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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Each day your child enters John Dewey Elementary School with the desire to be a little smarter by the end of the day. Teachers are working hard to provide opportunities and experiences for our scholars to learn the much needed skills to be successful in life.

Parents, talk with your child about the importance of participating in the activities in class. Encourage your child to take full advantage of the opportunities to get the knowledge they need to improve. Also, be a good role model. Make sure your child is at school and on time every day. Show them the importance of preparation and punctuality.

Learning, just as life, requires "doing" - doing classwork, doing homework, doing projects and doing reading assignments.

When your child gets home each day, ask what they did in school today. Hold them accountable for their daily work by showing you what they completed in class.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions. You can reach me at the school office or you can email me at (216) 755-8743 or Adrienne.Clotman@whcsd.org

Educationally Yours,
Adrienne Clotman
Assistant Principal, John Dewey
"One Team, One Vision, One Goal"

What a Difference Attendance Makes. Every Minute Counts!

According to multiple studies, missing several days of school over the course of a year significantly reduces the likelihood that students will graduate from high school. Attendance is a crucial factor to keeping kids on the right path to graduation.

Upcoming Events

February 3

Parent Teacher Conferences

February 14

No School

February 17

No School, Presidents Day

February 25

1st Grade Wax Museum

February 26

African American History Program

March 13

Early Dismissal

March 17

No School for Students

Black History Month

Websites

PBS LearningMedia

Teaching Tolerance

EDSITEment

National Archives

African American Museum in Philadelphia

Ferris State University's Jim Crow Museum

Every Minute Matters

If a student is 10 minutes late to school each day, this adds up to missing more than 33 hours of class time. A student with a 90 percent attendance average for Kindergarten through 12th grade will miss over a year of accumulated time in the classroom.

National African American Read-In

The National African American Read-In is the nation's first and oldest event dedicated to diversity in literature. It was established in 1990 by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English to make literacy a significant part of Black History Month. This initiative has reached more than 6 million participants around the world.

Please Keep Sick Children at Home

When children are sick, they need to stay home. If your child has any of the following symptoms, please do not send him/her to school: Fever of 100 degrees or more. Children should stay home until the fever has been gone for 24 hours without fever reducing medication. **Vomiting or severe diarrhea**: Children should stay home until symptoms have been gone for 24 hours. If the doctor confirms norovirus please keep your child home for 48 hours. **Severe cold**: A little snuffle is not a reason to stay home, but a severe cold or influenza with symptoms such as severe sore throat, earache, headache, or persistent cough is.

Black History Month How to Teach Your Kids (& Yourself) About Black History Month

The achievements and contributions of African-Americans to U.S. history have been celebrated in this country since 1926. February became the month for recognition because it marks the birthdays of two men who positively influenced African Americans in the U.S.: Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

There are a variety of ways to teach kids about black history, and watching movies just happens to be one of the most fun methods. Crank up some tunes for a Black History Month party with the kids. Put on some Stevie Wonder, Ray Charles, Michael Jackson, Prince, Aretha Franklin, Quincy Jones, Whitney Houston, Ella Fitzgerald, and let the music speak for itself.



Dismissal

Please pick your child(ren) up by 4:00 P.M. The office staff is not in the position to watch your children after that time.

Birthday Celebrations

If you would like to bring in a treat for your child's class please following the procedures that have been set for to the school:

- Contact the teacher to make sure it is ok to take place a certain day.
- Treats will not be passed out until 3pm
- Be sure that all food is store bought (we want to be safe when it comes to scholars with allergies and food preparations).