

January 5th Announcements

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

Happy New Year to all! I hope all our students and families have had a wonderful winter break!

A reminder that students return to school tomorrow, Monday, January 6th!!

Please help me welcome Mrs. Antonette Sykes to Giraffe Nation! Mrs. Sykes will be replacing Mrs. Kansara as our school's data manager, so when you are in and out of the office please help her feel welcome here at Jesse Wharton.

Please see the attached **GCS Winter Break reading challenge** information. We encourage our students to read for 30 minutes a day during the winter break and log your minutes in the BeanStack app. Students who complete a reading log will receive complimentary tickets to a UNCG basketball game and JW will be giving Tower points for some of our students as well!

Checkout the **PTA December Newsletter!** <https://jwes.givebacks.com/sends/c3f72998-58d1-40dd-953d-ba5809818432/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:

- Monday, January 6th- First Day back for Students after Winter Break
- Thursday, January 9th – 5th Grade ELA Benchmark IA#2
- Monday, January 13th – 2nd Grade CogAt Testing Begins
- Monday, January 13th – PTA Spirit Night at Chipotle Battleground Location 4-8pm
- Thursday, January 16th – 3rd & 4th Grade ELA Benchmark IA#2
- Monday, January 20th – Martin Luther King Holiday School & Office Closed
- Wednesday, January 22nd – Class and Group Pictures by Strawbridge
- Thursday, January 23rd – 3rd and 4th Grade Math Benchmark IA#2
- Friday, January 24th – End of the 2nd Grading Period
- Monday, January 27th – Teacher Workday No School for Students
- Tuesday, January 28th – NWEA Growth Map Winter Reading Assessment K-5
- Wednesday, January 29th – 5th Grade Science Benchmark IA#2
- Thursday, January 30th – NWEA Growth Map Winter Math Assessment K-5

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 \(perfectforms.com\)](https://www.perfectforms.com/transportation-2022-2023-version-14.0)
- School Cash Online Link: [SchoolCashOnline.com: Welcome](https://www.schoolcashonline.com/welcome)
- Volunteer Registration Link: [GCS Volunteer Registration Login \(gcsvolunteers.com\)](https://www.gcsvolunteers.com/login)



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