

Jeffrey Clark

Hornet Family Updates

“At Clark, we believe respect is the bridge between school and home — and when we cross it together, our students soar.”

October 2025

Arrival/Dismissal Safety Reminders

To keep our students safe, please review the following important reminders:

Drop-Off in Designated Areas Only

Student drop-off should only take place at Door 2 or Door 4. Some families have been stopping in the lanes where our preschool buses unload in front of the building. This creates a dangerous situation for our youngest students. Please use the designated areas only.

Drive Slowly Through the Lanes

Preschool buses unload in front of the building, and students are walking in these areas. Driving too quickly poses a serious safety risk. Please slow down and proceed with caution at all times.

Supervise Your Child After Pickup

At dismissal, once you have picked up your child, please do not linger outside the building. Children should not be running around the property. All students must be supervised by their parent/guardian once dismissed.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping arrival and dismissal safe for all!



School Information

A monthly newsletter is shared electronically prior to the start of each new month. Most school correspondence is also sent electronically. If you find you are not receiving messages, please contact the main office for assistance.

A paper copy of the monthly calendar and the lunch menu will be sent home on green paper in student folders at the start of each new month. Links for the lunch menus and calendar are listed below.



[October Calendar](#)



[Preschool Lunch Menu](#)



[B-2 Lunch Menu](#)

Picture Day Is Wednesday, October 8



Barksdale order forms will be sent home with your student on Thursday, October 2nd.

Snack/Lunch Information



Classrooms are tree nut and peanut free. Preschool snacks and lunch should be free from tree-nuts and peanuts. B-2 snacks should not contain tree-nut or peanuts as they are consumed in classrooms.



All of our students eat snack during the day. Please plan on sending a nut-free snack each day with your child.

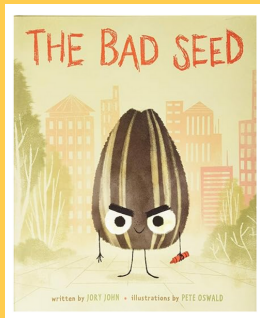


School lunch can be purchased for \$3.50. Feel free to set up your [My School Bucks account](#) to pay for your lunch online!

One Book One School

at Jeffrey Clark

This month's One Book, One School story, *The Bad Seed*, reminds us that respect is something we can learn, practice, and share with others. Just as the seed discovers how to make better choices, our Hornets grow when families and schools work together with respect at the center. Together, we are building a community where every child feels valued and supported.



October's Focus

- Book: *The Bad Seed*
- Trait: Respect
- Home Connection Ideas
 - Respect Pledge Together: Create a short 'Respect Pledge' as a family (e.g., "I will use kind words, listen to others, and take care of my things."). Post it somewhere everyone can see.
 - Respect Role-Play: Act out little scenarios: What if someone interrupts? What if you spill milk? What if a friend is sad? Practice the respectful way to respond.
 - Respect Bingo: Make a simple Respect Bingo board at home. Each square can say things like: "I said thank you," "I took turns," "I helped clean up," "I listened the first time," "I used kind words." Each time your child does one, mark it off. Aim for 'Bingo' by the end of the week and celebrate with a fun family activity!
 - Respect Seed Planting: Plant real seeds together. Talk about how respect grows when we care for others and ourselves, just like the seed grows when it's watered and cared for.
 - Family Talk Prompt: At dinner or bedtime, talk about this: "In *The Bad Seed*, the seed learned he could change and show respect. What's one way we can show more respect to each other at home?"



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/teacher conference dates and times are below. More information will be sent on Wednesday, October 8th regarding conference time sign-up.

Tuesday, October 28th from 6:00-8:00pm

Wednesday, October 29th from 1:45-3:30pm

Thursday, October 30th from 1:45-3:30pm

Please make sure you are able to log into the portal in order to sign up for a conference. For assistance getting log in information, please contact the Clark main office.

Week of Respect

October 6-October 10

Hornets have heart

6 Oct	Monday	BLUE FROM THE START, RESPECT FROM THE HEART	Wear blue	♥
7 Oct	Tuesday	LET YOUR WORDS BE RESPECTFUL	Participate in chalk drawings at recess	💬
8 Oct	Wednesday	RESPECT IS DONE TOGETHER	Make a pledge with your classroom about respect	🤝
9 Oct	Thursday	SHOW RESPECT WITH YOUR HEART	Make a respect heart with your class	♥
10 Oct	Friday	TEAM UP TO SHOW RESPECT	Wear your favorite team gear or jersey	👕
RESPECT STARTS WITH US				

Next week, we will join schools across New Jersey in celebrating the Week of Respect. This week highlights the importance of treating others with kindness, empathy, and understanding. Students will take part in special lessons and activities that remind us all to value and show respect every day—at school, at home, and in our community.

More Special Events In October

Mental Health Night at JCS

Join us at Jeffrey Clark School on Wednesday, October 1, from 5:00–6:00 p.m. to make affirmation bracelets with our Mental Health Team. This hands-on, family-friendly activity helps children practice positive self-talk and build resilience—plus, you'll leave with a bracelet to wear as a daily reminder.

All materials are provided. We hope to see you there!

Fire Prevention Week and Assemblies

We are excited to take part in Fire Prevention Week from October 6–10! Students will learn important fire safety tips during special assemblies and will even have the chance to explore a real fire truck. This hands-on experience will help students better understand how to stay safe and be prepared in case of an emergency.

First Responder Night at Thompson Family Park

Join us for First Responder Night at Thompson Family Park on October 13 from 5:00pm–8:00pm—a family-friendly event celebrating our local police, firefighters, EMTs, and other community heroes. Families can meet first responders, explore emergency vehicles, learn safety tips, and enjoy demonstrations.

Jeffrey Clark School Fall Book Fair

The Fall Book Fair is almost here! It will take place from October 21 to October 27. The Book Fair gives students and families the chance to explore and purchase a wide variety of books, helping to foster a love of reading while also supporting our school. Families are also invited to attend our Book Fair Night on Monday, October 27, when the fair will be open during evening hours. We hope you'll join us for this fun event!

Red Ribbon Week

We will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week, a nationwide campaign that promotes making safe and healthy choices. As part of the week, students are invited to take part in our Poster Contest. They can create a poster that shows the importance of living drug-free and making positive decisions. All entries will be displayed, and we look forward to seeing our students' creativity shine!

Trunk or Treat

Mark your calendars for Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 23! The event will take place in the bus lanes and is presented by our Home & School Association. Families are invited to enjoy a fun evening of decorated trunks, costumes, and candy in a safe, community atmosphere. We hope to see you there!

Halloween Celebrations

We are excited to celebrate Halloween with our students!

- B-2 Parade: 10:00–10:30 a.m.
- Preschool Parade: 10:45–11:15 a.m.

Students will change into and out of their costumes at school. Please note that snack times will be adjusted to accommodate the parades and classroom parties.

If you plan to sign your child out early on Halloween (or any other day), please be sure to complete a Change of Dismissal Form in advance. This helps us ensure dismissal runs smoothly and safely for all students.

We look forward to a fun and festive day! More details and Information will be shared closer to the date!

