



Jefferson Primary School
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March News

2019



Greetings from
Mrs. Plesec

*I can't believe it is March already!
We have all accomplished so much
and have a lot of great things still
coming up!*

*Hopefully you saw that Jefferson
has received an Ohio All A Award
and Overall A Award for two
years in a row! I am so proud of
our hardworking staff and
students. They truly are amazing!
Fingers crossed that we finally get
to have our Leadership Notebook
Open house on March 5! We have
the PTO T-Rex trot that is
always fun. Jefferson will also have
2 reviewers coming on March 24
for our Lighthouse Review.*

Ready or not, here is MARCH!

What is a *Leader in Me* Lighthouse School?

Within the education industry, it is common for schools to receive recognition for outstanding achievement. The Lighthouse Certification is a highly-regarded standard set by Franklin Covey that is attainable by every *Leader in Me* school. As it is a significant benchmark, applying for this certification typically occurs four to five years after a school begins the *Leader in Me* process.

The certification is evidence that schools have produced outstanding results in school and student outcomes, by implementing the process with fidelity and excellence. It is also because of the extraordinary impact that the schools may be having on staff, students, parents, and the greater community.

Today, there are more than 300 schools around the world that have earned Lighthouse certification by meeting the following criteria:

[Click here to find out more about Lighthouse Schools](#)

March

IMPORTANT MARCH DATES

- 3/3 PTO Flower Fundraiser right after town hall
- 3/5 Leadership Notebook Open House 6:30-8 and scheduled parent teacher conferences
- 3/6 Mrs. Plesec meets with each class Jr. Lighthouse Team Member after Townhall
- 3/6 T-Rex Trott @ Kohler Center pm 6-8
- 3/10 Townhall moved to the afternoon for Raise the Bar @ 3:00
- 3/11 PTO dine out 5-8 @ BW3's
- 3/12 Pierce's Pals
- 3/16 FCS Board of Education Meeting @ 6:00 at GMS
- 3/17 Please remember to go out and vote!!!**
- 3/17 PTO Flower Sale ends
- 3/17 PTO meeting @ 7:00 at CH
- 3/18 End of 3rd Nine weeks
- 3/19 Two hour delay
- 3/20 Leadership Teams 3:00-3:30
- 3-21 World National Down Syndrome Awareness
- 3/24 **LEADER IN ME LIGHTHOUSE REVIEW**
- 3/26 Pierces Pals
- 3/27 Community Read

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JEFFERSON/CHAMBERLIN HILL PTO

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH // 5PM-8PM

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T-REX TROT

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

The Jefferson/Chamberlin Hill PTO presents the 3rd Annual T-Rex Trot.

This fun, free event encourages an active lifestyle and family fun!

DATE: Friday, March 6

PLACE: UF Koehler Center
(1000 N. Main St.)

TIME: 6:00pm—8:00pm





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2020 – 2021 Kindergarten Registration

Findlay City Schools will begin registering kindergarteners for the 2020 - 2021 school year on February 3rd. All students being enrolled into kindergarten must turn 5 years of age by August 1, 2020.

Washington Preschool Parents - Please complete the kindergarten registration packet that will be sent home through the preschool. Washington Preschool students **do not** need to be signed up for a kindergarten screening time slot. Screenings will be completed at Washington Preschool.

➤ **SCREENING:** Please go to KREG.FCS.ORG to sign up for kindergarten screening. Screenings will be held March 16-17 and March 23-24, 2020. This will only register your student for screening it **will not** enroll your student in kindergarten.

➤ **ENROLLMENT:** Please visit the Welcome Center to register your kindergartener. The Welcome Center is located at **2019 Broad Avenue** in the Great Scot plaza. Office hours are **7:30 – 3:45 p.m.** on school days. (Summer/holiday hours may vary.) Your child does not need to accompany you for enrollment. If you are unsure which building your child will be attending, please call 419-425-8275 or visit the Findlay City Schools Website at <https://fcs.org/transportation/>.

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SHORT NOTES

Heads or tails logic

This brainteaser will encourage your youngster to think logically. Have each family member line up four pennies with heads facing up. The challenge is to turn them all to tails. The catch? Flip over exactly three pennies each time. Who can do it in the fewest number of tries?

A day in the life

What would life be like if your child were a shoe? How about a bicycle? Suggest that he write a diary entry from an object's point of view. Prompt him to imagine and write details about what the shoe or bike would see, hear, feel, and think.

Summer plans

Day camps and other summer programs often fill up fast. If you're looking for one for your child, consider signing up soon. Ask her school about programs—some may be free depending on your income. Also, browse the parks and recreation catalog or website for summer programs that match your youngster's interests.

Worth quoting

"The beautiful thing about learning is nobody can take it away from you."
B. B. King

JUST FOR FUN

Q: What do you get if you cross a porcupine with an alligator?

A: I don't know, but you probably shouldn't hug it.



Standardized test success

Doing well on a standardized test starts way before your child's teacher says, "You may begin." Boost your youngster's confidence and help her do her best with these tips.

Focus on schoolwork

The work habits your child uses all year long are the same ones she'll need on test day. Have her keep a list of what she does well when she does schoolwork, such as double-checking math answers or proofreading her essay. The night before the test, she can give herself a "pep talk" by reviewing her list.

Try a strategy

Let your youngster practice a key test-taking strategy in a stress-free way. Make up imaginary questions like "What is a unicorn's favorite food?" List answer choices, including one that's "right" (A: rainbow sprinkles), one that seems wrong (B: coal), and two that sound possible (C: pasta, D: pizza). While the question isn't real, the strategy is—discard any



obviously wrong answers, then weigh your first instinct against the remaining choices.

Practice keyboarding

If your child will take tests on a computer, help her work on keyboarding. She might type a story she wrote or email a relative, for instance. She'll practice typing, using special keys (shift, enter), and pointing and clicking the mouse on commands (save, send). *Tip:* No computer at home? Head to the library where she can use one for free. ♥

Sports: A winning attitude

Everyone likes winning. Losing? Not so much. Regardless, here are ways your youngster can be a good sport no matter the outcome:

- Cheer each other on when good things happen ("Nice catch!"), and sympathize when they don't ("You'll get the next one!").
- Shift your child's thinking. Instead of focusing on coming in first or scoring the most goals, suggest that he work on beating his personal best.
- When you watch sports together, point out examples of good sportsmanship. Perhaps his favorite basketball player helps an opponent up after a fall. ♥



Learning as a family

Keep your youngster excited about learning by making it a family affair. With these ideas, he'll see that learning is a lifelong journey.

Interview relatives. Your child can learn from relatives who remember living through an event or a time period he's studying in history. The whole family could gather around to hear about a grandparent's experience watching the first moon landing on television.



Give a lesson. Let your child be the teacher! Say he's learning about states of matter in science. He might help you cook and point out that water turns into a gas (steam) when it boils. Or he could make ice pops to demonstrate that water changes to a solid in the freezer.

On the go. Find family outings related to what your child studies. A high school orchestra concert lets him hear more experienced musicians playing instruments he uses in music class. If he's learning ways to protect the environment, consider participating in a local watershed cleanup as a family.♥

PARENT TO PARENT

Money smarts

The first time a relative sent my daughter Lauren a gift card, she spent it right away. It occurred to me that she might find it harder to part with cash than a piece of plastic. So the next time she got a gift card, I traded her bills and coins for it.

Lauren put the money in a jar to keep on her dresser and labeled it with the total. Now when we go to the store, she thinks carefully about whether she wants to dip into her jar for a pack of trading cards or a stuffed emoji. If she does, she can take out the money before our next shopping trip and write the new total on her jar.

So far this strategy is working. Lauren immediately "sees" how much she's spending—and she doesn't want her jar to be empty.♥



ACTIVITY CORNER

Make an engineering lab

Let your child loose in her own engineering "lab" where she can design objects and solve problems as she builds them. Follow these steps.

1. Gather supplies. Help your youngster collect household objects, craft supplies, and recycling bin items to use for engineering projects. *Examples:* rubber bands, balloons, index cards, craft sticks, tape, glue, string, bottles, boxes.

2. Brainstorm projects. Together, list contraptions she might design in her lab. Can she dream up a way to create a balloon-powered boat? Or maybe she has an idea for building a marble maze.

3. Get to work. Encourage your youngster to set up her lab in a corner of the family room, pick a project from her list, and get started.

Idea: Spark new projects and solutions by having her add supplies from time to time, such as bubble wrap or a cut-up pool noodle.♥



Q & A Anxiety in children

Q: I've been hearing about kids being diagnosed with anxiety disorders. My son tends to worry a lot. How can I tell the difference between normal worrying and a serious problem?

A: Some anxiety is just part of everyday life. For example, it's perfectly natural if your child is nervous about giving a speech in class or worries that a friend is angry with him over a disagreement.

With an anxiety disorder, those feelings interfere with daily life. Talk to your son's doctor if you notice any symptoms, which include difficulty sleeping, loss of appetite, unexplained stomachaches or headaches, irritability, trouble concentrating, and avoiding regular activities.

If the doctor suspects an anxiety disorder, your child may be referred to a therapist who will work with him on new ways to react to things that worry him.♥



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