



J-T Elementary



Newsletter

Home of the Wildcats

February 13, 2026

Reminder!

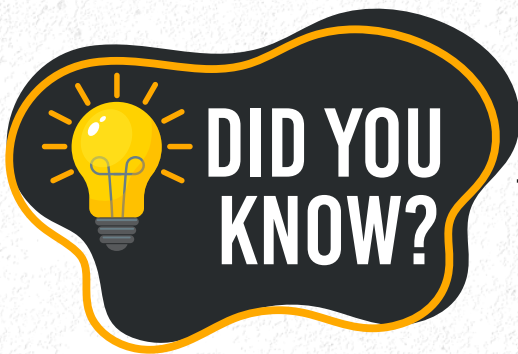
February 16–20: Mid Winter Recess (No School)

March 4: Board of Education Meeting

March 5: PIE Meeting

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Jasper, New York is home to a piece of FFA history! Gary Swan, National FFA President from 1966–1967, is the only New Yorker to ever serve in this role and has continued to make a lasting impact on agriculture and FFA over the years.





JANUARY'S WILDCAT of the MONTH

January
WILDCAT
of the month




Benjamin Newberry, Kindergarten

January
WILDCAT
of the month



Charlee Bevis, 2nd Grade

January
WILDCAT
of the month




Hudson Sanford, 3rd Grade

January
WILDCAT
of the month



Madelyn VanSkiver, 5th Grade


January
WILDCAT
of the month



Mr. McCaffrey, Elementary Principal

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





Children's Health Home Care Management

STEBEN, LIVINGSTON & WYOMING COUNTY RESIDENTS

What is Care Management?

A program that provides a holistic approach to health care needs. Care Managers link and refer children to any needed services to coordinate health care goals.

Care Managers assist with linking and referring to the following:

- Medical Health
- Dental Health
- Behavioral Health
- Clinical Services
- Social Services
- Legal Services
- Home & Community-Based Services (HCBS), including teaching skills in-home and in the community, such as how to budget, shop, access public transportation, clean, cook, medication management, family supports and nutritional guidelines as needed.
- Natural Supports, including supports in the environment, i.e. friends, neighbors, colleagues
- Religious Services
- Pharmacy Services
- Substance Abuse
- Transportation
- Employment Services

How Can Care Management Help You?

- Coordinates community supports
- Advocate on your child's behalf so he/she receives the care they deserve
- Provides an outlet for individuals to obtain assistance with non-medical concerns

Who is Eligible?

- Any Medicaid recipient. May have both Medicaid and Medicare.
- May be a Medicaid Managed Care Member or receiving services on a Fee for Service basis.
- Has significant risk factors which can be addressed through care management.
- Must have one or more of the following:
 - *Two or more chronic health conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease, substance use disorder or mental illness)
 - *Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) (for children up to 21 years of age),
 - *Complex Trauma (for children up to 21 years of age) or
 - *HIV/AIDS

If you are looking into services for your child or youth ages 21 or under, please contact us at the information below OR Sarah Eggleston at Jasper-Troupsburg Elementary.

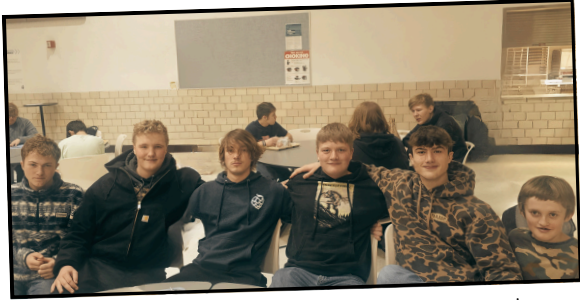
Supervisor Ashley Guild can be reached at (607) 788-4867 or ashley.guild@dor.org
Supervisor Amy Patterson can be reached at (585) 447-3144 or amy.patterson@dor.org



QUESTION of the Week



"Who is winning the Super Bowl?"



"Seattle Seahawks!" -5a Lunch



"Seahawks!" -Charlee,
2nd Grade



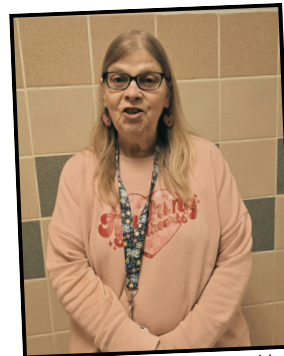
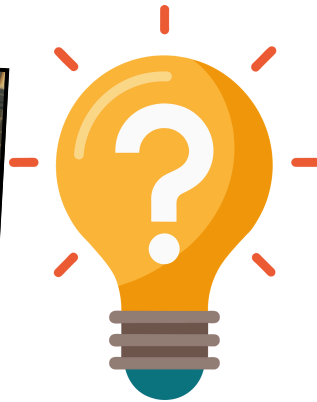
"Seahawks!" -5b Lunch



"Seahawks!" -Titan &
Presley, 3rd Grade



"Seahawks!" -Jordyn,
6th Grade



"To be honest with
you, I don't even know
who is playing." -Mrs
Flint



"Patriots" -Gerrianna
"Seahawks" -Mrs. Schenck



"Seahawks!" -Oliver,
Jeremiah, & Luke, 4th
Grade



"Seahawks!" -Brent, Landon, & Jimmy



"Patriots!"
-Mr. Ethan

"Seahawks!"
-Mr. Joe



"New England Patriots!"
-Ms. Bullock's 1st period



QUESTION of the Week



“What is one fun thing you hope to do over February Break?”



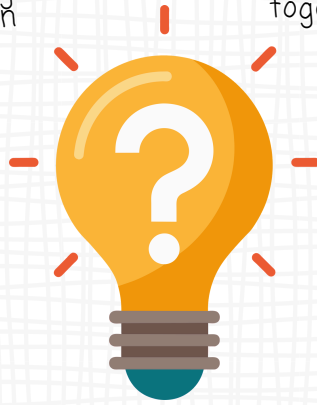
“Go outside and play tag.”
-Giannah, Kindergarten



“Visit my family and play together.” -Roselinn, 1st Grade



“Go skiing.” -Qwynn, 2nd Grade



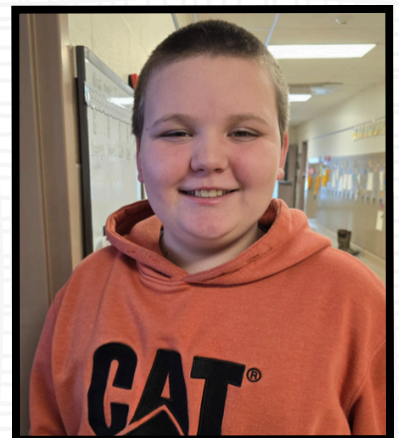
“I hope we go to the beach!”
-Zylas, 3rd Grade



“Sledding” -Brianna, 5th Grade



“Have a sleepover with my cousins.” Boone, 4th Grade



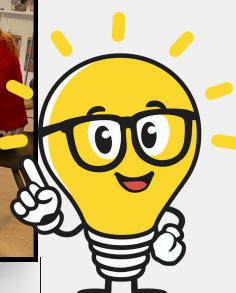
“Visit my Grandma.” -Colt,
6th Grade

INSIDE THE CLASSROOMS



The Phantom Tollbooth World Market

Our fifth graders went to a “world market” while reading *The Phantom Tollbooth*, by Norton Juster. They had to buy words to create a detailed sentence, come up with synonyms for a word to receive a synonym bun to eat, and they also had to use context clues to figure out what rígmárolé means, in order to get a rígmárolé to eat. We had a lot of fun together and they did an excellent job bringing their learning to life.

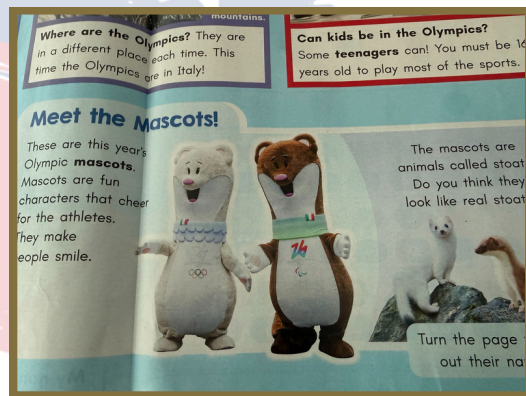




Going for the Gold in Kindergarten



Mrs. Hayes' class has been talking about the Winter Olympics, and since we just ended the marking period, we have some gold medal winners who know all of their letters and sounds, can recognize rhyming words, are mastering their sight words, and are even learning to tie their shoes. Through our Let's Find Out, we learned that the mascots of the Olympics are stoats, which we had never heard of before, and their names are Tina and Milo.



GO FOR THE GOLD

I know all the letters of the alphabet

Levi Bryden Octavia Carter Berkley Shawn Conner Benjamin

I know all of the letter sounds

Amy Carter Conner Levi Octavia Bryden Berkley

I can recognize rhyming words

Conner Evelyn Shawn Carter Benjamin Bryden

I can read words (decode/encode)

Berkley Bryden Benjamin Octavia Shawn Carter Levi

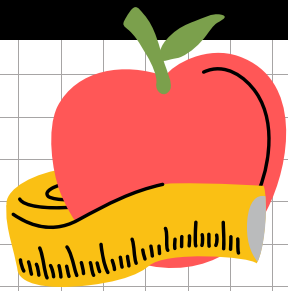
I know high frequency words

Levi 47 Berkley 41 Octavia 41 Carter 33 Bryden 29 Shawn 26 Benjamin 25 Amy 24

I can tie shoes

Kristian Evelyn Benjamin Bryden

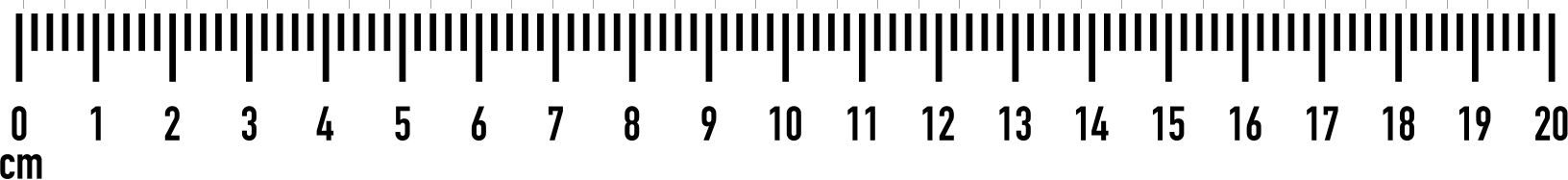




MEASURING UP in First Grade!



First Graders have been busy in February, with a hands-on Math unit about measurement! They have been using non-standard tools, such as cubes and paper clips in addition to standard tools, such as the centimeter side of a ruler.



PE Winter Olympics

Elementary PE competed in the JT Phys Ed Winter Olympics. The events included downhill skiing, slalom skiing, ski jumps, luge, skeleton, bob sledding, and speed skating. Ask your child if they were able to grab one of the elusive medals in any of the events!



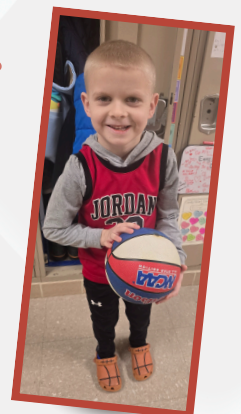
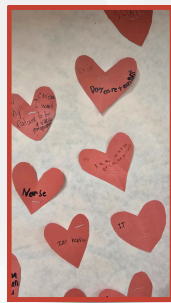
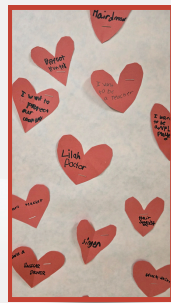
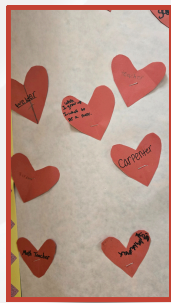
Congratulations to our Spelling Bee Champions!

We held our annual spelling bee on Tuesday, February 3rd after school. Competing this year were our spelling bee club members: Grace Seeley, Audrey Waters, Ethan Waters, Natalie Unrue, Oliver Owen, Ethan Waters, Harper Lubberts, Donzella Potoeski, Sophia Brown, Karsun Shephard, Avery Bullock, Hunter Rippel, Gavin Good, Piper Trenchard, Elliot Zick, and Paisley Flint. Our *first place speller* was *Paisley Flint* (5th grade) and the *second place speller* was *Elliot Zick* (6th grade). Paisley and Elliot will represent Jasper-Troupsburg at the regional Spelling Bee, which will be held in Corning on March 7.

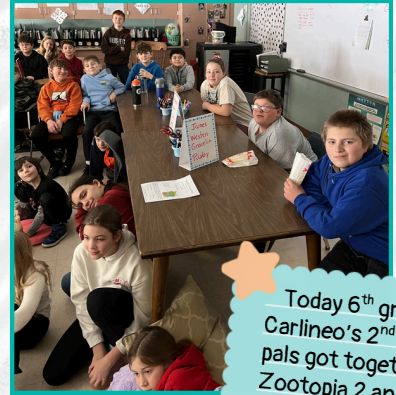


Fall in Love With Your Future Career

The Career Captains, which is one of our 5th and 6th grade student lighthouse teams, came up with the idea for a "Fall In Love With Your Future Career" spirit week and hallway display! Our students have been participating in our career-themed spirit days all week. Students also wrote down a career they'd like to have when they are adults and added it to our display. It has been fun to see the variety of careers in which our students are showing interest!



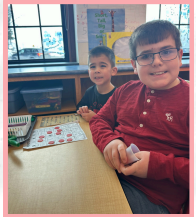
PAW PALS



Today 6th grade and Miss Carlineo's 2nd grade paw pals got together to watch Zootopia 2 and enjoy some popcorn!



The 3rd graders played Valentine's Day Bingo with their Pre-K paw pals!



1st Grade and 4th Grade got together to create Valentine Cards for a beloved adult in their lives, a relative, a teacher or just any grown up that has made a positive impact on them! With their extra time, they enjoyed some board games and bonding with their Paw Pals :)



FFA



FFA Brings Energy & Excitement to Morning Program



Our FFA members had the opportunity to visit the elementary school for a fun-filled morning program packed with leadership, laughter, and a little friendly competition!

The senior high officer team and junior high Conduct of Chapter Meeting members led the program. Our Conduct of Chapter Meeting team took advantage of one final practice in front of a live audience as they prepared to compete at the District 8 leadership development events on Saturday. The elementary crowd gave them an awesome send-off!

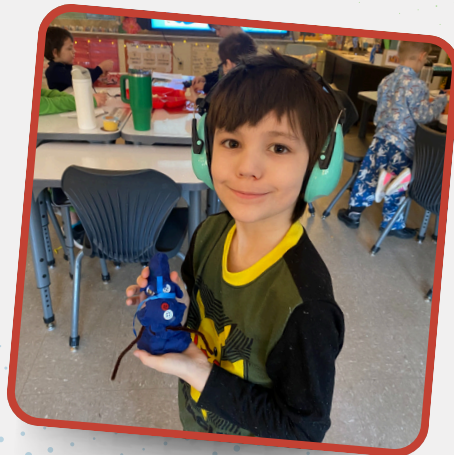
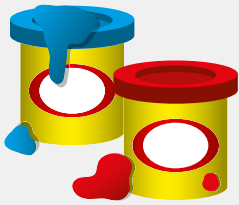
We kept the energy high with interactive games including Barnyard Tic-Tac-Toe and a lively Barrel Race that had the entire student body cheering. To wrap up the program, Mr. and Mrs. Walters faced off in a barrel race showdown to “predict” the Super Bowl winner. Representing the Patriots, Mr. Walters took an unexpected tumble, allowing Mrs. Walters (Seahawks) to gallop away with the win! Our horses and riders were certainly on point!

After the assembly, our FFA members visited the 6th grade classrooms to share their personal experiences in FFA, talk about leadership and competition opportunities, and answer questions about what students can look forward to in 7th grade.

We love the opportunity to build excitement for FFA and can't wait to welcome the next generation of members as they move up to the high school next year. The future of FFA is bright!



Play Doh Club



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

The Physical Education Dept.



MR. LAWSON
ELEMENTARY



HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A P.E. TEACHER?

I have been a phys ed teacher at J-T for two years. I am in my 20th year in the district as I was previously a 6th grade, 4th grade, and 3rd grade teacher. I am a J-T alumni so I have spent most of my life here!

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT BEING A P.E. TEACHER?

I enjoy working with the various grade levels and seeing their excitement and progress as they work on a sport or skill. We have great students at J-T!

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT JT?

I've always loved the family atmosphere at J-T. When I talk about my kids, it's often about the students I teach. People here care about each other and helping them be successful.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE HOBBIES?

I love all sports and coach varsity girls basketball. My family is heavily involved in auto racing and I have raced for around 25 years. I enjoy bow hunting and being out in the woods or spending time at our lake house. There is also nothing better than getting out of New York and doing some traveling.

WHAT IS ONE ITEM ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

My wife and I enjoy traveling and have been able to make it to many wonderful destinations. As our kids get older we want to travel even more. I'd love to travel to all 50 states, but it better be in the right season because I hate cold weather!

From gym days with Ms. Stephens and Mr. Lawson in the younger grades to learning and growing with Mr. Liberto at the high school, each of them brings so much heart, energy, and dedication to our students every day. We're grateful for all they do!

The Physical Education Dept.



MS. STEPHENS
ELEMENTARY



HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A P.E. TEACHER?

This is my 35th year teaching physical education and my 24th at JT.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT BEING A P.E. TEACHER?

I love the physical education curriculum and all of the fun games, activities, and skills that I teach.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT JT?

My favorite thing about JT is the people. I enjoy my colleagues and our students.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE HOBBIES?

Some of my favorite hobbies include walking, reading, and spending time in my gardens.

WHAT IS ONE ITEM ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

One item on my bucket list is to travel to Pasadena, CA and work on the Donate Life float for the Rose Parade.



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ERIC DEVENDORF

BASKETBALL CLINIC

HORNELL AREA FAMILY YMCA



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

AGES 8-10	10:00AM - NOON	\$60
AGES 11-13	1:00PM - 3:00PM	\$60

REGISTER ONLINE OR IN-PERSON BY: 2/21/2026

Join former Syracuse basketball star Eric Devendorf at the Hornell YMCA for a high-energy 2-hour basketball clinic! Athletes will build fundamentals through fun drills, hands-on coaching, and game-like play, while learning about basketball IQ, mindset, and the value of consistent practice. A great chance to learn, grow, and be inspired by one of the Orange's best!

ABOUT ERIC DEVENDORF:
Eric Devendorf is the Founder and CEO of the ED23 Foundation, dedicated to supporting underserved youth through basketball camps, clinics, training, and travel teams. He is also an ESPN/ACC Network color commentator and podcast host with fellow Syracuse alum Etan Thomas. A former Syracuse standout, Eric ranks 14th on the school's all-time scoring list; was a 2005 McDonald's All-American, an All-Big East Rookie Team member, and played seven seasons professionally overseas before joining the Syracuse coaching staff in 2016.


2025-26 Yearbook UPDATES



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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



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.



February 2026



JASPER-TROUPSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Homestyle Chicken Bowl w/Bread Tuna Salad Sandwich Sliced Carrots	3 Meat Taco w/Rice Tuna Salad Sandwich Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans	4 Cheese Ravioli & Marinara Sauce w/Bread Tuna Salad Sandwich Green Beans	5 Toasted Cheese Sandwich Tuna Salad Sandwich Steamed Broccoli Hot Tomato Soup Fresh Cucumber Slices!	6 Super Bowl Celebration! NY MENU DAY! Buffalo Chicken Wing Dip made w/NY Cheese Issa's NY Pita Chips Warm Dinner Roll Fresh Carrots & Celery Sticks NY Green Peas NY Applesauce Cups NY Juice! Chilled NY Milk
9 French Toast Sticks & Sausage Egg Salad Sandwich Sliced Carrots	10 Chicken Quesadilla w/Rice Egg Salad Sandwich Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans	11 Chicken Alfredo w/Bread Egg Salad Sandwich Green Beans	12 Sesame Chicken w/Rice Egg Salad Sandwich Steamed Broccoli Fresh Pepper Strips!	13 Pizza Dunkers w/Marinara Sauce Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Egg Salad Sandwich Fresh Baby Carrots
16	MID-WINTER RECESS FEBRUARY 16th - 20th			20 Make Online Payments at PayForIt.net!
23 Baked Crispy Chicken Sandwich Ham & Cheese Sandwich Sliced Carrots	24 Meat Nacho Grande w/Rice Ham & Cheese Sandwich Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans	25 Homemade NY Macaroni & Cheese w/Bread Ham & Cheese Sandwich Green Beans	26 Italian Meatball Sub Ham & Cheese Sandwich Steamed Broccoli Fresh Cucumber Slices! NY Seasoned Roasted Potatoes	27 Ultimate Cheese Breadstick w/Marinara Sauce Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Ham & Cheese Sandwich Fresh Baby Carrots

This menu is subject to change with out advance notice.

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.**

This institution is an equal opportunity employer & provider.

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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