



NJ-SP Bluejay Express

Mrs. Amy Bright, Principal
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Preparing Today's Youth for Tomorrow's Opportunities

Happy May, Bluejay Families!

The end of a fabulous school year is rapidly coming to a close. But we're not done yet! We have many fun events planned for the month. Most of our grade levels are taking field trips this month. Be watching in your child's backpacks for permission slips. We're hosting another Relay Recess fundraiser for the iCALEB Foundation which supports students fighting cancer. Thank you to our PTO for organizing the event! The best day of the whole year is coming up... FIELD DAY on the 21st!

Next week we'll be showering our teachers with gifts of appreciation for their caring, hard work, and thoughtful instruction all year long! It's Teacher Appreciation Week! Teachers give from their emotional buckets each day, let's fill their buckets up to the top with thoughtful expressions of thanks and gifts. If you'd like to provide your child an opportunity to participate in a kid-friendly way, try these ideas:

MAKE SOME NOISE MONDAY- give teachers a round of applause during the morning announcements

TRACE IT TUESDAY- draw a picture of a flower for your teacher (or pick one from your yard!)

WACKY WEDNESDAY- tell your teacher a joke

THANK YOU THURSDAY- send your teacher a note from you and your family

FASHION FRIDAY- wear your teacher's favorite colors

Today is School Lunch Hero Day, and we are celebrating our cafeteria workers! They are so patient and kind with our students, and we're blessed to have such a remarkable group serving our school community! Did you know they are providing free breakfast and lunch to children during our summer school hours? Also, they've been sending home information about Indiana SUN Bucks for households receiving free or reduced lunch. You may have seen the flyer in your child's backpack. Here's a quick blurb about this important program:

Indiana SUN Bucks - Summer EBT

Many children lose free and reduced-price meals during the summer and their caregivers may need help putting meals on the table. Funded by USDA and the State of Indiana, Indiana SUN Bucks is a new and permanent benefit program that provides families \$120 per eligible school-aged child to buy groceries while school is out for the summer

My last thoughts for my last newsletter of the year... Parents, thank you for your commitment, engagement, and support of our school community! And let's keep the good vibes rolling all the way into summer!

Here We Grow!
Mrs. Bright

Important Dates:

May 3, 2024 – Frozen Friday – Sponsored by PTO ALL students receive ice cream

May 6–10, 2024 – Teacher Appreciation Week

May 8, 2024 – School Nurse Appreciation Day

May 16, 2024 – Relay Recess

May 21, 2024 – Field Day

May 24, 2024 – 6th Grade Awards 9:00 a.m. in the High School auditorium

March 24, 2024 – Last Student Day

June 3–13, 2024 – Early Literacy Summer School

July 29–Aug 1, 2024 – Kindergarten Countdown

August 5, 2024 – Meet the Teacher 4:00–6:00 p.m.

August 7, 2024 – First Day of School 2024–2025

Bluejay PTO News

The PTO has been extra busy this spring! The Basketball Bash was a huge success. It was a great night full of silly family fun that everyone enjoyed. It is our hope that this event will continue in the future. This week our school will have its last Frozen Friday of the year and the PTO is providing each student with a **FREE** ice cream of their choice. Also the PTO is coordinating Relay Recess to help spread knowledge and awareness of cancer. Watch for future details on this upcoming annual event. It is a great way to educate our students how to live a healthy life and give back to those who are affected by this disease. Our last event of the school year is Field Day. The PTO will supply all of our students and staff with Hawaiian Shaved Ice when Kona Ice visits our campus.



Breakfast is the best way to start your day!
Enjoy a healthy breakfast each morning at NJ-SP.