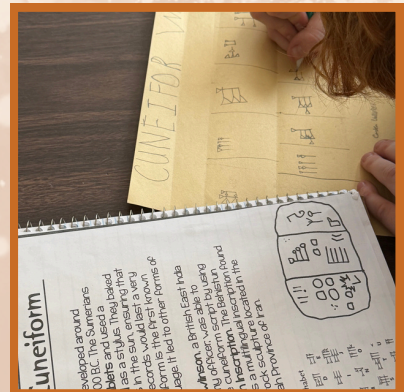
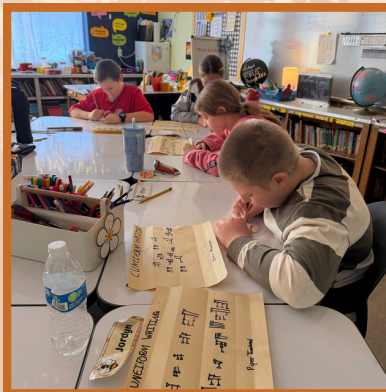
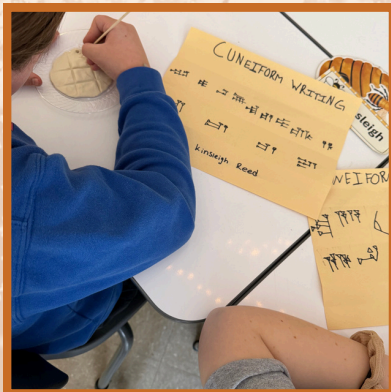
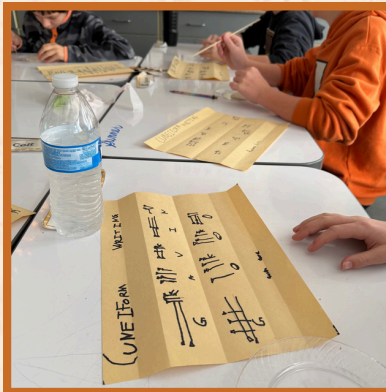
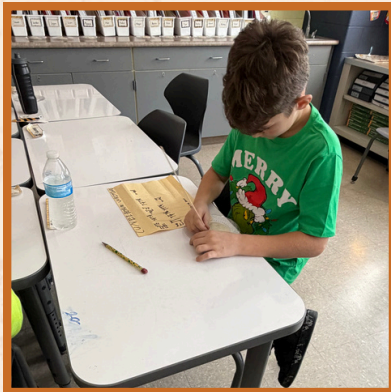
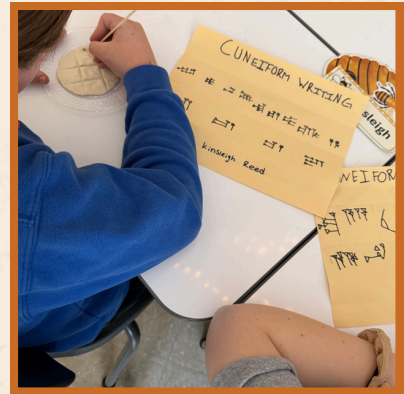
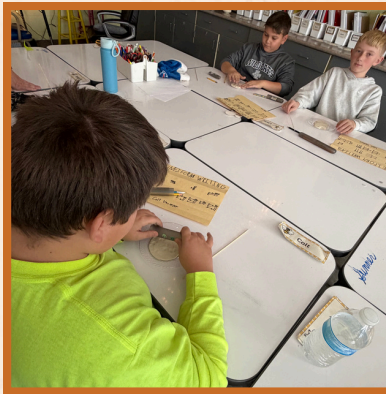
The **6th grade class** has been actively engaging in their study of ratios. This week, students applied their learning study of ratios through timed races in the hallways. Following each race, students calculated their individual speeds and compared their rates with those of their peers.



Writing in Cuneiform



After studying Ancient Empires in Mesopotamia the 6th graders learned to write their names in ancient cuneiform writing. Using clay tablets and a stylus, the students wrote their names as if they were a Sumerian Scribe. With patience and perseverance, they did an excellent job!



cuneiform
developed around 3000 BC. The Sumerians used clay tablets to write on. They baked the tablets in the sun, creating a very hard surface. The earliest records we have of cuneiform is the other forms of cuneiform. In fact, the first cuneiform was used by the Sumerians in Mesopotamia. The first cuneiform was used by the Sumerians in Mesopotamia. The first cuneiform was used by the Sumerians in Mesopotamia.



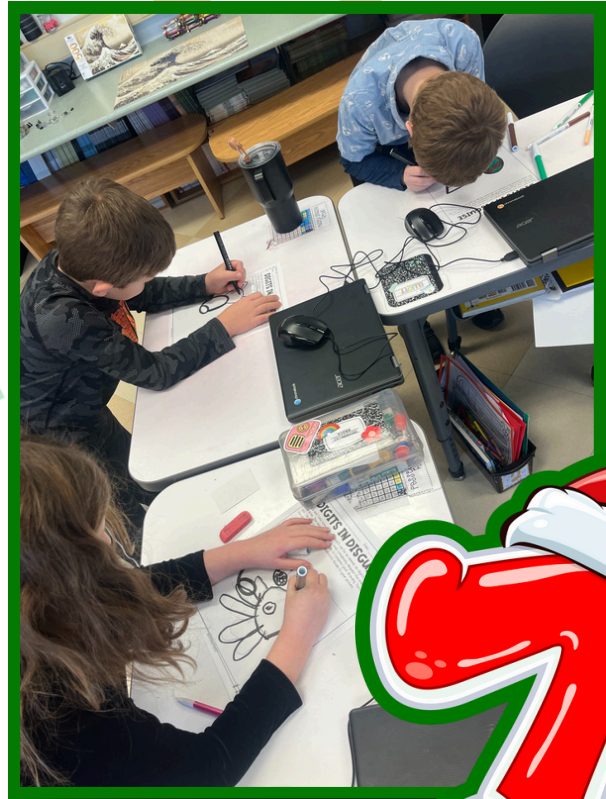
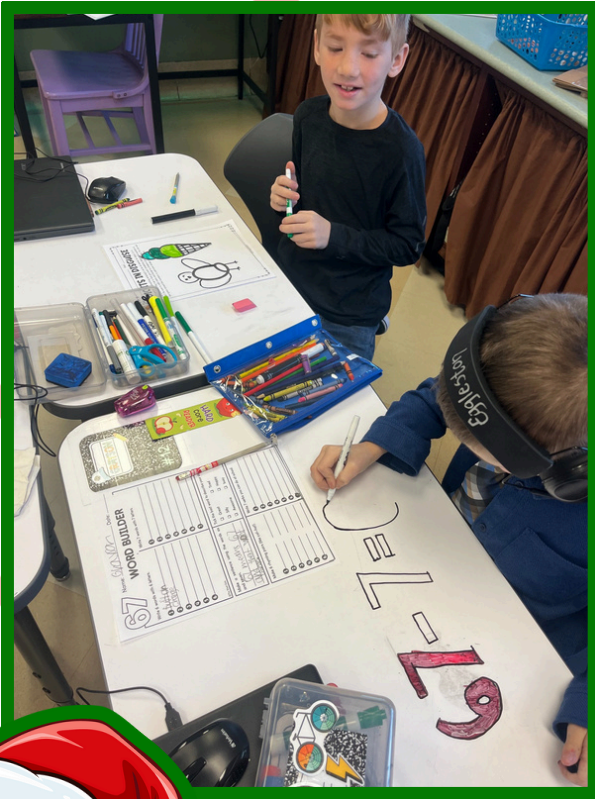
WE LOVE Snow!

1st Graders enjoyed snowy fun!



Celebrating the 67th Day of School!

Third graders celebrated the 67th day of school with lots of fun and engaging 6 – 7 activities!

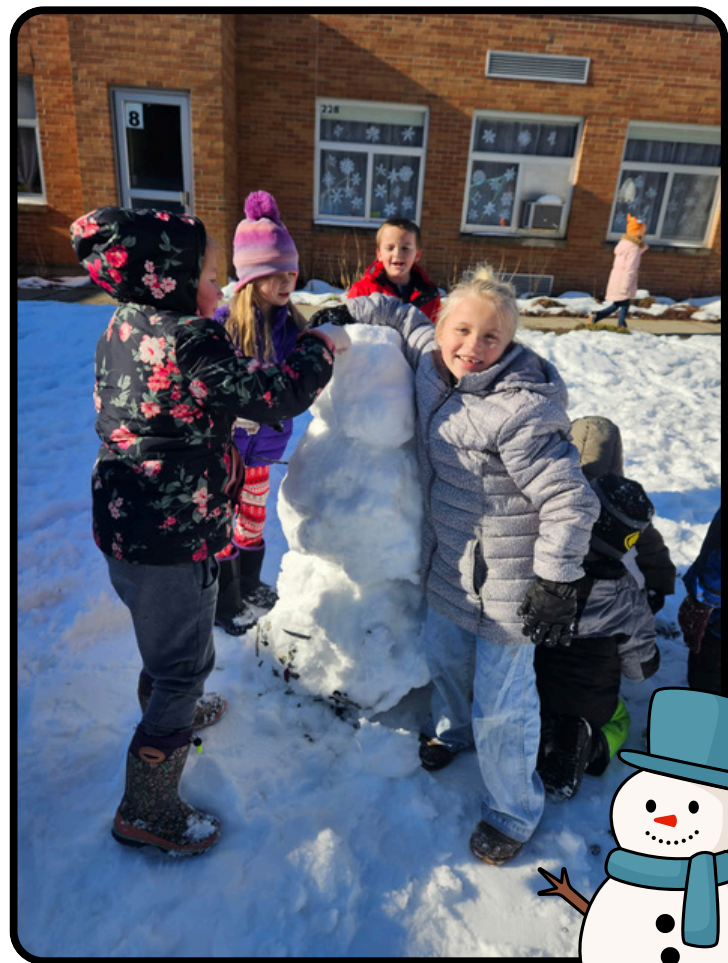


Wrapping Up Holiday Cheer

Mrs. Howell came to our room to help us wrap the special gifts we purchased at the Santa Store! With smiles, excitement, and lots of holiday cheer, the students worked hard to get their surprises ready. It was such a fun and festive experience for everyone in Miss Carlineo's 2nd grade class!

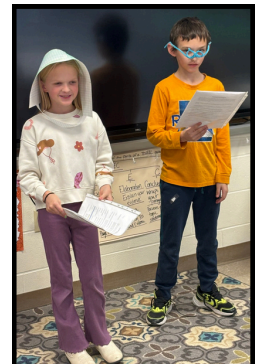
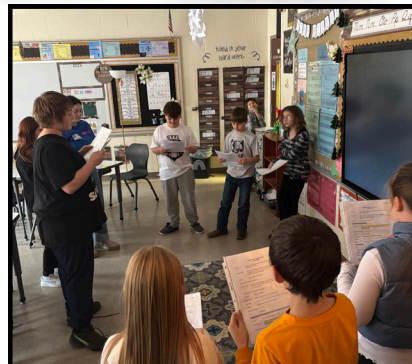
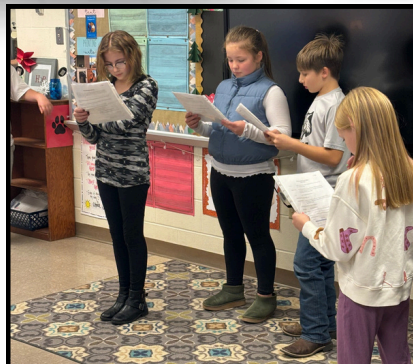
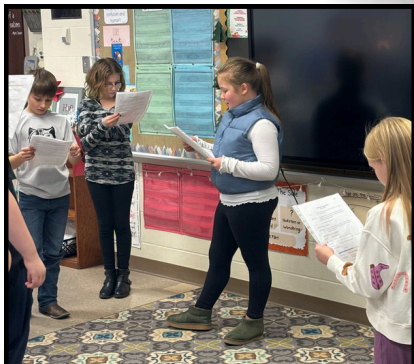
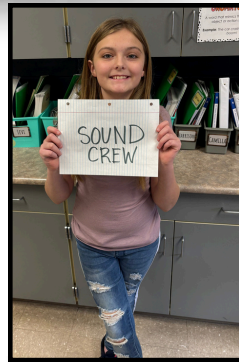
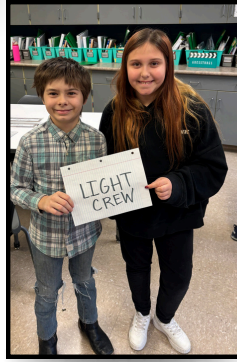
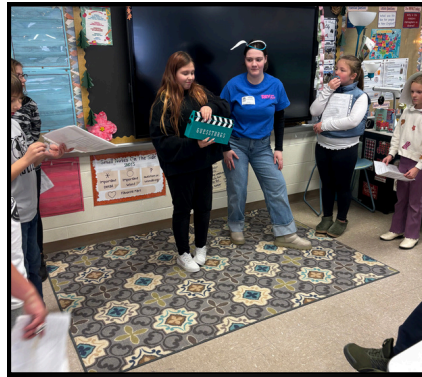
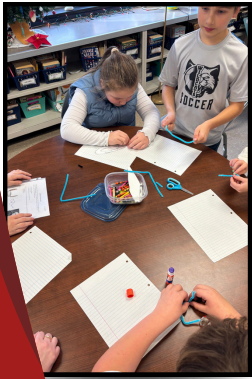


SNOW FUN!



Lights, Camera, Erie Canal!

Last Thursday, the REV Theatre visited Ms. Russell's 5th graders and treated students to an engaging and interactive experience centered on the Erie Canal. The students worked alongside the performers to create props, step into character, and bring the story to life through a lively performance. It was a fun, hands-on way for the kids to learn, collaborate, and experience history in an exciting and memorable way!





Math You Can Build: Gingerbread Engineering in Sixth Grade



In 6th grade math intervention, students put their STEM skills to the test. They were tasked with designing and building a gingerbread structure that they then had to determine the perimeter, area, and volume of.



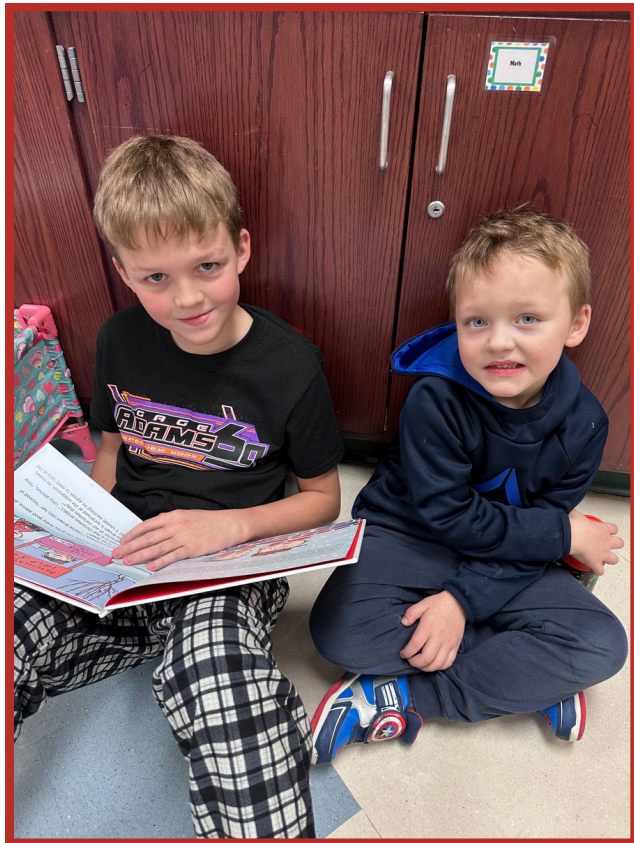
PAW PALS

Mrs. Rowe's 6th graders and Miss Carlineo's 2nd graders came together to read Christmas stories and make festive holiday treats!



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“Paw Pals Merry Meet Up” today! The 5th graders got to read their favorite Christmas story to the Kindergarteners.



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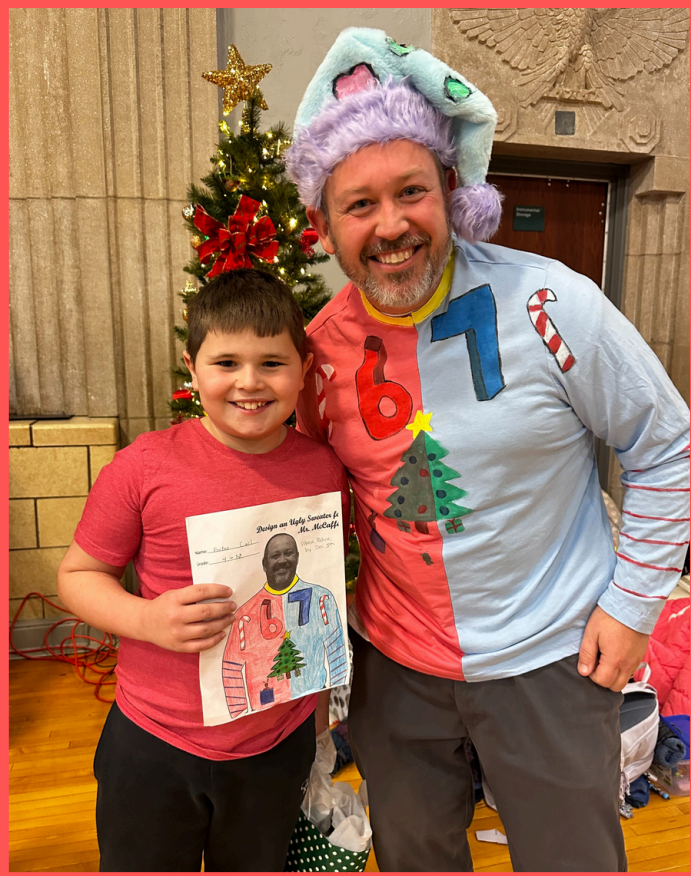
Mrs. Flint's 1st grade and Mrs. Weeks' 4th grade watched a retelling of the Grinch, read by the man himself, and then created heart crafts together.



Congratulations

This year's PIE Annual Santa Hat and Shirt Design Contest winners are:

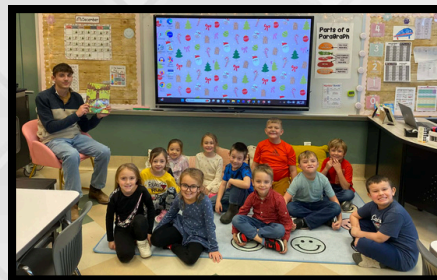
K-3 (Hat): Rayleigh D.
Grades 4-6 (Shirt): Porter C.



SENIOR SWITCH DAY



This beloved high school tradition allows Seniors to step into the shoes of teachers and staff for a day, experiencing life on the other side of the desk. Senior Switch Day is a positive and memorable celebration of senior year—a chance to break from the routine and create lasting memories. *This year marked an exciting first, as seniors were also able to select an elementary teacher to work alongside, making the experience even more meaningful and memorable.*

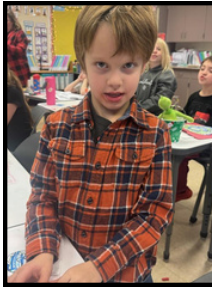
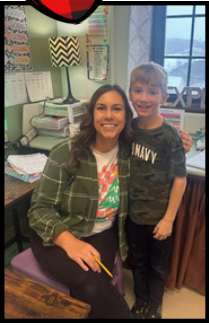


Holiday Spirit Week

Would You Rather?



Team Ho Ho Ho
or Team Grinch?



Festive Flannel
or Cozy Camo?



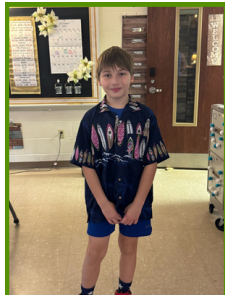
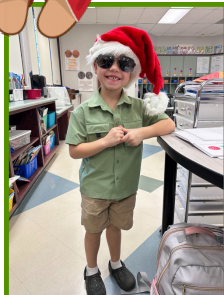
Dress to Impress
or be Tacky?



Active Elf or
Sleepy Elf?



Christmas in July or
Christmas in December?



ELEMENTARY DAYS ON DISPLAY



Holiday Food Drive: Thank You, Community!

The Student Lighthouse Teams collected an incredible amount of food during the food drive and would like to thank our community for their generosity this holiday season.



2025-26 Yearbook UPDATES



ORDER TODAY

2025-2026 J-T YEARBOOK - ON SALE NOW

Yearbooks are now on sale at a low cost of \$35.00 through December 31, 2025. Cost will increase to \$45.00 per yearbook on January 1, 2026.

Reserve your copy today to guarantee a yearbook at the end of the school year, as only a limited number of books will be printed.

Options to Pre-Order:

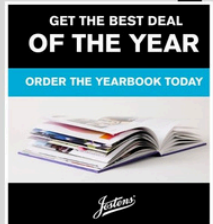
- Order online @ www.jostensyearbooks.com
- Scan the QR Code




Send in your payment (be sure to include the 8% sales tax) along with the order form to: YEARBOOK ADVISOR. All checks payable to: JT YEARBOOK.

Thank you for your continued support!

J-T Yearbook Staff



STAFF SPOTLIGHT



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HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN TEACHING, AND HOW MANY OF THOSE YEARS HAVE BEEN AT JT?
I'VE BEEN TEACHING SINCE 2014; TEN YEARS OF THOSE YEARS HAVE BEEN AT JT.


WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT BEING A SPECIAL EDUCATION / CONSULTANT TEACHER?
TEACHING SPECIAL EDUCATION AND BEING A CONSULTANT TEACHER IS ONE OF THE GREATEST JOYS OF MY CAREER. EVERY DAY, I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF SUPPORTING STUDENTS AS THEY DISCOVER THEIR STRENGTHS, OVERCOME CHALLENGES, AND GROW IN WAYS THAT MAKE ME PROUD BEYOND WORDS. WHAT I LOVE MOST IS THAT NO TWO DAYS ARE EVER THE SAME; EACH STUDENT BRINGS THEIR OWN PERSONALITY, TALENTS, AND UNIQUE WAY OF LEARNING, AND I GET TO MEET THEM EXACTLY WHERE THEY ARE.


WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT JT?
ONE OF MY FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT BEING PART OF JT IS THE STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY THAT SHINES THROUGH EVERY DAY. OUR SMALL CLASSROOM SIZES ALLOW ME TO TRULY CONNECT WITH EACH STUDENT AND SUPPORT THEM IN MEANINGFUL, INDIVIDUALIZED WAYS. I LOVE THAT WE MAINTAIN HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT LEARNING, ENCOURAGING EVERY CHILD TO GROW, REACH, AND REALIZE THEIR POTENTIAL. I'M ALSO GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORTIVE AND COLLABORATIVE STAFF I GET TO WORK WITH. EVERYONE IS PLEASANT, HELPFUL, AND DEDICATED, MAKING JT A PLACE WHERE BOTH STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS CAN THRIVE. AND OF COURSE, NOTHING BEATS THE SMALL-TOWN VIBE OF A WARM, CLOSE-KNIT ENVIRONMENT WHERE PEOPLE CARE ABOUT ONE ANOTHER AND WHERE OUR SCHOOL FEELS LIKE THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR HOBBIES?
OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM, I ENJOY A VARIETY OF HOBBIES. THEY INCLUDE: ORGANIZING AND PLANNING FUN PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS, CREATING CRAFTS FOR HOME DECOR, CLASSROOM DECORATIONS, AND SCHOOL EVENTS; HELPING WITH SCHOOL CLUBS AND COACHING SPORTS; AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, GOING TO THE GYM TO HELP STAY ENERGIZED.

WHAT'S ONE ITEM ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?
ONE EXCITING ITEM ON MY BUCKET LIST IS TO TRAVEL TO ALL 50 STATES, EXPLORING THE HIDDEN GEMS AND UNIQUE EXPERIENCES EACH ONE HAS TO OFFER AND I'M OFF TO A GREAT START, HAVING VISITED NINE STATES SO FAR.






Mrs. Cornell 

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*Wildcat
Pride* 



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HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN TEACHING, AND HOW MANY OF THOSE YEARS HAVE BEEN AT JT?
THIS YEAR IS MY 5TH YEAR TEACHING, ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN HERE AT JT!

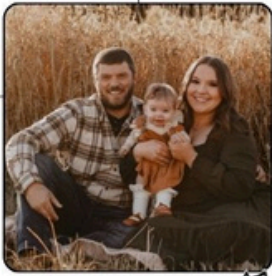
WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT BEING A SPECIAL EDUCATION / CONSULTANT TEACHER?
I HAVE WORKED AS BOTH A CONSULTANT TEACHER AND AS A SELF-CONTAINED CLASSROOM TEACHER, AND OVERALL I LOVE THE CHALLENGE AND REWARD OF FIGURING OUT HOW EACH INDIVIDUAL STUDENT LEARNS BEST. IT'S TRULY AMAZING TO SEE A STUDENT'S FACE LIGHT UP WHEN THEY GRASP A CONCEPT USING A METHOD TAILORED JUST FOR THEM, AND GETTING TO CELEBRATE THOSE WINS WITH THEM!


WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT JT? 
THE COMMUNITY! FOR BOTH ADULTS AND STUDENTS, THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A STRANGER. IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM OR NEED SOME ADVICE, CHANCES ARE YOU KNOW EXACTLY THE PERSON YOU CAN GO TO WHO CAN LEND A HELPING HAND.


WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR HOBBIES?
I LOVE SPENDING TIME WITH MY FAMILY! WHETHER WE'RE AT A PICNIC, SHOPPING, WATCHING MOVIES, CHEERING FOR THE BUFFALO BILLS, OR JUST ENJOYING EACH OTHER'S COMPANY, AS LONG AS WE'RE TOGETHER IT'S MY FAVORITE PLACE TO BE.

WHAT'S ONE ITEM ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?
I WOULD LOVE TO TAKE A BIG FAMILY RV TRIP OUT WEST!





Mrs. Erdmann 





COMPLETE THE NYS DIGITAL RESOURCE SURVEY.

Parents, your input ensures every student has access to essential digital tools. Please take a moment to complete this important State requirement.

Please scan the QR code or type the link below!

<https://forms.gle/bsQBgPp1XP5FKh7a7>





PREVENT COLDS & FLU

Because of the increased risk of flu, gastrointestinal and respiratory illness at this time of the year, we ask that you take precautions to prevent the spread of germs.

1

WASH

Wash your hands for at least 30 seconds (sing Happy Birthday twice) with soap and warm water.



2

COVER

Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze with your elbow or tissue.



3

DON'T TOUCH

Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth! These are the areas where a virus can enter your body.



4

AVOID

Avoid close contact with those who are sick. Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer after.



January 2026

Health and Wellness



JASPER-TROUPSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

EAT HEALTHY & STAY ACTIVE ALL YEAR

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| <p>This menu is subject to change with out advance notice.</p> <p>Make Online Payments at PayFort.net!</p> | | <p>JOIN US FOR NY MENU DAY! See menu for details</p> | <p>1</p> | <p>2</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> |
| <p>5 French Toast Sticks & Sausage Tuna Salad Sandwich Sliced Carrots</p> | <p>6 Meat Taco w/Rice Tuna Salad Sandwich Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans</p> | <p>7 Sesame Chicken w/Rice Tuna Salad Sandwich Green Beans</p> | <p>8 Toasted Cheese Sandwich Tuna Salad Sandwich Steamed Broccoli Hot Tomato Soup Fresh Cucumber Slices!</p> | <p>9 Crispy Chicken Tender Sub Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Tuna Salad Sandwich Fresh Baby Carrots</p> |
| <p>12 Homestyle Chicken Bowl w/Bread Egg Salad Sandwich Sliced Carrots</p> | <p>13 Chicken Quesadilla w/Rice Egg Salad Sandwich Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans</p> | <p>14 NY MENU DAY! Homemade Chili Made w/NY Ground Beef Cornbread Egg Salad Sandwich NY Seasoned Roasted Potatoes Green Beans NY Apple Slices NY Juice! Chilled NY Milk</p> | <p>15 Cheese Ravioli & Marinara Sauce w/Bread Egg Salad Sandwich Steamed Broccoli Fresh Pepper Strips!</p> | <p>16 Pizza Dunkers w/Marinara Sauce Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Egg Salad Sandwich Fresh Baby Carrots</p> |
| <p>19 NO SCHOOL</p> | <p>20 Meat Nacho Grande w/Rice Ham & Cheese Sandwich Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans</p> | <p>21 Homemade NY Macaroni & Cheese w/Bread Ham & Cheese Sandwich Green Beans</p> | <p>22 Italian Meatball Sub Ham & Cheese Sandwich Steamed Broccoli Fresh Cucumber Slices! NY Seasoned Roasted Potatoes</p> | <p>23 Ultimate Cheese Breadstick w/Marinara Sauce Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Ham & Cheese Sandwich Fresh Baby Carrots</p> |
| <p>26 CONFERENCE DAY NO SCHOOL</p> | <p>27 Chicken Soft Taco w/Rice Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans</p> | <p>28 Baked Mozzarella Sticks w/Pasta & Sauce Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Green Beans</p> | <p>29 NY Hot Dog on a Roll Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Oven Fries Steamed Broccoli Fresh Pepper Strips!</p> | <p>30 Mini Pancakes w/Sausage Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Fresh Baby Carrots</p> |

DAILY ENTREES

PBJ Sandwich
Chef Salad w/Bread Choice
NY Yogurt & Cheese Stick w/Soft Pretzel
Mon: Cheeseburger on a Roll
T/Th: Cheese Pizza
W/F: Chicken Nuggets w/Bread

DAILY SIDES

Tossed Salad
Fresh Vegetables
Assorted Fruit
M/W/F: 100% Fruit Juice
Chilled NY Milk

PRICING

Breakfast & Lunch: \$0.00
Milk/Ala Carte Sides: \$0.75
Snacks: \$0.50-\$1.60

NOTE: Every student receives 1 bfast & 1 lunch at no charge per school day. Each bfast & Lunch must be a COMPLETE REIMBURSABLE MEAL, or student will be charged ala for each item on their tray.

BREAKFAST MENU

Monday: Mini Pancakes
Tuesday: Cinnamon Roll
Wednesday: Stuffed Bagel Bites
Thursday: Breakfast on a Stick
Friday: Stuffed Bagel Bites
Daily Items: Cereal Bowl, Bfast Bar, Muffin Top, Graham Crackers, Asst. Fruit, 100% Fruit Juice & Chilled NY Milk

wake up!
School Breakfast

Contact the Food Service Office at (607) 792-3675 or go to the School District Website Food Service Page & click on the Contact Us button to fill in and submit your info. If you have a food allergy or intolerance, please notify us.

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