



J-T Elementary



# Newsletter

Home of the Wildcats

January 16, 2026

**January 19: No School MLK Day**

**January 20: Senior Recognition for Boys Basketball**

**January 21: Community Forum**

**January 26: Conference Day (No School for Students)**

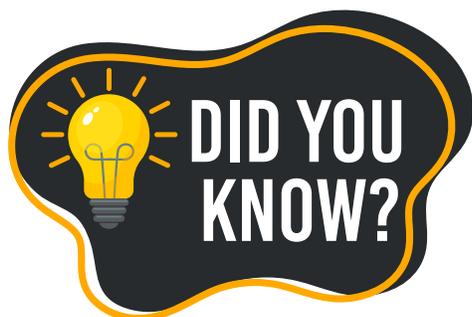
**January 27: Senior Recognition for Girls Basketball & Indoor Track**

**January 30: PIE Magic Show**

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

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Before the schools merged, Troupsburg used the Blue Devils mascot, and Jasper was the Bulldogs.



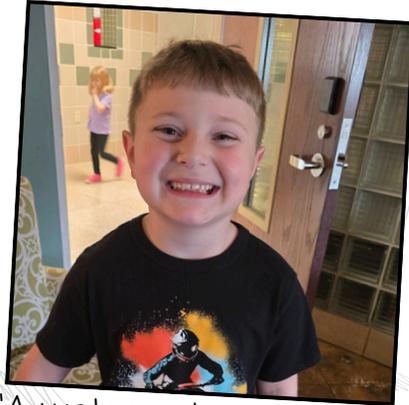
# QUESTION of the Week



**“If you could travel anywhere tomorrow, where would you go?”**



"We would explore the universe together!"  
- Easton and Jayce, 3rd Grade



"A waterpark in Canada"  
- Walker, 1st Grader



"Alaska"  
- Jedson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade



"Texas. I want to try their ribs."  
- Bryce, 5th Grade



"Virginia to visit my family and ride 4-wheeler."  
- Leia, 4th Grade



"North Carolina to visit my family member who has a new baby."  
- Audrey, 4th Grade



"Texas because that is where I want to go to college."  
- Sophia, 6th Grade

# INSIDE THE CLASSROOMS

## TEDDY BEAR HIBERNATION ...ZZZZ

Every Winter, Mrs. Flint's Class has a special tradition! The students bring in a teddy bear (or any stuffed animal) and rock them to sleep with a lullaby, then place them in a cave for hibernation. Once Spring arrives, they will wake up their animals and take them outside for a "Teddy Bear Picnic".

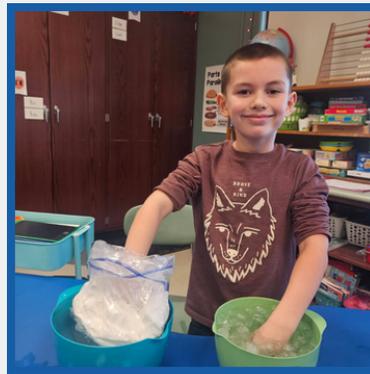
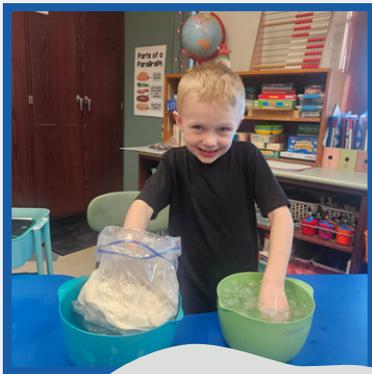


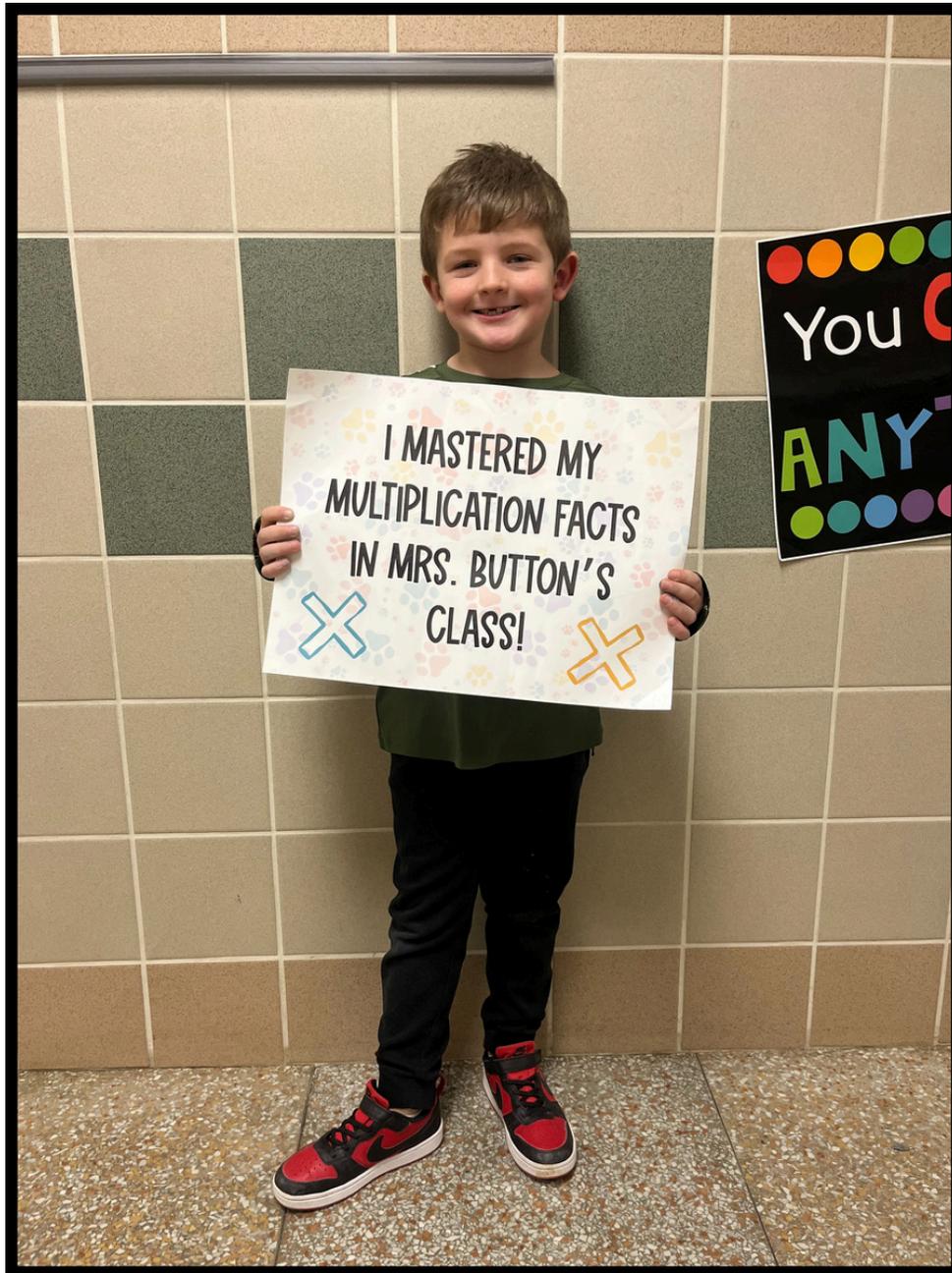


## Brrr-illiant Learning: Exploring How Animals Survive Winter

Our first graders have been learning how animals survive by adapting to their environments! Recently, they focused on winter behaviors such as migration, hibernation, and staying active. To extend their learning, students participated in a hands-on blubber experiment, discovering how animals stay warm in cold climates.

Learning through exploration made this lesson both fun and memorable!





We are excited to celebrate *Hudson Sanford*, our very first Multiplication Master of the year! Hudson is a 3rd grade student whose dedication and hard work have truly paid off. Congratulations, Hudson —keep striving for success!

# Building Big Skills with Little Hands

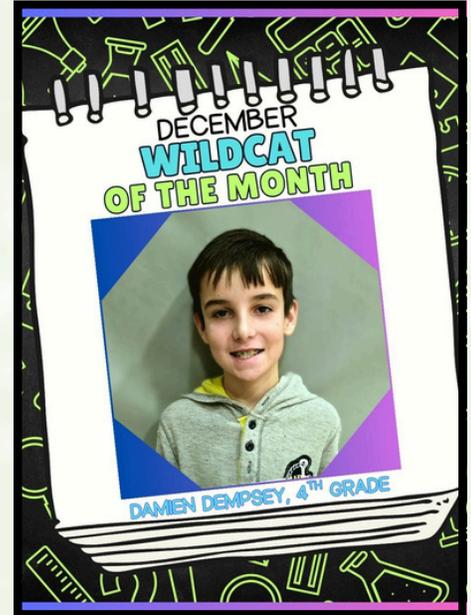


Our Pre-K friends have been busy building more than just towers—they've been building important social skills too! Through fun, hands-on activities, the children are learning how to work together as a team while creating their very own buildings and towers.

These building activities help strengthen fine motor skills, encourage creativity, and foster positive friendships—all while having fun. We are so proud of our Pre-K builders and the teamwork they show each day!



# DECEMBER'S WILDCAT of the MONTH



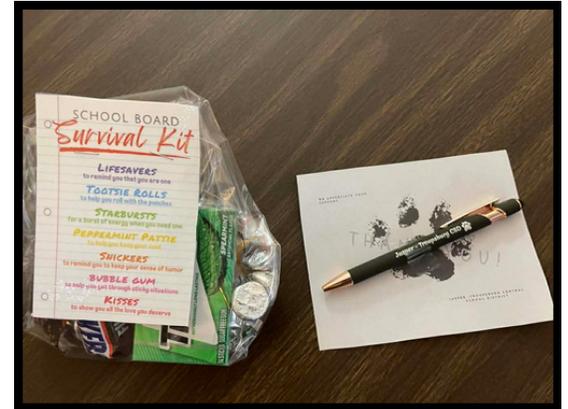
### Wildcat of the Month

**W** WELL-MANNERED  
**I** INVESTED IN LEARNING  
**L** LEAD BY EXAMPLE  
**D** DEPENDABLE  
**C** COOPERATES  
**A** ACTIVE IN SCHOOL AND/OR COMMUNITY  
**T** TRUSTWORTHY






## Kindness Club Shares Gratitude and Appreciation at School Board Meeting



Members of the Kindness Club recently attended a School Board Meeting to help celebrate School Board Appreciation Month. During the meeting, the students proudly stood, introduced themselves, and shared sincere words of gratitude for the dedication and support the board provides to our schools and community.

The Kindness Club also presented each board member with a small goodie bag and pen as a token of appreciation. The presentation was heartfelt and genuine, leaving a meaningful impression and highlighting the power of student voices expressing gratitude and kindness.

# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

**THIRD GRADE Team**



**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN TEACHING?**  
*I have been teaching for 13 total years all here in the elementary building! My first year of teaching I taught Pre-K and this is my 12<sup>th</sup> year teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.*

**WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT TEACHING?**  
*I always say "third grade is the best grade," and I truly believe that! Third grade, in my opinion, is in the sweet spot of elementary school where everything is fun and exciting and students are becoming more mature and responsible, while still being "little." Third graders are also learning so much about themselves, the world, and becoming independent which makes it a lot of fun to spend my days with them. We also learn about some really neat things in third grade!*

**WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT JT?**  
*There are so many things to love about JT, but I think one of my favorites are the traditions that the school holds onto like Morning Program. I remember being in awe of Morning Program when I first started teaching Pre-K here as I had never seen anything like it before. It is really special being able to get the whole school together regularly to celebrate each other and see what is happening inside classrooms.*

**MRS. BUTTON**



**WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE HOBBIES?**  
*One of my very favorite things in the world to do is go camping with my family. We spend the majority of our summer in our camper and being outside. I also really love to read! Last year I read and listened to 59 books, and my goal this year is to read 60 books.*

**WHAT IS ONE ITEM ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?**  
*I want to visit and explore Alaska!*

**THIRD GRADE Team**



**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN TEACHING?**  
*This is my 7<sup>th</sup> year teaching, all of which have been at JT!*

**WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT TEACHING?**  
*What I love most about teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is watching students really come into their own as learners. This is the year where so much growth happens, academically and personally. I love the independence they begin to develop in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade! It's extremely rewarding to support them as they gain confidence, learn to work more independently, and realize what they're capable of doing on their own.*

**WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT JT?**  
*What I love most about teaching in this district is the students. They are kind, respectful, and well-behaved, which creates a positive and supportive learning environment every day.*

**WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE HOBBIES?**  
*Outside of teaching, I enjoy spending time with my family and supporting them at dirt track races. We also love traveling to new places! I have visited 5 other countries with my husband and 3 of those with my kids!*

**MRS. DGIEN**



**WHAT IS ONE ITEM ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?**  
*One item on my bucket list is to travel to Hawaii with my family before my kids are grown!*

# ★ BREAKFAST BUFFET ★

**BENEFITS**



**JASPER-TROUPSBURG**  
YOUTH SPORTS

**FEB 1ST**  
**7AM-12PM**

AT  
**THE FEED MILL**

**ADULTS: \$15**  
**KIDS UNDER 12: \$8**  
**KIDS UNDER 4: FREE**

**MENU:** PANCAKES  
EGGS  
BACON  
SAUSAGE  
HOMEFRIES  
and MORE  
COFFEE & OJ



**THE FEED MILL**  
A CUDY ESTATES CO.

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# MAGICAL MAYHEM



**Amazing Magic!**  
**Hilarious Comedy!**  
**Join-In Fun!**

Date : **January 30th, 2026**  
Time : **6:00 PM**  
Place : **JT Elementary School**  
Cost : **FREE**  
*Refreshments available for Purchase*



# 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.

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Thank you for your continued support!

*J-T Yearbook Staff*

# JASPER-TROUPSBURG COMMUNITY FORUM



JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2026



6:00PM – 7:00PM



TROUPSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



The **Jasper-Troupsburg Central School District** invites students, families, staff, alumni, and community members to attend a *Community Forum* focused on the rebuilding of our Jr./Sr. High School.



This forum is an opportunity to hear an update on where we are in the rebuilding process and, more importantly, to share your perspectives, ideas, and priorities for the future of our school. *We want to know what matters most to our community* as we work to design a facility that supports student learning, honors our history, and serves **Jasper-Troupsburg** for generations to come.



*Community input is a critical part of this process.* Your feedback will help guide decisions related to learning spaces, programs, community use, and the overall look and feel of the new building.



*All are welcome to attend.* No prior knowledge is required, just a willingness to share your voice and listen to others.

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THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF TROUPSBURG  
FOOD PANTRY



# FOOD DRIVE!

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J-T Sports Boosters



**Drop-off Location:**  
Concession Stand at  
the Greenwood HS  
Location

**Bring your  
donations to our  
basketball home  
games.**

Jan. 7 @6pm: GV  
Jan. 8 @7:15pm BV  
Jan. 10 @10:00am BM  
11:30am GM  
1:00pm BJV  
2:30pm BV  
Jan. 14 @5:45pm BM  
7:15pm GM

Jan. 15 @ 5:45pm BJV  
7:15pm BV  
Jan. 20 @5:45pm GV  
7:15pm BV  
Jan. 22 @7:15pm GV  
Jan. 27 @6:00pm GV  
Jan. 30 @5:45pm BJV  
Jan. 31 @10:00am GM



# COMPLETE THE NYS DIGITAL RESOURCE SURVEY.

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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
<p>This menu is subject to change with out advance notice.</p> <p>Make Online Payments at <a href="http://PayFort.net">PayFort.net!</a></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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; Cheese Sandwich Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans</p>	<p>21 Homemade NY Macaroni &amp; Cheese w/Bread Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich Green Beans</p>	<p>22 Italian Meatball Sub Ham &amp; 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 &amp; Cheese Sandwich Fresh Baby Carrots</p>
<p>26 CONFERENCE DAY NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>27 Chicken Soft Taco w/Rice Turkey &amp; Cheese Sandwich Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans</p>	<p>28 Baked Mozzarella Sticks w/Pasta &amp; Sauce Turkey &amp; Cheese Sandwich Green Beans</p>	<p>29 NY Hot Dog on a Roll Turkey &amp; Cheese Sandwich Oven Fries Steamed Broccoli Fresh Pepper Strips!</p>	<p>30 Mini Pancakes w/Sausage Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Turkey &amp; 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

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