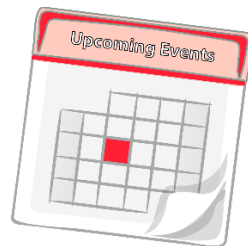


JETSTREAM

A South-Western
City School
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“Providing the keys to unlock the future”

J. C. Sommer Elementary
3055 Kingston Ave., Grove City, Ohio 43123
(614) 801-8350



February Highlights

- 2 - 8:30 Johnson's 1st Friday meeting
- 5 - 23 OELPA Testing
- 9 - Yearbook Picture Day
Children's Theatre
- 12 - 16 PTA Book Fair
- 14 - 16 7:30 AM VIP Breakfast
- 13 - 6:00 PM PTA Meeting
- 19 - President's Day - No school
- 26 - 3/9 PTA Read-a-Thon
- 27 -28 3rd grade IOWA testing
- 27 - 7:00 PM Helping Hands Award
@Brookpark Middle School

March Highlights

- 2 - Johnson's 1st Friday Meeting
- 12-15 2nd grade IOWA testing
- 13 - 6:00 PM PTA Meeting
- 16 - 6:45 PM PTA Movie Night
- 19 - No School- Teacher Work Day
- 20 - 7PM Reflections Awards
@ Pleasant View Middle School
- 22 - Parent/Teacher Conference
6:00 PM Skating Party
- 26-4/3 - Spring Break

As always please check the web site for our most current calendar.

<http://jcses.swcsd.us/>



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE LINE & REMINDERS 614-801-8356

PLEASE call and let us know if your student will be absent. You may call anytime, this is a 24 hour hotline. We need to verify where each student is and your phone call will save us valuable time.

---Please help us stress the importance of being at school every day and being on time. When students are late, they miss important information, work, and routines that put them behind the rest of the day. Being late to school not only puts your child behind, but it disrupts the rest of the classroom. Your help in getting your child to school on time is greatly appreciated.


---Students that wish to eat breakfast at school need to arrive by 8:00 a.m., to assure they have time to eat and are not tardy to class.



Principal's Perspective

It seems like January has flown by and we are now half way through the year! It is amazing to see the growth in your children. They have learned how to navigate our building and continue to build upon their academic and social skills. We are so proud of our students and we know as their parents you share our joy in seeing them grow and mature. Thank you so much for sharing them with us.

On a side note, we have seen an increase in the amount of children that are absent with the flu or strep throat. Please remember, if your child is vomiting or has a fever, we would like them to be fever free and not vomiting for 24 hours before they are sent back to school. These illnesses are very contagious and we really would like to keep sharing the germs to a minimum.

Spring is not too far away. 

Respectfully,

Elaine McLaughlin

The J. C. Way

Be Safe:

Be safe physically and emotionally
Maintain a non-threatening environment
Give put-ups and appreciations
Keep hands and feet to yourself

Be Responsible:

Do what you are supposed to do
Keep on trying
Use self-control
Think before you act
Be accountable for your choices
Clean up after yourself

Be Respectful:

Treat others how you want to be treated
Accept differences
Use good manners
Be considerate of the feelings of others
Deal peacefully with anger

Be Honest:

Be honest with self and others
Do what you'll say and you'll do
Have the courage to do the right thing
Take ownership of actions and words

Be Caring:

Be kind
Be compassionate and show you care
Express gratitude
Forgive others
Help people in need
Strive for growth
Always try your best
Ask questions
Make all you do worthy of pride
Continually working on your challenge areas
Move forward academically and socially

Jet Pack Members

Recognizing the efforts and achievements of students is important to all of us at J.C. Sommer Elementary. Noticing positive and constructive behaviors helps to reinforce these actions and encourages children to strive to meet their academic and social goals. This year teachers and staff in our school will be recognizing students who have done something commendable by sending Jet Mail to these students and their families. Families will receive a Jet Letter announcing the occasion and students will receive a certificate naming a particular behavior or accomplishment that the adult believes is noteworthy. We encourage families to celebrate this event with their children in some special way and to continue to support our students in all the ways that they are striving for growth here at J.C. Sommer. Below you will see the names of our most recent Jet Pack Honorees for the end of November, December, and January.

Zach Adams
Kason Ash
Julia Weber
Arianna Mason
Chloe Mays
Lainey Simecek
Eli Linn
Mia Buckland
Nicholas Pennington
Preston Moody
Elizabeth Bussard
Danica Ocheltree
Ian Ferguson
Trace Price
Payton Hawthorne
Cyrus Speegle
Austin Stephenson
Kylee McConnell
Vicky Thompson
Tayanna Daniels
Meia Vasquez
Addison Phillips
Adalyn Swackhamer
Evan Stotts
Julie Jarvis
Sylvia Heiby
Elizabeth Bussard
Kenzie Holstrom

Emma Piscura
Rylan Floyd
Bradley Gunn
Myrical Treece
Kiera Pennington
Bryce Pennington
Logan Rice
Zachary Longfellow
Carter Hansen
Chloe Dingess
Kylie Willis
Ava Wilkinson
Madison Butler
McKenna Miller
Noah Mastilik
Cameron Garza
Rachael Roose
Mason Buck
JT Boyce
Lilly Francis
Zahirrah Bowden
Braxton Brennett
Mason Kincaid
Elizabeth Lee
Madison Malone
Taylor Johnson
Jasmine Watters
Lauren Roose

Anas Farah
Harley Clark
Levi Pinkerman
Rachel Elder
Maria McAndrews
Dominic Goodman
Molly Harden
Kameron Ruth
Adelyn Whitaker
Brock Pack
Ella Wemlinger
Lauren Roose
Lucas Topping
Lexi Antry
Ashley Delk
Cooper Sayre
Emma Antry
Caleb Baker
Shay Jackson
Shya Blankenship
Nivaya Boes
Andrew Mihely
Maci Williams
Parker Kendall
Erin Swartzmiller
Phedias Chekkal
Ashley Delk
Jacob Robinson

Jet Pack Members (continued)

Keelee Fagan
CeCe Rodriguez
Matthew Hursey
Olivia Crow
Olivia Sneznik
Layne Parker

Brock Pack
Diesel Lotz
Reagan Bradhurst
Fred Belle
Ashlynn Bolt
Kara Sauls

Kaitlyn Clark
Cayla Moody
Elizabeth Bussard
Neveah Paul
Laurian Joreski

Student Council

Student Council sponsors many events throughout the year. In February they hold dress-up days, every Friday. See below for the information and days:

Feb. 2, Pajama Day, no slippers, PLEASE

Feb. 9, When I grow up I want to be...dress like what you want to be when you grow up

Feb. 16, Twin Day, Dress like a friend

Feb. 23, Fancy Friday, Wear dressy clothing for the final Friday!

Thanks always to the Student Council members who work very hard as our Care Crew members!!!!

PTA Information

Yearbook Artwork Winners for J.C. Sommer 2017-2018

1st Place Overall winner for the Front Cover of the Yearbook

Rylee Wells - 4th grade, Mrs. Colburn's class

Grade Level Winners for the Back Cover

Kindergarten - Matthew Shenk, Miss Broecker's class

1st grade - Taylor Lloyd, Mr. Kimmel's class

2nd grade - Ella Robinson, Mrs. Carmichael's class

3rd grade - Cary Brown, Mrs. Johnson's class

2nd and 3rd place winners for each grade level featured throughout the yearbook

4th grade - Joselyn Beckley and Rylee Harlor,

3rd grade - Julie Jarvis and Brynne Shoaf

2nd grade - Braden Hollingsworth and Vanessa Bernholtz

1st grade - Addison Menke and Cooper Smith

Kindergarten - Dominic Austin and Alexander Wemlinger

The Reflections Art Program is sponsored by our PTA. Angie Wemlinger put together all the entries for JCS this year. Angie said J.C Sommer had a large presences this year with almost 60 entries. The following students had their art work chosen and displayed for the community.

Rachel Elder

Ellie Hopkins

Taylor Lloyd

Myrical Treece

Amber Brofford

Lucy Macklin

Jacob Saxton

Regan Bradhurst

Julianne Jarvis

Addison Scott

Mady Brockmeyer

Vande Holser

Gavin Ryan

Nathaniel Yates

Charlotte Biddle

Abigail Forbes

Matthew Shen

James Fuller

Kenan Jalaq

Emerson Phillips

Gabriella Adams

Braden Hollingsworth

Cayla Moody

Keigan Temke

Danielle Hamilton

Sophia Johnson

Aaron Shenk

Drew Buckland

Abbie Light

Leila Todd

Dominic Austin

Kinleigh Burgess

Narmeen Jallaq

Cash Stormont

Ella Hansen

Tyler Leffler

Nolan Tran

Kami Adkins

Coley Kirchner

Ravyn Sanders

Ryder Anderson

Ava Hammond

Trace Price

Ella Wemlinger

Reagan Dougherty

Grant Radcliff

Colby Yates

Sophia Ball

Joseph Cline

Maddox Roth

Alexandra Wemlinger

Katerina Nelson
Vincent Agriesti
Matthew Steiner

Maggie Asbury
Brooklyn Cress
Madeline Brockmeyer

Emily Anderson
Dalin Thai

The students below had their art work chosen as State Qualifiers:

Primary Division - Dalin Thai, Kindergarten, 2nd place visual arts
Maggie Asbury, 2nd grade, 2nd place photography
Intermediate Division - Madelyn Brockmeyer, 4th grade,
1st place in music

Non-State qualifier but placed:

Gabriella Adams, 2nd grade, was voted "PEOPLE'S CHOICE" and placed 6th

PTA Read-A-Thon

PTA will be sponsoring a Read-A-Thon February 26 thru March 9. Watch your child's backpack for more information.

Thanks to all of our PTA volunteers who make the Book Fair, Movie Nights, Mother/Son, Father/Daughter events, Kids Invite Someone Special Events, and all the other events go off without a hitch. The programs that are offered at our school would not be possible without the wonderful volunteers!!! If you missed the opportunity to volunteer there are many more opportunities. Thanks to all of YOU from the Students and Staff!!!!

Remember, to check the calendar for upcoming PTA events.

Kroger Community Rewards Program

Looking for a way to help PTA make some money without using yours? Please consider joining the Kroger Rewards Program. The number assigned to JCS is 93748! Below you will find instructions on how to sign up. Thanks for your consideration.

TO USE THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM:

- Simply encourage your members to register online at krogercommunityrewards.com
- Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with your organization after you sign up.
- If a member does not yet have a Kroger Plus card, please let them know that they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.
- Click on Sign In/Register
- Most participants are new online customers, so they must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box.
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter NPO number or name of organization, select organization from list and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.
- REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your group until after your member(s) register their card(s).
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call [877-576-7587](tel:877-576-7587) to get your Kroger Plus card number.
- Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.

It was super easy to set up! I already linked my card to the account. Thanks!!

GIANT EAGLE

Shop. Scan. Support our School. Apples for the Students started again on October 1. This program is a great way for our school to earn funds for our schools overall educational needs. Is your Giant Eagle Advantage Card registered? Now's the time to check. All you need is our school code 5678 to verify a card or register a new card.

1. Visit www.gianteagle.com/AFTS.
2. Enter your Giant Eagle Advantage Card number (which appears under the bar code)»
3. Enter the school code. 5678
4. Done! Please encourage your extended family and friends to register too.

Parking Lot Issues and Reminders

PLEASE remember these simple rules so everyone can get through the lot **SAFELY** and **QUICKLY**

In the **MORNING**-----

1. DO NOT GET out of your car, this causes backup in traffic flow. If you need to get out of your car please park in the lot.
2. While you are waiting in the line, please use that time to have your child gather their things and say your good byes so when it is your turn your child is ready to exit the car. For your child's safety HAVE YOUR CHILD EXIT ON THE CURB SIDE OF THE CAR.
3. Pull up as far as possible so other children can get out of their vehicles and the line continues to move. PLEASE FOLLOW DIRECTIONS FROM STAFF MEMBERS DIRECTING TRAFFIC.

In the **AFTERNOON**-----

1. DO NOT GET out of your car, this causes backup in traffic flow.
2. Please have your child's name in the window of your vehicle, this helps in having your child ready when you pull up.

KINGSTON AVENUE is NOT a drop off point for car riders or walkers. It is for bus drop off only! We have seen children dropped off and run across the street between cars and buses. Please consider the safety of your child and everyone else's children.

Pay-PAMS (Reminder)

Pre-Pay for Your Child's School Meals

- Pay for your child's meals via Internet or Telephone from the convenience of home of the office 24/7
- View your child's meal account balance
- Schedule automatic payments based on account balance
- receive low balance e-mail reminders
- View a report of daily spending and cafeteria purchases

There is now a [PayPAMS](#) Mobile App available to parents. This convenient app provides parents with the last three payment on account. Parents can also personalize the app by adding student pictures.

The [PayPAMS](#) app is free for parents.

To download the app: Search for "[PayPAMS](#)" on your smart phone.

Log in with the same user name and password as you do on www.PAYPAMS.com.

Changing Weather

A quick reminder that with the changing weather, we will go outside for recess if the temperature is above 20 degrees. Please dress your children appropriately.

Inclement Weather & Calamity Days

We understand that the decision to keep schools open or close them in bad weather has a big impact on our families and staff. We also know that our students are better served - both academically and socially - by being in school. Please know that the safety of our students and staff is always our top priority in any decision of this sort.

WHO MAKES THE DECISION?

The superintendent of schools is responsible for the final decision, based on the factors listed below and recommendations from key staff members.

WHEN IS THE DECISION MADE?

We make every effort to make our decision by 5:30 a.m. or earlier so we can notify radio and TV stations and post the decision on our Web site (www.swcsd.us), Facebook and Twitter. If we wait longer to announce a closing, our buses are already on the road and many parents will have already left for work, leaving their children at home unsupervised.

HOW ARE PARENTS AND THE PUBLIC NOTIFIED?

Parents will receive a telephone call and/or e-mail through our parent notification system when the decision is made to close school. Please make sure your emergency contact information is up-to-date through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal (Contact Preferences) to receive your notification.

We will also continue to notify the media of all school closings. Parents can check our Web site for closing information (www.swcsd.us) and/or sign up for Facebook or Twitter notification through the

Web site. Many of our local television stations have immediate notifications that can be sent to your e-mail, cell phone or home phone.

Given the fact we have approximately 20,685 students, we ask that you not call the school or the district offices, unless it is an emergency.

HOW DO WE MAKE OUR DECISION?

The decision to keep schools open or close schools in bad weather is based on a careful analysis of various factors including:

Information on road conditions from the transportation staff and local police departments. Careful consideration is given to the most dangerous roads and intersections in the district. Your street may look clear, but travel elsewhere in the district may be very dangerous. The opposite is also true.

The amount of snow and ice that has accumulated.

Whether the conditions are worsening or improving.

Building conditions such as whether the buildings have electricity, heat and water.

Parking lot and sidewalk conditions. We keep in constant contact with our maintenance and custodial staff to make sure our school locations can be safely cleared.

Temperature and wind chill. We do not publish a specific temperature or wind chill at which schools will be closed as different sources can report different air temperatures. In most cases, schools can remain open even when air temperatures fall below zero.

Weather predictions. We prefer not to make our decisions based upon weather predictions, which are not always accurate. Sometimes, this is unavoidable due to the nature of the weather in our part of the state. What other area school districts are doing. We share information with other local school districts and check their status. This does not mean that South-Western Schools will automatically be closed if Columbus City Schools are closed.

WILL WE HAVE A TWO-HOUR DELAY?

The district has studied a two-hour delay as part of the decision to keep school open or to close. As we studied this option we involved a variety of staff, community, and parents. Based upon the vast differences in the 119-square mile geographic areas of the district, it was determined that in those rare cases when a two-hour delay would be an option it would be more appropriate to close school for that day. Part of this reasoning is based upon those situations in which a two-hour delay would eventually become a school closing. Students may be left without child care, care givers outside the district may not be appropriately prepared for the change, a student may be left at a bus stop for an extended period of time waiting for a bus, or an individual may not receive word of the change.

At this time, the district has determined that it will make the decision to stay open or to close based upon the conditions that exist first thing in the morning. While this could ultimately close school for

an additional day, we believe that it is safer for students and staff than the alternative. Therefore, at this time, the district will not use a two-hour delay as an option.

WILL SWCSD CLOSE SCHOOL IF CONDITIONS WORSEN?

Please remember that for the safety of our students and staff, we cannot reverse an early morning decision to keep schools open - even if weather conditions worsen. This could endanger many of our students as our parents rely on the information and leave for work.

If we close schools early and send students home, many return to unsupervised bus stops and empty houses. While we make every attempt to avoid early dismissal, if conditions worsen during the day or we lose power and/or heat, we may be forced to close school early, dismissing the high school students first. In the event of such a decision, we will notify parents through our Parent Notification System of the change. We also urge you to pay close attention to local radio and television stations, and Web sites for timely updates. Students will not be able to use school telephones to make arrangements, so please have an emergency back-up plan in place in the event of an unexpected dismissal.

Please know that we do our best to keep our students and staff safe during inclement weather. There is no perfect decision for everyone. We hope this explanation helps everyone understand the process that our staff members and superintendent use to make the safest possible decision for everyone.

Television Stations

WCMH (NBC-4)	www.nbc4i.com (text and e-mail alerts available through sign up)
WSYX (ABC-6) Sign up)	www.abc6onyourside.com (text message alerts available through
WTTE (Fox-28)	www.myfox28columbus.com (text alerts available through sign up)
WBNS (Channel 10)	www.10tv.com (e-mail alerts available through sign up)
ONN (Ohio News Now)	www.ohionewsnow.com (e-mail alerts available through sign

Web sites

www.swcsd.us

www.dispatch.com

www.thisweeknews.com

www.columbusmessenger.com

Social Media sites

Facebook: www.facebook.com/swcsd

Twitter: @SWCSD

TALKING TO STRANGERS

It's that time of year again! Cool weather signals the time when people tend to offer children shelter from the cold and it also means it's time to remind our children of various safety issues.

Please take time to talk with your child about strangers and dangerous situations. A good rule of thumb to reinforce is: Say No, Go, Yell and Tell. If your child feels they are in a dangerous situation, they should say no, run away, yell as loud as they can, and tell an adult.

Children need to know that strangers can be men or women, young or old. They can have any color skin. Some are tall and some are short, some are thin some are heavy. Some strangers can speak different languages. Most strangers are nice, but some strangers are mean. Because you don't know if someone is a good stranger or a bad one you should not take to anyone you don't know.

Here are some rules for staying safe that you can share with your child:

1. Never take rides from strangers. A stranger may offer you a ride or stop you to ask a question. They may even call you by name. That can be a trick. No matter what a stranger says, never go near a stranger's car.
2. Never take gifts from strangers. A stranger might offer you a gift. Never take gifts or candy, food or drinks from any stranger.
3. Always go straight home after school. Hanging around on the playground or at the bus stop are unsafe practices and could result in a dangerous situation.
4. Always let your parents know where you are. When playing away from home, let your parents know where you are. Never play in deserted areas and always stay in groups and don't take shortcuts through wooded areas.
5. Always get help if there is trouble. If you are grabbed or touched by a stranger, run and scream and tell your parents or another adult right away. If you see a stranger grab a friend or someone approaches you, remember as much as you can about what that stranger looks like. If the stranger is in a car, write down the license plate number of the car and remember the color and type of car. Know safe places you can go like a police or fire station.
6. Never open the door to a stranger. If you are playing at home alone and someone knocks at the door or rings the doorbell, never open the door to someone you do not know.

7. Never tell anyone of the phone you are home alone.
 8. Avoid walking anywhere alone. Use the buddy system.
- Web site resources:

Nation Crime Prevention Council www.mcgruff.org