



# NJ-SP Bluejay Express

Mrs. Berndt, Principal  
November, 2017

## Preparing Today's Youth for Tomorrow's Opportunities

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### NJ-SP Elementary School Purpose

The North Judson-San Pierre Elementary School's purpose is to challenge students to be the best they can be in a safe and caring environment.

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### Direction Statement

The North Judson-San Pierre Elementary School provides a curriculum based upon state standards for all students. The school is committed to helping all students show annual academic growth.

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### Message from the Principal-

The month of October was a busy and productive month. Last week was Red Ribbon Week. We had a Kick-Off convocation in the gym with special guest Town Marshall Kelly Fisher speaking about Red Ribbon Week and Trick or Treat safety. The beginning of the 2nd nine weeks is off to a great start! Box Tops were collected on October 23. We collected a grand total of 5,333 Box Tops since August. The class that collected the most to earn an ice cream sundae party is Mrs. Lukac's 1st grade class. Keep clipping those Box Tops, as our next drive will be collected by February 23rd. Thanks for your help.

The Kindergartener's will be traveling to Plymouth High School on Friday, November 3 to watch *The Spell of Sleeping Beauty* presented by Plymouth HS theatre department. November 4 is our Kids and Canvas painting event for grades 4-6. There is still time to register if you haven't. Sixth Grade Girl's Basketball will start after Christmas Break. Please get your physical completed soon and all forms turned in to Miss Bolen.

The PTO fall fundraiser was sent home last Friday. All the money raised goes directly to our kids and school. Envelopes and money are to be turned in your child's teacher or the elementary office by 8:00 a.m. on November 13. The Food Banks of Northern Indiana proudly presents the November Starke County Healthy Mobile Market on Tuesday November 14 at NJ-SP Middle School from 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars for the Music Programs. Kindergarten Wednesday, December 6 at 6:00 in the NJ-SP Elementary School gym. Thursday, December 7 the Third and Fourth Grade at 6:00 in the HS Auditorium.

*Did You Know.....Even if your child is motivated to read, supporting him or her with a variety of ways and options will keep her momentum going. Here are 2 tips to open up the wonderful world of reading for your child.*

- *Reading Tip for Parents: What's "Just Right"? Children feel confident and competent when they read books that are "just right." But how do you find a "just right" book? Have your child read the back and front cover, and first page of the book. If there are more than five words that he cannot pronounce or understand in context, the book may be too challenging. Be supportive about finding a more perfect fit. Choosing the right book will help your little reader feel successful.*
- *Reading Tip for Parents: Map it Out. It's important to provide your child with a variety of fiction and non-fiction reading. A fun way to do this is to get a map and show her the way from your house to the grocery store or another familiar destination. Have your child write out the directions, street by street, and then read them to you as you walk or drive to the store - like a living GPS!*

**"Happiness is always an inside job." - Author Unknown**

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### Important Events:

Thursday, Nov. 2nd, PTO Meeting @2:45, Media Center

Friday, Nov. 3rd-Kdg to Plymouth High School Play

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

Saturday, Nov. 4th- Kids & Canvas Turkey Picture Painting, Gr. 4-6, 9-11 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 13th-PTO Fundraiser Ends

Thursday, Nov. 16th-Read Across Michiana w/Cindi Clawson WNDU

Thursday, Nov. 16th-Elementary Spell Bowl, 5:00 @ High School

Tuesday, Nov. 21st-School Board Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 21st-5th & 6th Grades Field Trip to Valpo

Nov. 22-24th-Thanksgiving Break