

# It's Great to Be a Wildcat!

## *The Latest BUZZ from Mrs. B*



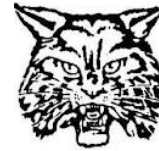
### Wildcats are Roaring with good news....

There are so many things to be proud of when we talk about all our kids in the district! After reading, please let all our kids and staff know you are proud of them too!!!!

- Do you talk with your child about **PBIS**? Please take a moment to ask them about it and what it means. We are hoping to take this into the community soon, and a strong parent partnership will be helpful.
- What a great job our students are doing and have done this year in all extra-curricular areas!!! The plays, speech, scholastic bowl and all the sports show dedication to their work and accomplishments. Thank you to the students and all the staff that assist as coaches and mentors. It truly is *a great year* to be a **WILDCAT!!!!!!**
- PAWS (Positive Active Wildcat Supporters) has started planning events for the rest of the school year. Please pay attention to the BCR Alerts and any TeacherEase emails for meeting times and dates so you can help support your child and the schools. **On MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> AT JFK PAWS will host a DODGEBALL NIGHT. Doors open at 5:30 PM and all are welcome. This event is free and the concession stand will be open.**
- Do you know of a student who is or will be five years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015? If so, please ask their parents if they have registered them for Kindergarten for the 2014-2015 school year. If they have not, please ask them to call the JFK office at 664-4601, as soon as possible. This information helps us properly prepare for staff, supplies and facilities for our new students.



*The County Spelling Bee took place on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Contestants representing JFK were Michelle Arrate and Callie Hansen. Wozniak.*



### **PARCC is coming!!!!**

Yes, it is that time again.... The New Illinois Learning Standards' Assessment Test, now known as PARCC, will take place on March 16<sup>th</sup> through April 10<sup>th</sup>. These assessments are rigorous, and reflect the new standards and 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning. They were created to show a child's knowledge, higher order thinking skills and achievement through these assessments. This session is called PBA— Performance Based Assessment. In May, students will take a second session called the EOY—End of Year. All students are required to be assessed in grades 3-8 this year. Next year it is projected to add K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Last year we participated in a pilot PARCC with only two sections of each grade level taking the sample assessment. For JFK, all sections of the test will be online.

We see nothing but great effort by our students and do not want to see students feel overwhelmed or disappointed as they approach this assessment due to the rigor and format. However with this in mind, we still want to encourage all our students to do their very best on these assessments. Parents can assist their child by making sure they have a good nights sleep and a good breakfast during the testing windows. If you have any concerns please ask your child's teacher or give Mrs. B a call.

### **Helpful PARCC Resources:**

- **ISBE Assessment:**  
<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/assessment/>
- **PARCC Online:**  
<http://www.parcconline.org/>
- **PARCC Sample Questions:**  
<http://www.parcconline.org/sample/item-task-prototypes>



### Reminders:

- Spring Break is short this year and is only April 3<sup>rd</sup> through April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Wildcats' three key words:  
RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, and SAFETY!!!!!!**