



JG November Newsletter

John Greer Elementary School – 2016-2017 – Issue 2

Notes from JG Principal – Mr. Walder

Attendance – HACUSD #11 places great emphasis on student attendance. Increased attendance leads to increased instructional time. Increased instructional time leads to increased student learning.

Did you know?

- Missing school can cause children to fall behind in school. School work can be made up but instruction cannot.
- Missing school can make it hard to learn to read.
- Students can fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

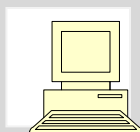
**2016 – 2017 John Greer School Goal =
95% Attendance Rate**

What Can You Do?

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomachache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make him or her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

Current Data

Parent Participation at Conferences =	99.5%
Current Attendance Rate =	95.91%
AR Books Read =	2,403
AR Words Read =	38,842,135
# of Students in Band =	49
# of Students in Chorus =	46
# of Students in Ukulele =	22



JG Calendar – 2nd Quarter

11/1 Tues.	Fundraiser Pre-Commitment form sent home Fundraiser Kickoff Spelling Team Tryouts 3:05 – 3:50 Wellness Club 3:05 – 3:45
11/2 Wed.	Spelling Team Tryouts 3:05 – 3:45
11/3 Thur.	Fundraiser Pre-Commitment form due Spelling Team Tryouts 3:05 – 3:45
11/8 Tues.	Wellness Club 3:05 – 3:45
11/10 Thur.	Fundraiser Begins 5/6 Boys BB @ PVO 6:00 pm
11/11 Fri.	Veteran's Day – School in session
11/14 Mon.	5/6 Boys BB @ Oakwood 6:00pm
11/15 Tues.	Wellness Club 3:05 – 3:45 5/6 Boys BB @ Rossville 6:00pm
11/16 Wed.	PD Day – 2:00 pm Dismissal
11/18 Fri.	Midterm Progress Reports
11/21 Mon.	Reading Room Opens
11/22 Tues.	5/6 Boys BB @ JG 6:00pm
11/23 Wed.	2:00 dismissal – Thanksgiving Break
11/24 Thurs.	Thanksgiving Day – No School
11/25 Fri.	No School – Thanksgiving Break
11/28 Mon.	5/6 Boys BB @ JG 6:00 pm
11/29 Tues.	JG Fundraiser Ends Wellness Club 3:05 – 3:45 5/6 Boys BB @Bismarck 6:00 pm

John Greer 2016 – 2017 Goals

- 1 Maintain trust among all employees at John Greer.
- 2 Complete/Maintain the JG School Improvement Plan
 - A. Community and Family Engagement
 - B. Instruction (SBR)
 - C. Professional Development
 - D. Assessment
 - E. Instruction (Differentiation)
- 3 Refine the HACUSD #11 Professional Evaluation Plan (Danielson Model)
 - A. Ensure that evaluation becomes an effective & efficient tool for professional growth
 - B. Implementation of Student Learning Objectives (SLO)
- 4 Facilitate the District Building Restructuring Plan, transitioning John Greer to a Grades 3 – 5 building for the 2017-2018 school year.
 - A. Work collaboratively with the John Greer Transition Team
- 5 Maintain Open Communication with Parents
- 6 Maintain Attendance at 95%.
- 7 Maintain Everyone's Sanity

ALEKS - Students in the 5th and 6th grade are participating in a math program called **ALEKS**. Students are able to work in the system twice a week during their homeroom time. In addition, the program is being used during almost every math block. This program can be used at home with parental permission. We are seeing growth from those who have been participating. Students, keep up the good work!

Students please remember to take your band instruments home on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.



It is your responsibility!

If a student wants to purchase extra milk the cost is \$0.30 / carton.

Breakfast is served 8:00 to 8:15 each morning. Students should arrive on time if they plan to eat.

HACUSD #11 Vision Statement

The vision of Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 is to EXPECT MORE by:

- Building relationships with our families and community
- Preparing our students for success in college, career, and life.
- Ensuring our students have equitable access to excellence throughout the district.

HACUSD #11 Mission Statement

The mission of Hoopeston Area CUSD #11, in cooperation with our families and communities, is to engage all students in a rigorous curriculum that expects academic and behavioral excellence.

Reminder: Students, if you are attending a John Greer game, you need to sit in the student section unless you are with a parent or guardian. Please throw your trash away. Students will not be allowed to go in and out of the building.

Class Projects can be viewed on the John Greer page captioned as pictures/videos. Please check out the student's hard work.

5th Grade Class Presidents:

Our John Greer 5th graders had the opportunity who wanted to run for class president. Students were allowed to ask their candidate questions and hear their answers. Candidates did their own advertising within our building. Elections were held on Tuesday, November 8th.

For results, see article on the last page.

Remember to check us out at www.hoopeston.k12.il.us/building/s/johngreer/

Dress Warmly!



Recess may be outside, if weather permits!

Save Your Box Tops

Mrs. Harrier's class brought in the most Box Tops for our first quarter. They received juice and donuts. Quarter 2's incentive for the class with the most Box Tops will be an Extra Recess for their class.

Spelling Team

John Greer's Spelling Semifinalists are the following students: Tobi West, Valerie Simpson, Sean Hudson, Brianna Wasson, Grant Morgan, Lacie Breymeyer, Emily Warren, Isabel Moreno, Macey Lane, Anna Anderson, Meegan Nogle, and Sean Calloway. Mrs. Anderson had tryouts Nov. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd after school with 27 students in attendance.

Spelling Practices will be on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:05 – 3:50 in Mrs. Anderson's homeroom. Practices will begin Thursday, November 10th.

By December 22nd, the team will be cut to 6 students.

Parents - please discuss what your child should do in case of bad weather that would require an early dismissal.

Bad Weather

In case of bad weather, please listen to WHPO, Channel 3 News, Channel 15 News, or watch the School Channel 16.

Wellness Club

Wellness Club have been working very hard this year so far. August and September were busy months working the concession stand for the 5th and 6th Grade Girls' Basketball home games. I had several really good helpers!

In October, we also participated in Red Ribbon Week where we learned how drugs are bad for us and all the fun things we can do living drug free. We received different items for dressing up each day with a new theme.



These are the current members for our Wellness Club . This group meets Tuesday's after school from 3:05 -3:45 in Mrs. Harrier's room.

Music Information

John Greer Concert is Tuesday, December 8th, at 7:00 pm in the John Greer Gym. It will feature the Cadet Band, the John Greer Band, and the John Greer Chorus.

Fund Raiser

John Greer Grade School will be putting the **FUN** back into **FUN**draising. We will not be taking orders or delivering any products and all the money made will go to benefit John Greer students. This will be our third year selling "**Shuck the Corn**" scratch off tickets, which were a huge success last year. For a \$5 donation, you will receive a scratch off ticket that you will scratch off to reveal your prize. Even if you don't win, you will be supporting John Greer and we thank you for that. The sale begins on November 10th and will run until November 29th. We have increased our number of winning tickets and all non- winning tickets will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win \$50, so be sure to save your tickets. All lucky winners may claim their prizes at John Greer Grade School on December 8th. We appreciate your support.



Expect More Award: Mrs. Anderson received the Expect More Award before our Bingo Celebration in October. In the nomination form, the following words were used to describe her:

Optimist, Disciplined, Student-Centered, Collaborative Leader, and Authentic.

"John Greer Elementary School is blessed to have Mrs. Anderson as a part of its faculty. Rita Pierson once said, "Every child deserves a champion – an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be." Mrs. Anderson is a champion at John Greer Elementary School!"

John Greer Parent Advisory Council



The Parent Advisory Council has had a great start to the year. We are currently focused on our fundraising efforts through our *John Greer Shuck the Corn* scratch-off tickets! We are hoping to use the proceeds from the fundraiser to fuel the PAC's efforts to possibly modernize the library, sponsor the upcoming *John Greer Parent Night*, and support the teachers and students of John Greer School.

We highly encourage your participation in the fundraiser. No more delivering orders or having to buy things you don't want! With each ticket you buy you are not only donating \$5 to the students of John Greer, you could possibly win cash or other terrific prizes. This is a great time to support John Greer School!

We are thankful that so many parents have stepped forward to lead this venture and are always looking for new members. If you are interested in enlisting in the John Greer PAC, please contact Mrs. Harrier by email:

harriemc@hoopeston.k12.il.us

John Greer Helps to End Hunger World-Wide



John Greer is continuing its commitment to help students realize the realities of global-hunger and take a stand against it.

Students are encouraged to participate in the "Read to Feed" program by Heifer International™ from November 16-23. Each time students read a book and take and pass an Accelerated Reader™ Quiz a local sponsor will donate a dollar for each point the book is worth. So if your student takes a quiz on a book worth 4.0 points and passes it, a local church will donate \$4.00 to end world hunger. Students will use their total accumulated points to "buy" animals, such as heifers, sheep, llamas, bees, and much more to send around the world to help end hunger.

If you would like to become a sponsor for this project, please notify Mrs. Zabel by email:

zabelel@hoopeston.k12.il.us

5th Grade Class Election Winners!!

Mrs. Anderson

President – Josie Mobley, VP - Kaitlynn Lange

Mrs. Freeman

President –Cloe Peterson, VP – Emmalee Bruens

Miss Watts

President – Emily Warren, VP – Brady Linares

Mrs. White

President – Anna Anderson, VP – Gracyn Gaddis

