



NJ-SP Bluejay Express

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Preparing Today's Youth for Tomorrow's Opportunities

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.

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.

April blew in and out so fast! We were busy with ISTEP+ testing and NWEA testing. We had an amazing time at our Bluejay Family Fun Fair on April 13. Thank you everyone that attended and to all of those volunteers that made this night happen. On April 24, the 1st and 2nd Graders gave a show stopping music performance in the High School Auditorium. Way to go 1st and 2nd Graders! Our PTO garbage bag fundraiser sale did outstanding, with over 900 garbage bags being sold!

May is filled with end of year activities such as field trips, concerts, award programs, Relay For Life and so much more. On May 4, the High School Natural Resource class will be visiting and presenting information about recycling.

The Fourth Grade Science Fair will be held on Thursday, May 10th at 5:30 in the Elementary School Gym. On May 3, any 5th graders who are interested in joining band in the fall are invited to come meet with Mrs. Flores and learn more about options to get an instrument. There will also be representatives from Quinlan & Fabish, the music store in Valparaiso, available to set up instrument purchases with a rent-to-own option. On May 24, the music department will have their final concert of the year! It consists of 6th grade, 7-8 grades, and high school bands as well as the 7-12 grade choirs. All of the music is from Broadway musicals. It is going to be a fun show to watch!

7 tips on how to raise a reader of any age:

1. **Lead by example.** Be a reader and read around your kids all the time. Show your kids that you are interested and enjoy reading and this will help spark their curiosity.
2. **Read with your kids.** Read with your kids early, often, and lovingly, to help them establish a positive, comforting, and exciting relationship with reading from the very start.
3. **Talk literature.** Talk about favorite books, authors, stories, and genres with your kids and with others. Show your kids that you are interested in books and excited about their interest in books. Talking about literature will help create a rich literary culture within the family.
4. **Keep books everywhere.** Keep books in the car, in every room of the house, in beach bags, and more. If your kid gets bored and plops down next to a pile of books, then chances are they will pick one up and start reading it.
5. **Take regular outings to the library.** Outings are always fun, and the library is a great place where kids can explore new books and feel empowered by choosing and checking out their own books.

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6. **Make reading and writing a part of everyday activities.** There are opportunities to read and talk about reading everywhere. Read pamphlets in waiting rooms or, for the younger kids, read street signs while out and about. This is yet another chance to talk about reading.

7. **Stay with it!** Start these habits when your kids are young and never stop. Who knows, maybe you'll start to love these habits.

PTO Trash Bag Fundraiser Pick-Up

**PTO Trash Bag Fundraiser pick-up will be on
Friday, May 4th from 2:30- 5:30 p.m. at the
NJ-SP Elementary School.**

Please plan to pick up your orders during this time.



Kona Ice will visit our school on May 21st.

All students will be able to pick a flavor for a shaved ice treat!

Important Dates:

Monday, April 30-Friday, May 11 - NWEA Testing

Tuesday, May 1 - Kindergarten zoo Field Trip

Thursday, May 3 - PTO Meeting, Media Center @ 2:45 p.m.

Friday, May 4 - PTO Fundraiser Trash Bag Pick-up from 2:30-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 10 - 4th Grade Science Fair 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Friday, May 11 - Third Grade to the Hoosier Valley Train Museum

Friday, May 11 - Family Movie Night-Showing the Disney Movie "Coco"

Doors open at 5:45, movie begins at 6:00 and doors close at 6:15

Wednesday, May 16 - Fifth Grade to South Bend Chocolate Factory

Thursday, May 17 - Relay Recess Day

Monday, May 21 - Relay Recess Ceremony and Kona Ice will be here!

Tuesday, May 22 - Second Grade to Luhr Park

Friday, May 25 - Fourth Grade to Pioneerland

Tuesday, May 29 - 6th Grade Awards @ 12:00 p.m. Elementary Gym

Wednesday, May 30 - 6th Grade Incentive Field Trip to zao Island

Wednesday, May 30 - Last Student Day!

Monday, June 4 - Friday, June 7 - I READ 3 Summer school & High Ability summer school

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