



CHARLESTON

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ONE-TO-ONE

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A Newsletter for the Charleston School Community

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE PUTTING FIRST THINGS FIRST



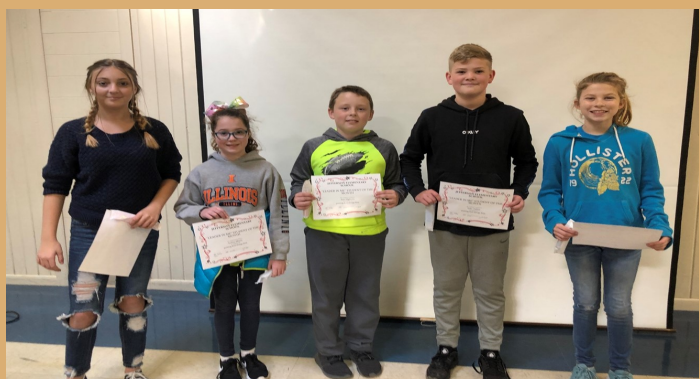
4th Grade Leader in Me – First Things First (Left to Right)

Lily Thomas, Lauren Wahls, Cooper Clarke, Jack Sharp, Lainie Keefer, Braxton Floyd, Blaine Taylor-Lutz



5th Grade Leader in Me – First Things First (Left to Right)

Mr. Ulm, Shacorie Jones, Jadyn Koester, Taylor Hein, Meredith Harvey, Haya Abou-Zaid, Autumn Carson, Madi Entrican, Ava Lozano, Mr. Williams



6th Grade Leader in Me – First Things First (Left to Right)

Audrey Villalobos, Audrey Morris, Sam Slightom, Tyler Oakley & Cambree Kile (not pictured: Alyssa Johnson, Ashlyn Reedy, & Logan McPeak)

The Leader in Me

Jefferson Elementary School recently recognized students for demonstrating the *Leader in Me* Habit #3: Put First Things First.

The habit of the month is announced at the beginning of the month.

Teachers are given a form to nominate a student from their homeroom who has displayed the characteristics from the habit of the month.

Each month, students are recognized at an assembly during their lunch times.

Qualities shown by the nominated students include the following:

Organized leaders are efficient. They are able to do more with their time because they are organized.

Sometimes, it can feel like we have many things to do. Leaders prioritize and do the most important things first.

To put first things first, you have to say no sometimes. When you say no to less important things, this allows you to say yes to your most important things.

One-to-One is a district newsletter about various Charleston CUSD #1 happenings. Student and staff highlights are submitted by school staff. Proud to serve our school community, we welcome your good news at tjvil@charleston.k12.il.us.

CURRICULUM CORNER

Kristen Holly, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services

The Competency Based Education (CBE) pilot is moving along very well! The teachers who are piloting CBE report that their students are more engaged, motivated, and growth-goal oriented. Pilot teachers have opened up their classrooms for the other pilot teachers to observe and give feedback. They have enjoyed these times to learn and grow together. Beginning in February, building administrators, leadership team members, and teachers will observe pilot classrooms. These 23 teachers are leading the way for the rest of the district, and we are all so grateful for their efforts!

We are hosting informational sessions for parents to learn more about Competency Based Education in January and February. We will provide a general overview and an opportunity to ask questions and hear from teachers and students. There is a session scheduled for each school, so parents will have multiple options for when/where to attend.

Elementary math teachers are piloting two programs this semester, *Eureka Math* and *Into Math*. They have received all of their materials and time for professional development. They will immerse themselves in these two programs, invite colleagues to observe, and openly share strengths and weaknesses of each. The goal is to recommend one of these programs to our Elementary Curriculum Council by April 2020.

Each school is in the process of developing Action Teams, as part of the *Leader in Me* implementation process. School Lighthouse Coordinators are working closely with our district facilitators to plan next steps. Each school will develop unique plans for increasing student leadership opportunities and for consistently reinforcing the 7 Habits.

MONEY MATTERS

Chad Burgett, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services

Upcoming Facilities Projects

The district's Facilities Committee met on January 8, 2020 to review a list of proposed facilities projects for the spring and summer of 2020. After the review, the list of projects submitted to the Board of Education were approved at the January 15, 2020 Board of Education meeting. Each school in the district will have a facilities need addressed. Some of the larger projects range from a partial roof replacement at Charleston Middle School, tuck pointing at Jefferson Elementary and Charleston High School, and replacing parking lots and the bus lane at Mark Twain Elementary. In all, the proposed projects would total \$1,332,601. Revenues from the County Schools Facilities Tax will cover the cost of the projects. Once we receive the bids for the proposed projects, we can then better determine the actual number of projects the district can pursue in the spring and summer. Expect to see photos and updates on the progress of the projects posted on Facebook this spring and summer.

Did you know?



To coincide with our February 7 "go live" date for new district and school websites, we are introducing a new district motto: **LEARNING AND LEADING EVERY DAY**. It's an easy-to-remember statement that aligns with our *Leader in Me* work, while capturing the essence of our first focus: learning. We believe that everyone can learn and apply something new every day that will help them build upon prior learning and springboard them into accomplishing their life's goals. We also believe that everyone can be a leader by intentionally leading one's own life and working well with and encouraging the greatness in others every day. That's the Trojan Way.

SCHOOL SCOOP

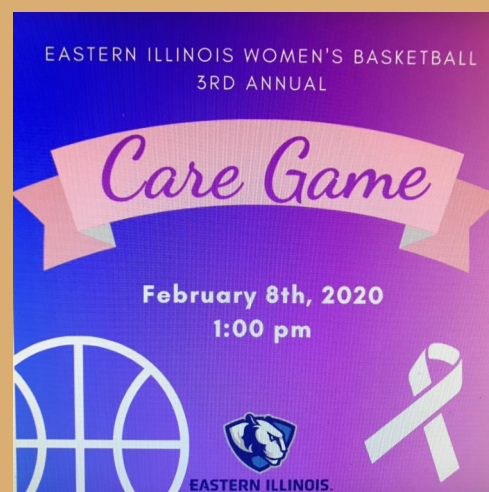
CHARLESTON SCHOOLS SUPPORT THE EIU CARE GAME!



Students at Carl Sandburg are fired up about the EIU Care Game. All of the money raised goes to local families impacted by cancer. Donations can be made to any of the Charleston Elementary Schools. Classrooms in each building are competing to see who can raise the most money. We also have a competition going on between the Mattoon and Charleston Elementary Schools. The Care Game is set for February 8, 2020. See the video links below for more information.

<https://youtu.be/b0HLYzNQM2g>

EIU Care Game 2.0



EDUCATOR EMPHASIS

MARK TWAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEW STAFF



(Left to Right): Ms. Dennis, Ms. Arvidson, Ms. Garcia, Mrs. Ready and Mrs. Zigler

Mark Twain has been lucky to have five new kindergarten teachers this year. Ms. Garcia, Mrs. Ready and Mrs. Zigler are in their first year of teaching. Ms. Arvidson is in her 5th year of teaching, and Ms. Dennis is in her 6th year of teaching. These teachers have brought many new and fresh ideas to our school and have been a great addition to our already wonderful staff. We are grateful that they are all part of the Mark Twain family!

LEARNING AND LEADING EVERY DAY

BOARD BRIEF

Our Board of Education welcomes recently employed staff at CUSD #1

Jena Borah	Title I Teacher	JES (01/16/20)
Crystal Dagerhardt	Paraprofessional	CHS (01/06/20)
Jeff Marlo	Assistant Principal	JES (2020-2021)
Bea Sawyer	Paraprofessional	MTE (01/06/20)
Mary Stanley	Paraprofessional	MTE (01/16/20)
Tiffany Taylor	Paraprofessional	CMS (12/19/19)



From left to right: Susan Daniels (Secretary), Scott Clarke (Vice President), Eva Ritchey, Charles Jarrell (Treasurer), Matt Titus, Brian Gough, Jason Coe (President)

For more information about our Board of Education, please visit <http://www.charleston.k12.il.us/board/index.asp>

Coming Up....

Jan. 31	2 hour early dismissal
Feb. 14	2 hour early dismissal
Feb. 17	Presidents' Day (no school)
Feb. 28	2 hour early dismissal
Mar. 16-20	Spring break (no school)
Mar. 27	1/2 day attendance (P/T Conf.)
Apr. 10	Good Friday (no school)
Apr. 13	Easter break (no school)

TECH TIDBITS

Kyle Perry & the District Technology Team

Protect yourself and make sure your home devices are up to date:

After January 14, 2020, PCs running Windows 7 no longer receive security updates. Therefore, it's important that you upgrade to a modern operating system such as Windows 10, which can provide the latest security updates to help keep you and your data safer. In addition, Microsoft customer service is no longer available to provide Windows 7 technical support.

Link to source:

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/4057281/windows-7-support-ended-on-january-14-2020>

shorter address:

<https://bit.ly/35Yy31D>

Already have Windows 10? Make sure its updated and patched.

Microsoft January 2020 Patch Tuesday fixes 49 security bugs (Jan 14 2020)

Source:

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/microsoft-january-2020-patch-tuesday-fixes-49-security-bugs>

Shorter address:

<https://zd.net/2FXv12Y>

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