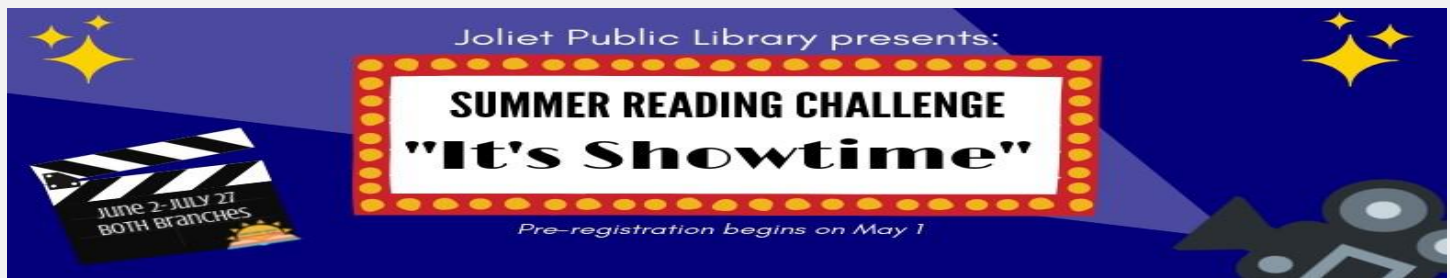


THOMPSON INSTRUCTIONAL CENTER



Representatives from the Joliet Public Library came and presented to every class about the Summer Reading Challenge. Elementary students took a quiz after the presentation and were able to dress up their teachers in funny costumes by answering correctly. They clearly learned a lot!

Students can earn prizes by logging the number of pages read from June 2nd –July 27th !

You can read on your own or together as a family and participate in special challenges to earn more entries into the prize drawings! Visit either library location to pick up a reading brochure or visit jolietlibrary.org/events/summerreading to register!



Principal's Corner

This year has flown by.! We are in the process of completing our final benchmark assessments and the constitution. Students are also enjoying their new classroom art stations added last month to support classroom curriculum. Don't forget to ask your students about their entry for the Menta Art Fair held May 16th here at Thompson!

Ceremonies

We will have our first annual Kindergarten step up ceremony on Monday, June 3rd @10:30a.m. an informal opportunity for students and 2 guests to celebrate a successful start to their school journey.

Eighth grade graduation will be Tuesday, June 5th @ 11:30a.m. Eligible students are allowed up to 4 guests.

Partnership

Thank you to the Joliet Slammers . They have gifted each of our 8th graders with a free ticket to any Wednesday night game this season. I appreciate the collaboration and encourage all families to visit the stadium located at 1 Mayor Art Schultz Drive here in Joliet.

Let's end the year strong!

Teresa Woodard, Principal





PBIS Pit Stop

As the school year winds down we are moving into our last Cool Tool of the year. This month's cool tool, May the Focus be with You concentrates on reflecting on the school year academically and social emotionally and setting new goals for the upcoming school year. We are so proud of all of the progress students have made this school year! Our last food cart incentive of the school year will be on May 24th. In order to receive a special treat students must be caught up on all of their assignments and have no D's or F's. On May 31st Thompson will have a field day. Classes are setting up eligibility requirements they must meet in order to participate in the fun filled events. Even though we are all anxious for summer to be here we must remember to continue to be following the PAW LAW, let's finish the year out strong!

CLINICIANS CORNER

As we head into the month of May, Mr. Carlson and Ms. Eifler continue to teach strategies that lead to consistency and resiliency. Students continue to learn how to follow expectations in all settings. Summer is a great opportunity for you to see these strategies in action. We encourage you to take advantage of new opportunities and enjoy the extra time spent with your child(ren). Here are just a few ideas:

Joliet Public Library staff have visited all the classes at Thompson in early May so students are aware of the programs offered at the library.

Find free programs available through the park district or churches.

Stick to a schedule for the summer. Kids like routine and knowing what is happening. Schedules help reduce anxiety.

Watch what is said this summer; talk carefully about new classes or new schools.

Allow children to maintain any positive friendships that have developed.

Be careful about how much 'screen' time your child(ren) has. 30 minutes or less would be great and attached are a few free apps for phones.

We have enjoyed another great year with the students at Thompson and wish you and your students a relaxing and safe summer!

Menta Basketball Champions!

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Thompson Jr High Basketball season. After a very long season, the Thompson Timberwolves made it through the playoffs and brought home the trophy! All the students showed school spirit, and make posters and helped to cheer the players on as they paraded through the halls before the championship game. Special shout-out to Montavion, he was named the game MVP!



Featured Staff Spotlight: Ms. Collins

Ms. Collins is the Innovation in Education award winning teacher of the 3rd/4th graders in Room 8. While this is her first year teaching at Thompson, she has been a teacher for over 30 years! She enjoys teaching at Thompson because "every day is a different day, and it allows me the ability to always be creative." Her favorite activities this school year have been her classes Under the Sea Madagascar project and seeing how much her students have grown in reading this year. In her free time, Ms. Collins enjoys scrap-booking and spending time with her kids.



Upcoming Events

Early Dismissal

May 15th & June 4th
@10:30

8th Grade Trip and
Menta Art Fair
May 16th

Track & Field
Jr High: May 28th
Elem: May 30th

Field Day
May 31st

Kindergarten Step Up Ceremony

June 3rd @ 10:30

8th Grade Graduation Ceremony

June 4th @11:30

Last Day of School

June 5th