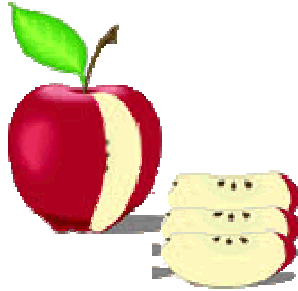


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Teacher Brag

Those who have earned a Masters Degree are:

- Stacie Haire
- Cynthia Mayes
- Tracy Wilson
- Stephanie Butler
- Sherry Cure
- Kristen Loveday
- Jocelyn Romines
- Jessica Runyan
- Tracy Russell



Those who have earned a Masters Degree + 30 hours:

- Troy Pulliam

Those earning an Educational Specialist Degree:

- Ron Grizzel
- Robyn Beck
- Garry Jett
- David McGinnis
- Ruth Pohlman

Congratulations to all our graduates!

Teachers' Corner



- October 3 - *Grades 6-8 Science Teachers: Exploring Data Collection Using Probes and Hand-held Devices*, 4:00, Presenter: Jan Coley, Room 214 JCHS
- October 6 – First NINE WEEKS ENDS
- October 6-9, Fall Break
- October 19 – Report Cards Go Home
- October 19 – *New Teachers (Literacy ONLY)* Required Inservice 4:00-6:00 – Piedmont Elementary School
- October P-T Conferences
- November 7-Systemwide Professional Development

Welcome

- Literacy Specialists:
Pre-K through 5th - Nina Moore
6-12 - Betty Suttles
- Principals:
JMS-Amie Lambert
PES– Lynn Husen
RSS-Ruth Pohlman
TES-Judy Walters
- Assistant Principals:
JCHS-Judy Hickman
JMS-Joel Sanford
RSS-Earl Stroup
- 47 new classroom teachers or counselors

Textbook Adoption 2007



In the spring of 2007 we will begin the process of adopting a new reading series. This adoption is extremely important. Begin to reflect on the past adoption, how it can be improved, and where we are heading with our literacy program. Please be willing to serve on this important adoption committee. Contact your principal to be assigned to this committee.

Curriculum Corner

Teachers in grades K-5 will be working on Jefferson County's Math Scope and Sequence project this year. Please notify your principal if you would like to represent your grade-level.



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Educational Legislative Updates

Many new bills passed this year that affect education. Please visit:



<http://www.state.tn.us/education/leg06summary.shtml>

Self Selected Inservice and SACS Credit

All Self-Selected In-service Records and Professional Development days are available online at: http://classroom.jc-schools.net/finchums/pd2006_2007.html

Recording forms are located at:

<http://classroom.jc-schools.net/finchums/PDrecords06-07.pdf>

Camp Read Along

We served 240 students in our Camp Read Along Program this summer.

Thanks for all your hard work to make this program a success for our aspiring readers!



Negotiations Successful!

- Teachers received a 4% pay increase in Jefferson County for 2006-2007. This is the first locally negotiated salary % based on the state amount.
- Teachers will also receive a state-funded bonus in October. The bonus will be approximately \$267 per employee. The new contract will go to the printer in late September.

School Improvement Plans

Middle schools, the high school, and the adult high school must submit updated plans to the SDE on May 15th. Plans should be delivered to Central Office by Friday, May 4th.



New Teacher Mentoring Program

Bertie Jean French, retired principal from Piedmont, has been employed in a 120-day contract to oversee the teacher mentor program. We have 47 new educators in the system and want to support their teaching experience in Jefferson County!

Grant Awards!

- Congratulations to Shelia Evans at JCHS who received a \$3000 grant for her service learning program.



Thanks to our Mentors for your assistance in implementing this program! The extra time invested will surely be time well spent.

Future Articles

Please e-mail any teacher brag information, articles for publication, or relevant questions to be answered to Sherry S. Finchum: or call 397-3194.



From the Bookkeeping Department

- All new employees' paperwork is due. Fingerprinting should be completed immediately! Contact Christy Wolfe for the application.
- The deadline for Spring Growth Incentive reimbursement is: January 31st!
- State teacher bonus checks will be issued in October.

**Office Hours
8:00-4:00**