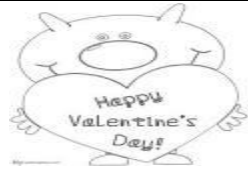


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February 2	PTO Meeting
February 16.....	Shoe's Pizza Night
February 17.....	No School
February 20.....	No School
February 21.....	Popcorn Day
February 23.....	Math Bowl
February 24.....	Movie Night
February 27....	ISTEP Applied Skills 3-5 begins

Valentine's Day

On Tuesday, February 14th your child may bring Valentine cards to pass out to his or her class. Please make sure that the Valentine cards are filled out prior to coming to school that day. Please do not send any candy or food with the Valentine cards. The candy or food will be returned to you. You may send in non-edible treats such as: pencils, erasers, or small kid friendly objects. If you do not want your child to participate in Valentine's Day activities please contact the classroom teacher via dojo, email, or phone.

ISTEP Time

The Spring ISTEP is right around the corner! The first test window is February 27 – March 10, and the second test window is April 17– May 5. It is most important that all 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are in school on these dates. Please plan ahead and avoid scheduling any appointments for students during those times. More information in the coming weeks will be sent out about ISTEP.

PTO News

PTO has some great things coming up. We have TJE Movie Night February 24th. Look for information in your student's school folders after President's weekend. We are also excited to offer an ISTEP t-shirts for parents. This shirt is the same one your student's teacher and TJE staff will wear during ISTEP. It's another way to get our kids' spirits high for this stressful testing period. Parents and teachers working together to help kids is always a great thing. The shirts are short-sleeved and beige and say "You're a Smart Cookie! Take a bite out of the test!" If you would like to order an ISTEP t-shirt, they are \$10, and you can request an order form from your child's teacher or Mrs. Kickbush in the front office. At this time, we will not have these available for students. Finally, look for some Sign Up Genius emails coming. The spring is packed with fun things that require a lot of volunteers. We couldn't do what we do without you. Please, remember to go to Schoolstore.com when shopping online. Our school will receive a percentage back from sites like Target, Walmart, and Barnes and Noble.

First Grade News

The Fantastic First Graders want to send a special Thank You to Mrs. Snoddy! She came in and took photographs of all of the first graders for our writing project! The photographs are amazing and the students did a terrific job writing about them. We titled our project THE BEST PART OF ME. It is a spin off from the book, "The Best Part of Me" by Wendy Ewald. If you are in the building please come down to the first grade section and check out our project!

February 16, 2017 is Shoe's Pizza Day!

Plan on eating at Shoe's Pizzeria on February 16 for the 7th Annual Shoe's Pizza Night fundraiser. 10% of the sales will go back to TJE. All the Valparaiso elementary schools are participating in this event. Whichever school has the highest percentage of sales (based on school size) will receive 20% back as the winner of the contest. Let's show our school spirit and eat at Shoe's! Be looking for the flier in your child's take home folder that week.

Cash for Trash

Congratulations to Mrs. Kosek's second grade class on being the first semester winners! The classroom was given 3 new board games for their prize. In second place was Mrs. Balash's third grade class and in third was Mrs. Redmond's kindergarten class. Remember, second semester starts a new contest, so clip those labels, save those used ink cartridges and send them in! Good luck!

TJE Digital Citizenship

TJE has begun the process to become a Digital Citizenship Certified School. Mrs. Redmond and Mrs. Jones are in the process of becoming Digital Citizenship Certified Educators. A Digital Citizen is someone who knows how to harness the power of technology safely, responsibly, and respectfully. Please visit CommonSenseMedia.org to learn more about digital citizenship. Take a moment to visit <https://goo.gl/bDO6r5> to learn how you can use media to teach your children valuable character traits and life skills.

2016-2017 TJE Yearbooks on Sale

Yearbooks are currently on-sale until February 17th. Make sure to get your copy.

Math Bowl Team

Congratulations to the following students who will make up TJE's 2016 Math Bowl Team.

Mia Balash
Ralph Bonvissuto
Andrew Christman
Aniyah Edwards
Chrystal Hernes
Karissa Kasper
Hannah Kotvasz
Owen Lashenik
Nathan Mallory
Raymond Nguyen
Emmanuel Ortiz
Amari Samuels
Delaney Schlesinger

TJE will be competing against the other seven Valparaiso schools on February 23rd at VHS at 6:00 pm. TJE's Math Bowl team is being coached by Mr. Hellmers & Mr. Balash.

