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NEWSLETTER



Jefferson Jr/Sr High School



Our Agriculture Department's Extravaganza

The Agricultural Education Open House (Ag-Ed Extravaganza) welcomed families and community members for an inside look at our growing agriculture program. Guests toured facilities, explored hands-on activities, and learned about the skills students are developing through agricultural education.

The evening showcased the hard work and projects from our students while highlighting opportunities in agriculture-related careers. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this engaging and informative event.



Exciting Learning Adventures This Month

Students had the opportunity to participate in a business pitch experience at Wright State University, made possible through support from Montgomery County. During this event, students explored the fundamentals of entrepreneurship and developed their own ideas to present in a pitch-style format.



Jefferson 7th Grade takes 1st Place, 8th Grade takes 3rd at the Math Olympics



Jefferson Township students recently put their skills to the test during our Math Olympics, where problem-solving, teamwork, and critical thinking took center stage. Students competed in a variety of math challenges that encouraged both speed and strategy while building confidence in their abilities.

The event highlighted the importance of perseverance and collaboration, as students worked together with 7th and 8th grade Math teacher, Mr. Hopkins solve complex problems. We are proud of all participants for their effort and enthusiasm in making math both engaging and fun.



Fun and Field Trip Activities

Families joined us for an exciting evening at our Family S.T.E.A.M. Night, where learning and creativity came together. The event featured hands-on activities including spin art, straw rockets, and a collaborative community mural, along with games, prizes, and food.

It was a great opportunity for students and families to explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics in a fun and interactive environment. Events like this help strengthen the connection between school and home while showing that learning can happen in creative and meaningful ways.

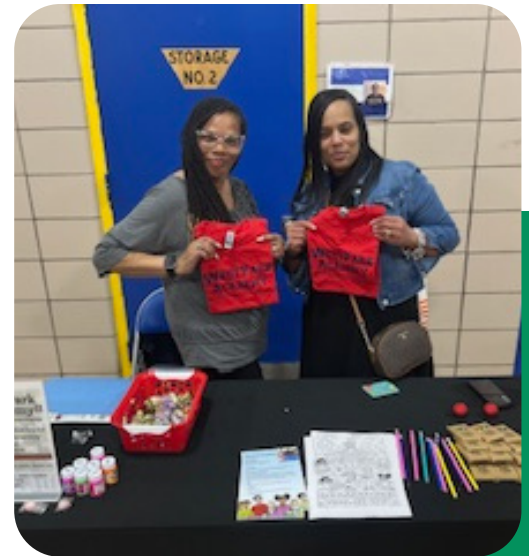
In addition to the S.T.E.A.M Night event, our students have visited Wright State, Sinclair Community College, and other career building exposure opportunities. Students participated in a Forensic Science Career event, and participated in a business pitch competition.



Preschool Enrollment Now Open

Jefferson Township Local School District and West Park Academy is excited to welcome our youngest learners! Families with toddlers and preschool-aged children are invited to consider enrolling in our Preschool Program, where students begin building the foundation for lifelong learning.

Our program provides a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment focused on early learning, social development, and school readiness. We look forward to partnering with families to support each child's growth and success.



STEM Challenge Winners



Students recently took learning to new heights by navigating drones through an obstacle course, combining technology, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills. This hands-on activity challenged students to apply precision, focus, and real-time decision-making while learning about drone operation and emerging career pathways.

Experiences like this provide students with exposure to innovative technology and help build skills that are increasingly valuable in today's workforce.

Learn More About Our Preschool Program

Interested in learning more about what our Preschool Program has to offer? Families are invited to reach out and explore how Jefferson Township supports early childhood learning. Our preschool staff is available to answer questions, share program details, and help guide families through the enrollment process. Stay connected through the district website or contact the school for more information.

Celebrating Our School Community

Jefferson Township Local School District continues to build strong connections between learning, opportunity, and community engagement. This spring has been filled with meaningful experiences that highlight our commitment to preparing students for success beyond the classroom.

Students and families came together for a successful Family S.T.E.A.M. Night, where hands-on activities, creativity, and collaboration were on full display. Similarly, the Ag Ed Extravaganza showcased the incredible work of our agricultural program, giving the community a chance to explore student projects and hands-on learning opportunities. In addition, our FFA students are selling plants grown in the greenhouse, demonstrating both their skills and dedication while supporting the program. You can purchase plants on May 6th - 7th between 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm.

Looking ahead, our College and Career Fair will provide students with valuable opportunities to connect with colleges, career professionals, and training programs as they begin planning their futures.

Students have also benefited from several college visit experiences this year. Through the SOAR Program, students toured Sinclair Community College, while others visited Wright State University through the Take Flight Program. Additionally, students had the opportunity to visit Central State University through the 4-H Program, gaining further exposure to postsecondary pathways.



Family Survey – We Value Your Feedback

Jefferson Township Local School District is asking families to take a few minutes to complete our Family Survey. Your feedback helps guide decisions, improve programs, and ensure we are meeting the needs of our students and community.

We encourage all families to participate and share their thoughts. Together, we can continue to build a stronger school community.



Graduation Season is Upon Us May 14th, 2026 at 6 p.m.

As the school year progresses, we look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of our graduating seniors. Join us on May 14th, 2026 at 6 p.m. for a celebratory send-off for the Class of 2026.

We are proud of the hard work and dedication of the Class of 2026 and look forward to honoring their achievements as they prepare for the next chapter.

SPECIAL

Interview with Superintendent Welch



What made you want to become an educator, and what led you to take on the role of Superintendent?

My journey into education is deeply personal. Growing up in Jefferson Township, I was surrounded by educators who saw potential in me before I saw it in myself. That inspired me to become that person for others—to build confidence, create opportunities, and help students see beyond their current circumstances. Over my 37-year career, I have served in roles from the classroom to district leadership, each reinforcing my belief that every child deserves access to a high-quality education. Becoming Superintendent of Jefferson Township is more than a professional step—it is a calling. Returning home allows me to give back and create opportunities for the next generation.

When you think about Jefferson Township's future, what are you most excited to build or improve for our students and families?

I am most excited about strengthening academic opportunities and ensuring every student has a clear pathway—whether college, career, military, or entrepreneurship. I also look forward to building stronger connections with families, improving communication, and making sure they feel valued as partners. Additionally, I am focused on creating clear expectations, consistent systems, and a culture of accountability balanced with support. Most importantly, I want to restore and elevate Bronco pride.

What are some experiences in your career that have shaped the way you lead and connect with students and staff?

Starting as a classroom teacher taught me that relationships come first—students must feel valued to learn. As a principal, I learned the importance of visibility, trust, and supporting teachers. At the district level, I gained a systems perspective on how decisions impact classrooms. These experiences shaped my leadership to focus on relationships, clarity, and student-centered decision-making.

As a Jefferson Township graduate, what does it feel like to come back and serve the community in this role?

Returning to Jefferson Township is both humbling and meaningful. This community shaped who I am, and serving as Superintendent feels like a full-circle moment. I am committed to ensuring every student has meaningful opportunities and to leading with purpose, pride, and a deep connection to this community.



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GREENHOUSE GARDEN SALE

Wed, May 6th - 3:30-6:30pm
Thu, May 7th - 4:00-7:00pm

Located in the greenhouse in the
back - Please park in the front lot.

**Student-Grown Flowers and
Plants for You to Cherish!**

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