

# JCPS Parents as Teachers

March 2018 News to Know

## Interested in joining our virtual book study on Dr. Becky Bailey's Book "Easy to Love, Difficult to Discipline"?

We will facilitate a book study on Dr. Becky Bailey's book for parents *Easy to Love: Difficult to Discipline: The 7 Basic Skills for Turning Conflict Into Cooperation* beginning March 12. This book study will take place in a closed Facebook group (meaning that only those in the group will see what is posted). Discussion questions will be posted for one chapter each week beginning March 12 and running through the end of May. If you would be interested in participating, please send an email to [katie.epema@jcschools.us](mailto:katie.epema@jcschools.us) or message us on Facebook and we will give you instructions on how to join the group. Both print and audio versions of the book are available on [www.consciousdiscipline.com](http://www.consciousdiscipline.com), Amazon, and Barnes and Noble.

## It's Kindergarten Registration Time!

Kindergarten Registration is open now for families who will be sending their children to the Jefferson City Public Schools. Children must be 5 years old before August 1, 2018 to attend kindergarten. If you plan to homeschool your child or they will be attending a parochial school, please let your parent educator know.

Online forms can be completed two ways:

1. On your own. Go to [JCSchools.us](http://JCSchools.us)>Quick Links>Kindergarten Registration. After submitting the online forms, you will receive an email to schedule an appointment to bring in the \*required documents.
2. At the JCPS Welcome Center. Go to 315 E. Dunklin St. with the \*required documents. Use their computers to submit the online forms (paper packets also available).

\*Required Documents for Kindergarten Registration:

- Parent/guardian photo ID
- Child's birth certificate (state-issued original)
- Immunization records
- Two forms of Proof of Residency dated in the last 45 days, such as: utility bill, cable/satellite bill, land line phone bill, housing contract/lease, paycheck stub or DFS/Social Services documents showing the parent's name and address.

Information regarding kindergarten open house this spring will be provided during your appointment at the Welcome Center. Students need to be enrolled BEFORE attending open

house at the schools. Registration will NOT take place during open house.

Children entering Kindergarten are also eligible to attend summer school. The theme will be "Camp Kindergarten - Time to explore school on a camping adventure!" This will be a great opportunity for your child to become familiar with the school routine and meet new friends. Summer school enrollment is open until April 4. Summer school will be held at the elementary buildings from 7:30am - 3:30pm, from Tuesday, May 29 through Thursday, June 21. The first week will run Tuesday-Friday and the subsequent weeks will run Monday-Thursday.

Visit the Welcome Center website at <https://www.jcschools.us/domain/63> to learn more.

## Spring and Summer Sports

Even though winter doesn't feel far behind us, it's the time of the year to begin thinking about spring and summer sports sign ups. Both Jefferson City Parks and Recreation ([www.jeffersoncitymo.gov/parks](http://www.jeffersoncitymo.gov/parks)) and the Holts Summit Optimist Club (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/167152480155232/> or email [holtssummitoptimistclub@gmail.com](mailto:holtssummitoptimistclub@gmail.com)) are currently accepting sign ups for tee ball for ages four and up. Deadline for Jefferson City Parks and Rec sign ups is March 31 and for the Holts Summit Optimist Club is March 24.

## March Parents as Teachers Events:

*Events will be held at the Southwest Early Childhood Center, at 812 St. Mary's Blvd. in Jefferson City unless otherwise noted. Please use the main front door (the one with stairs leading up from St. Mary's Blvd. and the marquee sign in the grass out front.). Parking is around the sides and back of the building.*

**Friday, March 2:** Drop In and Play Center closed

**Tuesday, March 6: *S'More Fun with Literacy*,** 6-7 p.m. Our variety of hands-on early and pre-reading and writing activities for you and your your child to experience together are sure to be a recipe for a good time!

**Thursday, March 22:** Drop In and Play Center open 4-7 p.m. (This is also a Parent-Teacher conference night at the Southwest Early Childhood Center, so do not be surprised to see a large number of vehicles).

**March 26-30:** Drop In and Play Center closed

## March Community Events:

### ONGOING COMMUNITY EVENTS:

**Tuesdays: Preschool Story Time** at the Missouri River Regional Library's Art Gallery, 10:30-11:00 am. Stories and music for preschoolers, ages 3-5.

**Wednesdays: Family Story Time** at Missouri River Regional Library (art gallery) from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Stories, music, crafts, and activities for children of all ages.

**1st and 3rd Fridays: Rhyme Time** at Missouri River Regional Library (story hour room). Come from 10-10:30 OR 10:45-11:15 a.m. A special time of music, movement, and socialization for babies and their caregivers ages two and under.

**Open Gym at Tiny Tumblers:** Open Gym days are a no-enrollment free play time for kids while parents supervise. \$5 per child, ages 2-6 years. Winter Session Times offered: Monday 3:30-5:00pm Thursday 11 a.m.-12:00 noon at 2632 Industrial Drive.

**Saturdays: What's Going On?** Programs and activities for all ages 10 AM–2 PM. The Runge Nature Center offers exploratory tables, activities, and/or crafts every Saturday throughout the year. Stop in to see what adventure awaits you during "What's Going On?" at the nature center.

**Morning Movies** at Capital 8 Theater, 10 a.m. Fridays-Sundays in March and April. Those belonging to the FMG Rewards club can see any movie in the series free of charge (up to 6 tickets per show). Non-members are charged \$1/ticket. Joining the FMG Rewards club is free at the theater or <https://www.goodrichqualitytheaters.com/rewards>

March 2-4: Captain Underpants

March 9-11: Nut Job 2

March 16-18: Lego Ninjago Movie

March 30-April 1: Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Long Haul

April 6-8: The Star

April 13-15: Wonder

April 20-22: Emoji Movie

### **March Children's Programs at Runge Nature Center: Mother Opossum and Her Babies**

Strong sniffers, pockets, thumbs - these are just a few of the curious characteristics of North America's only marsupial. Join us this month in learning about this fascinating creature.

Registration begins March 1 for the March programs. Call 573-526-5544 to sign up for a program requiring registration. If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on the waiting list.

Babes in the Woods (Registration required, ages 0-2 years)

March 21 • Wednesday • 10–11 AM

Little Acorns (Registration required, ages 3-6 years)

March 6 • Tuesday • 10–11 AM

March 29 • Thursday • 10–11 AM

Little Acorns PLUS (Registration required, For this program, you need one child in the 0-2 age range AND one child in the 3-6 age range.)

March 16 • Friday • 10–11 AM

### **EVENTS:**

**Friday, March 2: Celebrating Seuss: Read Across America** at the Missouri River Regional Library, 1:00 – 2:00 pm. Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday at the library. A Read Across America event featuring Seuss books, activities, and snacks.

**Saturday, March 10: Muse Theatre Presents: Once Upon a Lilypad** at Missouri River Regional Library, 10 a.m. A 40-minute Theatre for Young Audiences featuring adult actors, following a

whimsical retelling of the Princess and the Frog. Enjoy magic, swordplay, and adventure as we follow this fairytale of frogs, witches, and princesses.

**Wednesday, March 14-Saturday, March 17: MRRL/ABLE Used Book Sale** at the St. Martin's Knight of Columbus Hall on Route T. Open 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday with a \$5 admission charge per person (including children in arms or strollers). Free admission Thursday and Friday 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Friday, March 16: Family Movie Night (Wonder--PG)** at Missouri River Regional Library, 6:00-8:00 pm. Bring a folding chair, sleeping bag, blanket or pillow and join the fun. Light snacks and drinks provided. Note: This is an after-hours event. The front library doors will close at 6:15 pm.

**Saturday, March 17: What's Going On? Trout in Missouri** at Runge Nature Center, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Many anglers mark March 1st on their calendar to attend opening day at one of Missouri's trout parks. These beautiful and enigmatic creatures are as fun to catch and release as they are to sear in the skillet. Come join us as we explore what makes the rainbow and brown trout so loved and special.

**Thursday, March 22: Storytelling Concert** at Missouri River Regional Library, 7-8:30 p.m. Join us for an evening of lively storytelling from national and regional storytellers, who are sure to entertain you with their classic tales.

**March 26 at noon-April 9: Storybook Trails "Very Special Friends"** on West Edgewood.

**Friday, March 30: Snake and Aquarium Feeding** at Runge Nature Center. The animals are hungry! Join us and watch as we feed the snakes, aquarium animals, and snapping turtles.

**Saturday, March 31: Holts Summit Easter Egg Hunt** at 10 a.m. at Greenway Park (282 S. Greenway Dr., Holts Summit). Hunt is for ages 10 and younger.

**Saturday, March 31: Jaycees Easter Egg Hunt** at Memorial Park at 11 a.m. Hunt is for children up to nine years old and will be split into four age groups. Parents are not allowed in the hunting area except for the 3 and under area. \$1 admission; proceeds to benefit community projects in Jefferson City.


For more family friendly events in Jefferson City, Holts Summit, and the surrounding area, visit the events calendar at [www.jeffersoncity.macaronikid.com](http://www.jeffersoncity.macaronikid.com).





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