



# NJ-SP Bluejay Express

Julie Berndt, Principal  
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## Preparing Today's Youth for Tomorrow's Opportunities

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### **NJ-SP Elementary School Vision**

Building a foundation and fostering opportunities for growth,  
So students can graduate college and career ready.

### **NJ-SP School Purpose**

Preparing Today's Youth for Tomorrow's Opportunities

### **NJ-SP School Direction**

Teaching students to be responsible, respectful, caring achievers through the Bluejay Way.

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### **A Note From The Principal:**

We started our month with the North Judson Fire Department visiting us with their Fire Trucks the first week of October. This is always an exciting day for the students to learn about fire safety and look at the fire trucks. Check out our North Judson-San Pierre Elementary Facebook page for current events in our classrooms. We share pictures and information of many of the learning activities in our classrooms. Due to our increased Kindergarten enrollment at the beginning of the school year, we have added a fourth Kindergarten section. We are happy to welcome Mrs. Toni Pradke to our Bluejay Nest.

The third grade is going on a field trip on November 2 to the Jasper-Pulaski Wildlife Refuge to observe and learn about the Sandhill Cranes and their famous migration. 3 guest speakers will teach us about the cranes and their migratory route. Students will use binoculars to observe the cranes from the top of the tower. This is an annual field trip. We are excited to hear about their adventures on their upcoming field trip.

**WOW!** There were over 80 Fall Activity papers that were returned to Mrs. Ingram! She read every single creative one. Congratulations to Mrs. Christensen's class for returning the most activity papers! Mrs. Ingram will stop by their room with an extra prize for those who participated.

Thank you to everyone that collected and turned in Box Tops. We collected 5,363 Box Tops. That is amazing! Mrs. Ridley's class won the donut party. They collected 568 Box Tops. Our next Box Top collection will be on February 1st.

6th Grade Girls Basketball will start after Christmas break. Please get your physicals and paperwork turned in to Miss Bolen before Christmas break. A schedule will come home before Christmas Break.

Our Red Ribbon Week was a success. The students watched videos in their classrooms and did activities to learn to "Say No to Drugs" and the importance to stay "Drug Free." Thank you to our NJ Police Department and Canine Jimmy for visiting us.

Our PTO Fall Fundraiser has kicked off. The envelopes are due November 2. We are grateful for our active PTO. They help us purchase items and materials for our classrooms, playground equipment, and paid for our Magic of Science presentation. These are just a few things they help us with. All parents are welcome to attend PTO meetings that are on the third Monday of each month in our media center at 2:45 p.m. Mrs. Robin Radtke is our new PTO president. Mrs. Radtke takes over the leadership as Mrs. Christensen stepped down as president due to taking a 2nd grade teaching position with us this school year.

It's a great day to be a Bluejay!  
Mrs. Julie Berndt

# Red Ribbon Week Coloring Contest Winners:

**Kindergarten: Cassidy Wright**

**1st: Teia Clemons**

**2nd: Abigail Kalinke**

**3rd: Isabelle Mann**

**4th: Brielle Brunicon**

**5th: Jayden Lockhart**

**6th: Gracie Minix**

**Congratulations to all of our winners! Great job!**

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## Title I Tidbits

A group of panel members believe that the following six strategies for improving reading comprehension are the most important in the primary grades.

1. Activating Prior Knowledge/Predicting. ...
2. Questioning. ...
3. Visualization. ...
4. Monitoring, Clarifying and Fix-Up. ...
5. Drawing Inferences. ...
6. Summarizing/Retelling.

To learn more visit:<https://online.seu.edu/teaching-reading-strategies/>

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## Important Dates

Thursday, Nov. 1 - 1st Grade to Plymouth Play

Friday, Nov. 2 - 3rd Grade to Jasper Pulaski

Friday, Nov. 2 - PTO Fundraiser Ends Sunday

Sunday, Nov. 3 - Daylight Saving Time Ends, Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour

Wednesday, Nov. 14 - American Red Cross Blood Drive, 1-6 pm

Thursday, Nov. 15 - Spellbowl @ 5:00, NJ-SP High School

Monday, Nov. 19 - PTO Meeting @ 2:45 in the Media Center

Tuesday, Nov. 20 - 4th Grade to Fair Oaks Dairy Farm

Wed-Fri, Nov 21 - 23 - Thanksgiving Break

Mon. - Wed, Nov. 26 - 28 - NO SCYC

Wed, Nov. 28 - Kindergarten Program @ 1:00 pm, NJ-SP Elementary School Gym



