

Jonathan Valley Elementary



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“Where Everyone Thinks, Believes,
and Achieves”

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The Principal's Post

Thanks to all of you for a smooth start to the 2015-2016 school year. Our students at Jonathan Valley make me very proud to be their principal each and every day for many reasons, not the least of which is their outstanding academic achievement. Last year 69.7% of our students in grades 3-5 were at or above grade level on their EOG tests in reading, math, and science. Out of 857 Title I elementary schools in NC, Jonathan Valley ranks 97th which places us in the top 12% in the state. (A Title I school is defined as one which has at least 40% of their students living in an economically disadvantaged situation and that is measured by the number of students who qualify for free or reduced lunch.) As parents, you helped the students reach those high academic marks by encouraging reading each night, helping with homework, and being your children's biggest cheerleaders and advocates.

We have a lot of really great things going on every day in each classroom. One thing we're doing this year as an entire school is that we have a Word of the Week each week. All of the words are science related. So far we've discussed and had interaction regarding precipitation, humidity, evaporation, and condensation. Ask your child what the word of the week is and see what they say! We have a visiting author who is coming on September 16 to read her book to our students and talk to them about writing and being a published author. The really cool thing is that the author is from Haywood County. Of course in early October we will have fire prevention activities and our fall festival. If you're interested in volunteering at our fall festival, please call for more information.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be your child's principal. Although my job includes many and varied activities, the ones I cherish the most are the ones that directly involve interaction with the children. They are why I come to work every day! I try really hard to communicate well and often with parents about what we've got going on at school. If you don't really like the automated phone calls, please be aware that you can sign up for texts and/or emails in addition to the phone calls. See someone at the front desk for more information about how to sign up.

Your partner in learning,
Mrs. Hollingsworth

Upcoming Events

September 15, 2015

3rd Grade Curriculum Night – 6PM

September 16, 2015

Visiting Author: Anna Browning

September 17, 2015

4th Grade Curriculum Night – 6PM

September 24, 2015

Kindergarten Curriculum Night – 6PM

September 30, 2015

Yankee Candle Orders Due

October 2, 2015

1 PM – *Early Dismissal*

October 5, 2015

HCS - Mandatory Teacher Workday

October 8, 2015

Fall Festival

October 16, 2015

Spirit Day

October 26 & 27th, 2015

HCS - Optional Teacher Workday



A “Note” from Mrs. Nichols

5th Grade Music Program

“Disney Favorites Too”

October 22, 2015

Show Times: 1:30 and 6:30 PM

**Favorites from Disney Movies like the
summer hit, “Descendents!”**

3rd & 4th Grade Music Program

“Disney Favorites”

November 19, 2015

Show Times: 1:30 & 6:30 PM

**Disney movie songs from: “Tarzan”, “Frozen”
& “The Nightmare Before Christmas”**

We would like to congratulate the **2014-2105 Teacher of the Year, Lisa Cleaveland!** Lisa has guided many little people in their educational journey at our school and shared a love of reading and writing in their lives!

Dates and Events listed in this newsletter are subject to change



PTO News

FALL FESTIVAL

Jonathan Valley Elementary is back in full swing, so is the JVE PTO and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!**
October 8, 2015 * 5:00 – 8:00 PM

October 8th is our Fall Festival coordinated by the JVE PTO. The money raised this one evening brings in the most money for our school – for our classrooms, our teachers and your children. What makes it successful? **YOU!** We need your time volunteering for games, crafts and activities even if it's just for 30 minutes AND we need you to **come and bring your family!** We also need donations for silent auction, cake walk and prizes which will be coordinated by Melody Sutton (mrsjabo@att.net or 734-7996). PTO volunteers, led by PTO Volunteer Coordinators Beth Smith (Mmbeth77@yahoo.com or 734-2597) and Ali Matthews (adismommy41010@gmail.com or 400-4178) will be contacting parents in each class.

Please do all you can to make this year's JVE Fall Festival the best ever!

PTO Balance: \$ 4410.79



Every volunteer receives 8 tickets and is entered in a drawing for a gas card!

Jonathan Valley School Safety Corner CARPOOL

- ✓ Pull up to the far end of the covered walkway in the AM and stay in your car. Staff will assist your child out of the vehicle.
- ✓ All children should be coming into school unattended from carline each AM.
- ✓ Watch for children unloading/loading buses
- ✓ Once the tardy sign is outside you **MUST** park, come in with your child and sign-in
- ✓ If you need to bring items inside, park in a space in the parking lot and come inside to the front desk.
- ✓ Wait for traffic to move (do not pull around other cars & look for people walking)
- ✓ Do not leave wide gaps between vehicles
- ✓ NO checkouts after 2:30 PM
- ✓ Be courteous & respectful

Groceries Can Give Back!

Ingles Tools for Schools – Using your Ingles Advantage Card can help JVE! When you make purchases using The Ingles Advantage™ Card, Ingles will give back to the school a portion of those sales. The portion can be used by the school to purchase computers and school supplies. Cards must be re-linked at the beginning of each school year. Visit Ingles Tools for Schools at: <http://www.ingles-markets.com/toolsforschools>



Box Tops for Education

Make sure you cut out and send into your child's teacher any Box Tops for education labels on your grocery items.

YANKEE CANDLE | FUND-RAISING

Our **Yankee Candle fund-raise** is here! This is our **biggest** "selling" fund-raiser of the school year with **40% of our total sales going directly to classroom technology needs and possibly updating our recreational equipment.**

Last year we sold over \$23,000 of Yankee Candle merchandise with \$9,264 going directly to JVE. Packets have already been sent home with your child and ordering information can be collected with the enclosed forms or online. In addition to these cool prizes from Yankee Candle, we will be awarding **PANTHER PASSES** to the top sellers in each grade (K-5). **These are UNLIMITED PASSES for ALL TICKET ACTIVITIES and NO WAITING IN LINES at the Fall Festival.**

Please return all packets and cash or check payments to your child's teacher by Wednesday, September 30th. Checks need to be made out to JVE PTO. Your child's orders will need to be picked up on October 23rd. **Thank you for selling and supporting our school!**



Want to stay up-to-date on the latest news and events at Jonathan Valley Elementary? Like us on Facebook: PTO Jonathan Valley Elementary

PE News

Field Day 2015 was tons of fun for our students and staff at Jonathan Valley. Special thanks to the JVE PTO, parents and volunteers who helped organize and safely conduct our field day activities for each grade. What a great, active start to our year!

Remember: No sandals or flip flops on PE days. Athletic shoes are best on ALL school days for the different activities we do! It's a safety thing!!!!

What's the Word on the Street? This year students at Jonathan Valley are learning a different vocabulary word every week! Recently our students learned about **humidity**. The school held a contest for fourth and fifth grade students to draw an illustration for three different jokes on **humidity**: Winning artists are 5th graders: Kadie Arrington, Dirk Bizub, and Logan Gaddis. You can see their artwork as you come in the front doors of the school or on our school website. Our current word is **condensation**. Make sure you talk to your child it!

