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Mission Statement

With God's guidance, Jefferson Christian Academy will cultivate and maintain an environment where the student is nurtured and challenged to realize his/her potential in spiritual maturity, academic attainment, athletic achievement and social and emotional development.

Congratulations to the Class of 2015!

On May 21, 2015, Jefferson Christian Academy celebrated its 37th graduating class. The ceremony was held at Roebuck Parkway Church of Christ and highlighted some of the best and brightest from this year's class. Drew Smith, President of the Senior class, welcomed the crowd and encouraged them to take the Lord with them as they began this next chapter in their lives. Errol Chandler, Vice-President of the Senior class, directed the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Jalen Judkins led the opening prayer. This year, the Seniors chose Mr. John Bryan O'Connor as their guest speaker. He challenged them to "do what you can, with what you have, right where you are, and pray to God to help you do it." He also entertained the audience with a poem he wrote that spotlighted each of the Seniors and their unique talents. The class Salutatorian, Sara Andrews, was next to speak. She urged them to follow their passions and do their best to make a positive difference in the world. Cody Griffin, the Senior class Valedictorian, was the last to speak. Cody has been a part of the JCA family for 14 years, entering as a four-year-old. Cody spoke to the audience on the book, *The Giving Tree*, and thanked the parents and faculty for being a "giving tree" to this year's class.

Two other students, Errol Chandler and Dylan Northcutt, have also attended JCA since K4. Gavin White has attended since the first grade and David Hart since the second grade. One of the most special things about JCA is the opportunity it gives students to stay together over an extended period of time and form lasting bonds. In fact, over one third of this year's graduating class has been together for 7 years or longer.

We want to congratulate the Seniors of 2015 and pray for God's blessings on each one of them as they leave JCA to pursue their dreams!

2015 Graduates

Sara Andrews, Johnny Aycock, DeAsia Brown, Sean Castle, Olivia Champion, Errol Chandler, Brynne Culverhouse, Jabari George, Cody Griffin, David Hart, Gabriel Hill, Hanna Hyche, Jalen Judkins, Tomia Lester, Brandon McCaskey, Austin Posey, Jalen Pullom, Mallori Mays, Elaina Murray, Dylan Northcutt, Emily Self, Alex Smeraglia, Ashlei Smith, Drew Smith, Tim Taggart, Gavin White, Julie Williams

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2015 June Camp Eagle Schedule

- 1st - 5th - Beach Week
- 8th - 12th - Basketball Week
- 15th - 19th - Bouncer Week
- 22nd - 26th - Baseball Week
- 29th - 2nd - Red, White and Blue Week

K4 Graduation and Program

The four-year-old kindergarten classes celebrated their promotion into the “big school” on Thursday, May 14th by putting on a program that showed off what they learned during the school year.

The students counted by twos to twenty and by fives to one hundred. They sang songs demonstrating their knowledge of colors, reading and seasons, and even sang one song in Spanish. They also impressed the crowd with their knowledge of the Bible, including the books of the New Testament, the apostles, and Galatians 5:22-23.

The program ended with a graduation ceremony. Wearing a cap and gown, each child received a diploma from Mrs. Murphree or Mrs. Walker and a flower from Mrs. Brooks. We are all so proud of these K4 graduates: Derrick Bailey, Rylee Brooks, Liam Bugaj, Thyia Burrows, Layla Carter, Morrison Deitch, Ryder Drozdowicz, Azekiel Dutton, Addie Grace Greenway, Skylar Harr, Riley Harris, Vivian Hart, Carson Holderfield, Kaelyn Hutzel, Aiden Jones, Madelyn Kallaher, Charlie Kizer, Jackson Kizer, Kylie-Erin Lybrand, Brooke Mason, Aiden McMurray, Gavin Price, Jason Stewart, Eli Weibelt, Collins White, and Kaylee White.



A Special Celebration for our 5th Graders

Thursday morning, May 21st, the 5th grade class enjoyed a special awards program honoring the students and celebrating their promotion into middle school. Mrs. Neal and Miss Shoemaker gave the students awards for being on the A or AB honor roll during the 4th 9-weeks. Next, they awarded many of the students certificates for maintaining an A average during the entire school year, and the students with the highest average in each subject received a medal.

The academic awards are special and deserving of honor, but the Bible awards really give insight into what makes each student unique. Mrs. Neal awarded each student a certificate named for a Bible character and related something about the student to that character. For example, one student received the Jonathan award for demonstrating loyalty to friends, and another received the Daniel award for enthusiasm to pray. These awards are a wonderful way to honor the students and to seal memories of their year.

The last part of the program was a slide show with pictures from the year. Many of the pictures were of the 5th grade trip to Chattanooga, May 7th and 8th. It also included a video clip of each student telling his or her favorite memory. The entire program was a great way for the students to close out the elementary years and look ahead to the future.



Back row: Kierstan Wilson, Jaryd Burrows, Mason Trimm, Jillian Borch, Crystalyn Johnson. Second row: Jerah Murphree, MacKenzie Brooks, Hannah Hurst, Nathan Collins, Alaire Terrell. Third row: Miss Shoemaker, Chloe Stroud, Rob Safi, Henry Mann, Cayden Bishop, Douglas Owens, Hunter Wells. Bottom row: Darrell Nelson, Chandler Glenn, Mrs. Neal.



CAMP EAGLE

Summer Camp

MAY 26 - AUGUST 7
7 AM - 6 PM

Registration required.

Contact Ruth Brooks at rbrooks@jcaweb.net or
Kathy Godwin at kgodwin@jcaweb.net
or call **205-956-9111**



Registration forms available by visiting jcaweb.net

Campers welcome who have completed a K4 program through the 5th grade.

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From the President's Desk

Partnerships Part 3

Successful Partnerships Require:

Controlled Emotions – At times, emotions tend to get the best of all of us. Whether a person is in the right or in the wrong, no one takes pleasure in being called out. When someone, anyone, does call you out, or places blame on you, it is natural to argue, defend yourself and want to fight back. When working in partnership to educate a child, emotion is normal, but out of control emotions can be very unproductive.

When something goes wrong, when you do not understand something, when expectations and priorities go awry, don't get emotional with the parent or the teacher; be logical. When something is wrong, take a step back and look at it from the other's perspective. Figure out what the logical response would be and take that approach. Emotions won't help you accomplish your goals; and they may just cloud your judgment.

I have a method I use in answering emails. If I do not understand the intent of the message, I reply, in a non-condescending way, and ask questions. If I do understand the meaning, I answer the email as soon as possible. If an email triggers an emotional response, I think about what the problem is, try to see it from both sides, and wait until the next day to answer. I never answer an email in anger. At the end of the day I have a better understanding of the circumstances, and I will do what is best. I also realize there is no need to get emotional.

The Willingness to Resolve Issues – Unresolved issues do not simply go away. They are like the chickenpox virus. They lay low, unseen or unthought-of until they reappear as shingles, and the virus, or issue, is much worse.

Disagreements among partners are not necessarily a problem, but how the disagreement is handled can become a problem. Some methods commonly used in resolving disagreements can rapidly become a more difficult challenge than the original disagreement. Difficulty resolving issues reflects the more important differences in communication styles, priorities, and personal flexibility, any of which can put extra pressure on a relationship. Psychologically, the inability to resolve conflicts often signals basic incompatibilities in a partnership, personal dislike, or differing views of priorities and expectations. The result – the partnership may fail.

Personalities, likes or dislikes of another partner, must never be a factor in the resolution of issues concerning a child's education. But even if all that stays in the subconscious background, difficulty resolving disagreements generally reflects important differences in communication styles, priorities, and personal flexibility, any of which can put extra pressure on the education partnership.

Mutual Respect - Most of us have seen, and perhaps display, the posters which state, *"To earn respect, one must first show respect,"* or some similar message.

In education, as in business, partnerships are very much like marriages, there is no room for disrespectful behavior. It serves only to tarnish the relationship and how we interact and work together. Mutual respect is built upon honesty, courtesy, tact, and diplomacy and should govern partner relationships.

If the partners are in competition with each other they are creating a lot of damage. First of all, the relationship is limited because, by the very act of competition, there cannot be complete openness between competitors. As a result, the achievement of goals and ultimately the success of the student is undermined and lost in the quagmire of the need to win over each other. If the competition is obvious to others (and it usually is) it creates a situation of two camps where educators, students and parents choose sides.

Education administrators, teachers, parents and students all should be aware that in respect for one another, we must, first and foremost, be committed to open listening. Honestly, you don't have to be right all the time. Others have worthwhile opinions, too. Don't set yourself up to judge. Leave your ego and control at the door. Put your agenda aside and strive together to accomplish the goal of providing the student with the best educational opportunities possible.

To be continued:

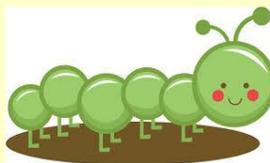
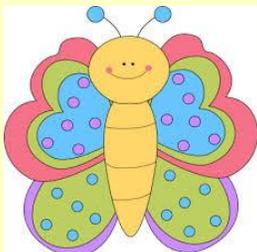
JCA Early Learning Center

Our end-of-the-year program was fabulous! All of our teachers and children worked very hard to make this program a success!

Our intent was to highlight several things our 2 and 3 year old children learned throughout the year, and we think they captivated the audience with the singing of the alphabet and learning how they count in Spanish.

As the summer begins we are still reviewing and will continue to prepare each child for their next class, while still having a lot of summer fun!

If you get a chance, come take a look at all the work our teachers have put into making our “Barnyard Palooza” a load of summer fun!





JEFFERSON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
2015 GRADUATES

Honor Roll – 4th Nine Weeks 2014-2015

“A” Honor Roll

1st Grade

Daija Barber
Shelby Brooks
Kinley Burch
Amberly Campbell
Alex Grill
Kellis Hale
Christion Harris
Savannah Hill
Caroline Kizer
Jonah Neal
Kelsie Njuguna
Gloria Patrick
Savannah Price
Izabella Ragan
Jackson Ridolphi
Antonia Seright
Chelsea Williams
Alexander Williamson

2nd Grade

Joscelyn Baker
Cooper Deitch
Danielle Eason
Pierceson Kimbrough
Brayden Marlow
Jonas Phifer
Piper Powers

Kendall Trimm
Jude Whittington
Kade Whittington

3rd Grade

DJ Barber
Emma Cooley
Alaric Dutton
Mallory Goodwin
Mary Kaitlyn Johnson
Emily Keith
Ava Kizer
Gabbi Lynch
Travis Mullen
Gracie Whittington
Allison Wormely

4th Grade

Emma Azzouni
MaKena Carter
Elexus Edwards
Brianna Grill
Anna Harris
Naomi Mewbourne
Trey Smith

5th Grade

Jaryd Burrows
Hannah Hurst
Henry Mann
Rob Safi
Hunter Wells
Kierstan Wilson

6th Grade

Katie Bradley
Michaela Denard
Caitlin VanHorn
Morgan Wormely

7th Grade

JR Culwell
Seth Jordan
Vanessa Njuguna
Kameryn Ryce

8th Grade

Kimochu Kariuki
Luis Perez
Peyton Ryce
Jillian Taggart
Shelby Walker
Kyle Wilkerson

10th Grade

Braxton Baird
Brandie Denard
Adrienne Dixon
Zach Fico
Taylor Mann
Lindlee Moon
Jessie Morris
Jenna Taggart

11th Grade

Ashlee Bradley
Bryant Crain
Jodie Monosky
Emma Pugh
Paige Watson

12th Grade

Sara Andrews
Olivia Champion
Bryne Culverhouse
Cody Griffin
Mallori Mays
Elaina Murray
Ashlei Smith

“A/B” Honor Roll

1st Grade

Gabriel Chambers
Chloe Goodwin
Savannah Price
Triston Thomason

2nd Grade

Bailey Abercrombie
David McCombs
Wyatt Reeder
Peyton Whitaker

3rd Grade

Anthony Alderete
Jesse Culwell
Emily Edwards
Terrence Jones
Keighley LaCross
Kahri Martin
Joe Murphree
Kennedi Robinson
DeAndre Singleton
Eli Wideman

4th Grade

Jayden Burrows
Sofia Kelly
Brody Walker
Garrett Walker

5th Grade

Cayden Bishop
Jillian Borch
Jerah Murphree
Darrell Nelson
Douglas Owens
Mason Trimm

6th Grade

Katelyn Couvillion
Claire Peppers
Ivy Ponder
Caleb Sellers
Alan Summerville
Cayman Whittington

7th Grade

Beven Beckham

Grace Borch

Teresa Foster
Arielle Hardrick
Andrianna Harris
Olivia Johnson
Christian VanHorn

8th Grade

Austin Colvin
Ashley Couvillion
Deseree' Hill
Lauren Turner
Madison Weber

9th Grade

Marley Glenn
Stephen Riddle

10th Grade

Morgan Cleveland
Maxwell Dornan
Nathaniel Foster
Steven Gordon

Jurnee Moore

Matt Murray
Jay North
Megan Parris

11th Grade

Kya Howard
Shitaria Jackson
Karlee Johnson
Brittne' Moten
Rachel Muncher
Savannah Sides
Jessica Toyer
Ashley Tucker
James Turner

12th Grade

Errol Chandler
Jalen Judkins
Emily Self
Drew Smith
Gavin White
Julie Williams

Citizenship

K4 – Murphree

Collins White
Morrison Deitch

K5 Snodgrass

Sophi Elkins
Shannon Washington

1st – Posey

Savannah Price
Caleb Bush

2nd – Lyles

Joscelyn Baker
Brooks White

3rd Phifer

Mallory Goodwin
Allison Wormely

5th Grade

Jerah Murphree
Cayden Bishop

K4 Walker

Kaylee White
Jason Stewart

K5 VanHorn

Kayla Stewart
James Weibelt

1st – Watson

Amberly Campbell
Antonia Seright

3rd Crawford

Rebecca Blackwell
Michael Cannon

4th Grade

MaKena Carter
Edward Gurney