

## February 23rd Announcements

Good evening, Giraffe Nation. This is Mr. W, Principal of Jesse Wharton Elementary School, with some important announcements for the upcoming week.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Awards Day is scheduled for Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at the following times:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Awards 7:45am
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards 9am
- Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Awards 10am
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards 11am

We want to congratulate our **Battle of the Books Team**, students and coaches, for doing a wonderful job representing Giraffe Nation on Friday!



5<sup>th</sup> Grade Families, your student should be receiving information from Mrs. Denny about **Middle School Registration**. The Middle School Registration window opens on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. All Jesse Wharton 5<sup>th</sup> Graders will complete the registration with Mrs. Denny during their specials class. Please spend some time discussing those options beforehand with your students, so they are prepared to complete the registration in class. If you have any questions about the Middle School Registration process, please reach out to Mrs. Denny. Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Information night at Mendenhall Middle will be on February 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30pm. Chick-Fil-A will be served on a first come, first serve basis! Flyer, letter, and information is attached!

**Kindergarten Kickoff for the 2025/2026** school year is quickly approaching. If you have friends, neighbors or family members who have a child that will be five years old on or before August 31<sup>st</sup> they are eligible to start Kindergarten in the fall. The Kindergarten Registration will begin in SchoolMint of Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Jesse Wharton will also be holding a Kindergarten Information night on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. We will also be offering school tours on Tuesday, March 11 at 12pm and Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 8am. We look forward to welcoming our new and incoming Jesse Wharton kindergarten students in the next couple of weeks.

**Read Across America Week** is coming up the first week of March!! Along with reading and logging minutes in the Beanstack app, we encourage our students to participate in the events each day! See the attached flyer for more information!

The **PTA Boosterthon** is quickly approaching! Stay tuned this week for special communication on how you can get signed up early to get started! The PTA has set a goal of raising \$40,000 this year!! The official kickoff assemblies will be on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars as our students will participate in the Fun Run on March 20<sup>th</sup>!

If your 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grader is interested in participating in **Jesse Wharton's Run Club** please click here for the registration page: <https://jwes.givebacks.com/store/items/1151331>

Parents and families, just a few reminders about our morning arrival and drop-off procedures. First, we encourage all our students at this point in the school year to get dropped off in our car rider line and independently enter the



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building in the morning. However, if you choose to park in the main parking lot and have your child walk to the building, for their safety students need to be accompanied by an adult to cross the car rider line. Students should not be walking alone from a parking spot, across the car rider traffic and into the building. For the safety of our students, drop off in the bus circle is only for buses and students with disabilities or special permission. Finally, after 7:30am please pull into the bus circle to drop your student off at the office door so they can get checked in.

Please be sure to see the attached flyer about information to purchase the **Jesse Wharton Yearbook!**

AG Newsletter for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grading Period [AGNEWSLETTER3](#)

Check out the **PTA February Newsletter!** <https://jwes.givebacks.com/sends/76b53680-834c-4d91-b0f9-61c0f9acf3d9/view>

**PTA On-Demand Spiritwear store is now open.** The store will be available for students and families throughout the year so you can make purchases which will be shipped directly to your address. <https://spirithero.com/collections/jesse-3?page=2>

### Save the Dates and Events:

- Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> – Battle of the Books competition
- Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten Registration opens in SchoolMint for 2025/2026 School Year
- Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> – Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Information Night at Mendenhall Middle 5:30-6:30pm
- Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Interim Progress Reports go home
- Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Awards Day
- Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> – PTA Spirit Day and PTA Spirit Night at the Swarm Game!
- Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> – Rising Kindergarten Information Night 5:30pm Media Center
- Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – PTA Spirit Night at Habit Burger 4-8pm

Thank you, have a great evening!

### Quick Links

- Jesse Wharton Website: [Jesse Wharton Elementary School / Homepage \(gcsnc.com\)](https://www.gcsnc.com/jesse-wharton)
- Jesse Wharton Elementary PTA Website: <https://jwes.givebacks.com/>
- Bus Transportation Request Link [Transportation 2022-2023 Version 14.0 \(perfectforms.com\)](#)
- School Cash Online Link: [SchoolCashOnline.com: Welcome](#)
- Volunteer Registration Link: [GCS Volunteer Registration Login \(gcsvolunteers.com\)](#)



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