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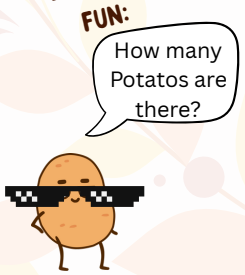
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COPS COME TO SCHOOL! BY: BEN BUCKLES

The middle and high school got a visit from Officer Jessica and Officer Josh warning us about the dangers of social media and online predators. They taught us not to communicate with strangers on online platforms such as: Roblox , YouTube, Instagram, Snapchat, and TikTok. They also taught us to report any strange activity right away to a trusted adult. Have you ever talked to your family about online safety?

JUST FOR FUN:



J.O.Y.ful Learners Recognition

We're continuing to learn about and use the Leader in Me program here at JO.Y. Each month, teachers will have an opportunity to shine a spotlight on students who are being great examples of one of the 8 Habits for Success. October is Habit 1.

Habit 1: Be Proactive

To be proactive is to be in charge of yourself, to be responsible, to take initiative, and to choose your own actions and attitudes.

The folowing are J.O.Y.ful Learners who exemplified Being Proactive this month:

Kinder- 4th - J.J. Hernandez

JJ Hernandez is a wonderful example of being proactive! He comes to school every day with a smile and a positive attitude. He takes the initiative to help his classmates by putting their lunches in their backpacks, sharing his crayons and snacks, and making sure no one is left out during playtime. JJ shows us that being proactive means taking action, making kind choices, and looking for ways to help others without being asked. His kindness and thoughtfulness make our classroom a happier place! ~Mrs. Bartlett, Kindergarten

5th - 8th Grade - Lilli Dravik and Joseph Shapiro

Lilli took the initiative to befriend a new student. She exchanged phone numbers and arranged a time to hang out with her new friend after school. This helped her new friend feel more comfortable in our classroom. Thanks for being a Proactive Leader, Lilli! ~ Mrs. Buckles, 5-6th

Joseph is quite the Proactive, JOYful learner. He asks clarifying questions before proceeding, making his learning and others' more efficient. Even with small details like chores and passing out materials, he makes things easier for all of us. Thank you, Joseph, for being a JOYful Learner! ~Mrs. Pelayo, 7-8th

High School - Emily Rivera

Emily has been very proactive in her learning and test taking here at JOY Academy High School. She often is seen studying flashcards she made on her own or a study guide she compiled before a test. She requests to take her Chromebook home often on the weekends in order to get ahead, add more to her essays, work on projects, or study. She is always looking ahead to be prepared for what's to come. When a student is out, she looks at the chore list early in the day to make sure we get covered. Plus, Emily always does extra chores without being asked. She has demonstrated a positive attitude and approach to her schoolwork and more inside and outside of the classroom. Emily, with her proactive outlook, has earned High School Student of the Month. ~ Mrs. J.

P.E. - Jack Definess

Jack worked really hard on his fitness test. He ran super hard and give it his all. This last month, he has been putting in the work to catch up to the other kids, and it shows! Way to go, Jack! ~Mrs. Demming

Music - Tommie Townsend

Tommy was proactive in volunteering to be a narrator for our upcoming Christmas Program. ~Mrs. Janie

Thanks to all of these students for being J.O.Y.ful learners and leaders!

Whats Happening In The Classroom?

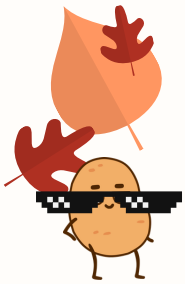
Ginormous Graffiti Art

Third through eighth graders are creating graffiti portfolios in Mrs. Demming's Art Class. The photos to the right came from Art Team's graffitii fieldtrip to Water Street!





The Art Team is just about ready for spray painting on the big wall outside!



Vikings, Mythology, and Tasty Tales!



Mrs. Wallace's class is working on Norse Mythology. They will learn about the Vikings who lived 1,200 years ago, and they will also learn tales from Sweden,Norway, and Denmark.

The third and fourth graders also got to participate in a "Genre Tasting"! Have you sampled any great books lately?



Monstrous Numbers

7-8th graders are learning about body systems and Scientific Notation. 1×10^{9} is how many pieces of candy they hope they get on Halloween.

We hope their digestive systems don't work in reverse!





Adorable Animals and Leaf Art

Mrs. Sadler's class is learning about animal survival, babies and protection, and the Big Horn Sheep. Did you know that the big horn sheep is The Nevada state animal?

Above: Second Grader, Ian, painting leaf art



How do you fix a broken jack-o-lantern?
Give it a pumpkin patch!



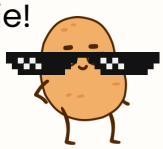




What do you call a vampire that lives in a kitchen drawer?
Count spatula!



What do ghosts serve for dessert?
What? Boo-Berry pie!
Get it?





Can I tell you a joke about haunted mansions?
That's the spirit!



What's a mummys favorite music?
Wrap Music!
Get it?



More Classroom Stories + LOL

CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS?!



The music clases are making a Hawaiian Christmas performance, and they will sing in a foreign language!

Better Together!

Fifth and sixth grade students are hosting a Candy Campaign (See more on page 4) to learn about elections, and the seventh and eighth grade students were learning about debate. The classes combined, and while the seventh and eight graders debated whether America should lower the voting age from Eighteen to Sixteen, the Fifth and Sixth graders watched (picture below).
What do you think? Should the Voting age be lowered? Why or why not?

CAT IN THE HIGH SCOOL!

Jacob Knox brough his cat, Dude, to the High school a few weeks ago for his ancient Egyptian god/goddess project.





Spooky Little Learners!

The Kindergarteners have started to learn how to write sentences!

They will also be learning about Sp_d_rs, B_ts, and P_mpk_ns.

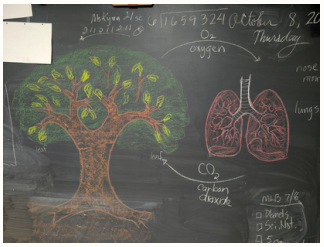
Fill in the vowels to see what they're learning!

Picture This!

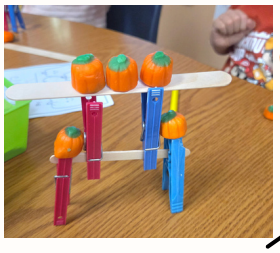
Want to know what these pictures are all about? Ask a student from the grade listed below the photo.



5-6th Graders



5-8th Graders



Kindergarten

CANDY CAMPAIGN INTERVIEW



By: Kingston Revzin and Jack Definess

I interveiwed Sour Patch about the upcoming election, and here's what I got:

Me: Why do you think you are the best candy in the election?

Sour Patch Kid: I'm sour then sweet what's not to love?

Me: Some people like chocolate because its not sour. What's your response ?

Sour Patch Kid: Well most candy is made of citric acid now days and I know that Sour Patch lovers love them I just hope that every one will find a sweet spot in their heart and vote Sour Patch .

Me: Well said, Blue Raspberry.



I interviewed Kit Kat about the upcoming election, and here's what I got:

Me: Why do you think you will win this campaign?

Kit Kat: Because I'm sweet, rich, and made of crushed up Kit Kats.

Me: So do you think you will win?

Kit Kat: Yes, I will win because we are not made of cockroach blood.

Me: Cockroach blood? Can you explain what you mean? Where did you get that information?

Kit Kat: Because the last time Sour Patch competed, the guy who did the Kit Kat speech said so.

Who will you vote for?

Election Day

Tuesday, November 3

On November 3, students at J.O.Y. will have the opportunity to vote in our Candy Campaign. This campaign event has been a fun project for the 5-6th graders!

Editor's Note:

After reading the interview, I conducted a bit of research concerning the ingredients in question. While "cockroach blood" is not, in fact, an ingredient in Sour Patch Kids, Red Dye 40 is listed. It is one of several petroleum based, synthetic dyes that the HHS and FDA are working with members of the food industry to phase out.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2026

Save your extra Halloween Candy to Share with a Soldier!

Veterans Day

On **November 11th** , J.O.Y. students will be donating candy and making Thank You cards for Veterans at school. A friend of our J.O.Y. family is being deployed to Poland soon, and he is taking the donations for his troop.Thank you for your service, J.O.Y. family Veterans!

Thanksgiving Break

November 23rd - 26th, is Thanksgiving break!

What's your favorite Thanksgiving food?

Family Share Day

November 6th 2026

10:00-12:00pm

Come and see the amazing projects that your kids have made! Parent Conferences are available if requested or needed.

SCAVENGER HUNT

*On **NOVEMBER 20th** your child will receive a Scavenger Hunt for Thanksgiving break. If you complete the Scavenger Hunt, you clam a prize from the treasure chest in the front office.*