

# Jones Center Journal

## PRINCIPAL'S THIRD QUARTER REPORT

2017-2018

BEHIND EVERY YOUNG  
CHILD WHO BELIEVES  
IN HIMSELF IS A  
PARENT WHO  
BELIEVED FIRST.  
-MATTHEWLJACOBSON.COM

### Upcoming Events :

**Thursday, April 12**

PTA Meeting  
5:00pm

**Friday, April 13**

No school

**Saturday, May 5th**

Sophie's Run @ Lake Waukomis

**Thursday, May 10**

Parent Advisory Meeting  
5:00 pm

**Friday, May 25** (tentative, pending last day of school)

End of Year Picnic  
11:00—1:00 pm

**Wednesday, May 30**

(tentative)  
Last day of school

"A great attitude becomes a great mood. A great mood becomes a great day. A great day becomes a great year. A great year becomes a great life."  
-Unknown-

Dear Parents:

It's official: the first day of spring is here! Finally. Although winter seems to hang on, and the weather doesn't always feel like it, spring has arrived. We can all finally emerge from hibernation. It's a time of new beginnings. I can finally get motivated again to do the things I keep putting off until "tomorrow".

The rhyme "April showers bring May flowers" reminds me that even unpleasant situations can have beautiful outcomes. So here's to muddy boots, cloudy gray days, spring cleaning, and spring showers.

In light of a new season, spring cleaning has already begun at the Jones Center and change is already taking shape. We have a storage shed under construction, a new partial sidewalk around the back of the property, the paint has been touched up and new mats have been installed in our recovery room ☺. Great things come to those who wait and work hard!

If you would like to lend a helping hand, we will continue the clean up as we prepare for spring planting in the back gardens and help revive the outdoor classroom. We are looking for individuals that can help pull out old weeds and grasses, turn the soil, and add fresh new soil to the beds. Our benches need to be sanded and re-sealed, debris need to be cleared, minor repairs made and fresh ideas grown.

If you have a green thumb or a extra hour to two to give, please let us know. No time, but would still like to help? We still need some supplies if you would like to contribute. You are our greatest asset and we want you to feel welcomed to be an active part of our team.  
~ Dr. Kalis

SPRING IS  
A TIME TO FIND OUT WHERE YOU ARE,  
WHO YOU ARE,  
AND MOVE TOWARD WHERE  
YOU ARE GOING.  
Penelope Trunk

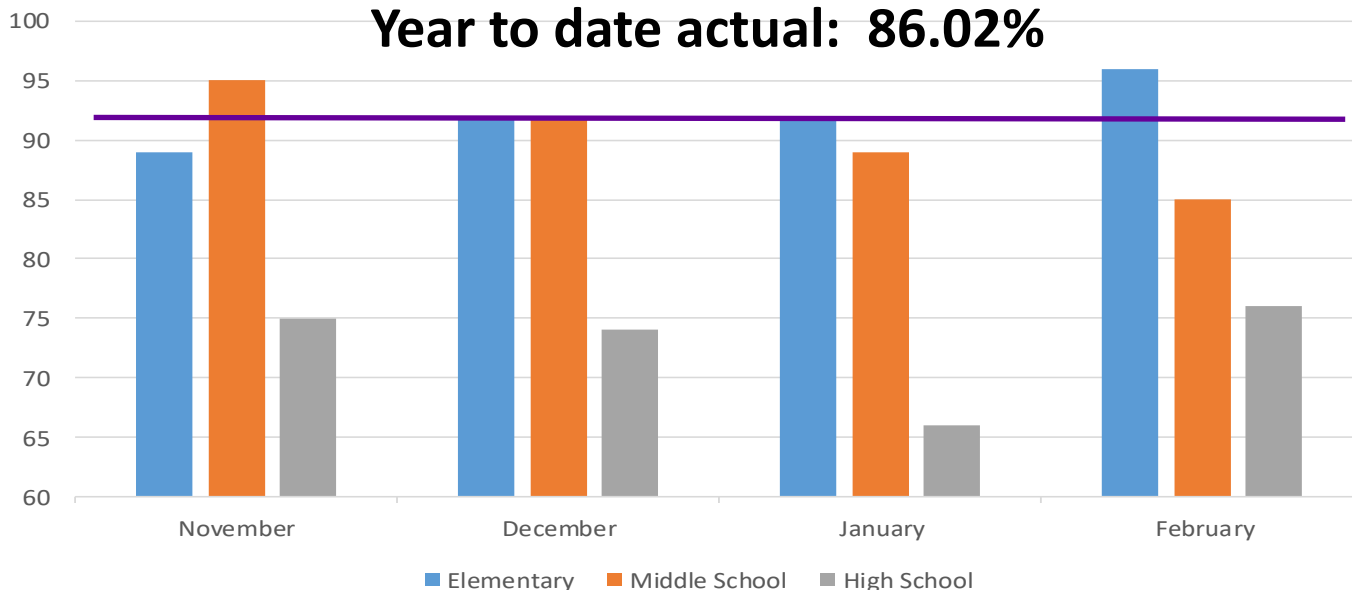
If Not Us, **Who?**  
If Not Now, **When?**

*Through expertise and commitment, the Russell Jones Education Center provides a therapeutic learning environment to prepare each student with skills to enjoy success in life.*

## 2017-18 Monthly Attendance Percentages

Goal: 92%

Year to date actual: 86.02%



**SPRING TESTING:** In the upcoming weeks, your child will be taking some very important tests. The testing for schools and grade levels vary, but your student will be taking some type of assessment. It is our aim to ensure that the education we provide results in high achievement for each of our students and schools. Teachers and administrators use results from these tests to help your child learn and to make critical classroom, school, and districtwide decisions that are intended to increase achievement for all students.

There are some things you can do to help your child do well on these tests including:

- Make sure your child is well rested and eats breakfast each day of testing.
- Make sure your child attends school and arrives on time on testing days.
- Speak positively about the test. Your attitude is contagious.
- Encourage your child to have a positive attitude about tests and to listen closely to test instructions.

The capacity to learn is  
a *gift*; the ability to  
learn is a *skill*; the  
willingness to learn is a  
*choice*.

Brian Herbert



**Save the Date: SOPHIE'S RUN**

***Sophie's Run will be on Saturday, May 5th at Lake Waukomis. Please consider joining the Jones Center team and walking with us for a good cause.***

Sophie's Run is a 5K-ish (3.4 mile) road race. It is a great family event featuring children's entertainers, children's activities, a kid's dash, and team competition. The efforts and accomplishments of the Sophie's Run & Foundation have assisted the Park Hill School District by creating an Assistive Technology library so that trial devices can be used in classrooms to determine the needs of Augmentative Communication for students with special needs.

**<https://runsignup.com/Race/MO/KansasCity/SophiesRunLakeWaukomis>**