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# COUGAR TRACKS

Jarrell Elementary Newsletter - November 17, 2025



## Dear JES Community!

We have an exciting week planned as we head into Thanksgiving break! Our students can look forward to a **fun-filled week** with special activities, our **PTO event**, and our annual **Thanksgiving Lunch**—a favorite tradition for students, staff, and families alike. Every day this week is packed with learning and celebration, so it's important for students to be **here each day** to join in on all the fun and make great memories together. Attendance matters—even during special weeks like this one!

We're thankful for our amazing students, families, and staff who make Jarrell Elementary such a wonderful place to learn and grow. Let's make this week one to remember!

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hesitate to reach out to one of us. I have included our email addresses below.

[Lara Hutchinson, Principal](#)

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[Lupita Viveros, Assistant Principal](#)

[Brittany Martin, Counselor](#)

With gratitude,  
Lara Hutchinson  
Proud Jarrell Elementary Principal



**Tuesday, November 18, 2025**

JES Ornament Painting Event 5:30 - 7:00 - Sponsored by PTO

**Wednesday, November 19, 2025**

School Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, November 20, 2025**

Thanksgiving Lunch - See schedule below

**Friday, November 21, 2025**

Day of Drumming - Student Event sponsored by PTO

## LOOKING AHEAD!

**Monday, December 1**

Return to School



Jarrell Elementary PTO Presents

# Ornament Painting Night!

THAT **art** PLACE

That Art Place is coming to

**JARRELL ELEMENTARY**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH**  
**5:30-7PM**

Come-and-go event for the whole family!

Select and purchase your ornaments the night of the event. *Ornaments \$12/each.*  
Cash and Credit Cards Accepted

*Ornaments will be kiln fired at That Art Place and returned to the school for distribution after Thanksgiving break.*

"Create family memories and ornaments to enjoy year after year!"

Jarrell Elementary PTO presenta

# una noche de pintura de adornos!

**THAT art PLACE**

That Art Place viene a

**JARRELL ELEMENTARY**  
**MARTES, 18 DE NOVIEMBRE**  
**5:30-7PM**

Evento para toda la familia.

Selecciona y compra tus adornos la noche del evento. *Los adornos están a \$12 cada uno.* Se aceptan efectivo y tarjetas de crédito.

*Los adornos serán llevados a That Art Place para terminar y serán devueltos a la escuela para distribución después de las vacaciones de Acción de Gracias.*

¡Crea recuerdos familiares y adornos para disfrutar año tras año!





# Thanksgiving LUNCH

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025

**Purchase LUNCH TICKET**  
<https://jarrellisd.revtrak.net/jes/#/list>



Cash or Check ONLY at the door.

10:20 - Pre-K  
10:30 - Kinder  
11:15 - 1st  
12:00 - 3rd/4th  
12:40 - 2nd / 5th

Please have your picture ID and a cell phone ready to check in. Early Check-in Link will be sent that morning.

**RSVP Here**





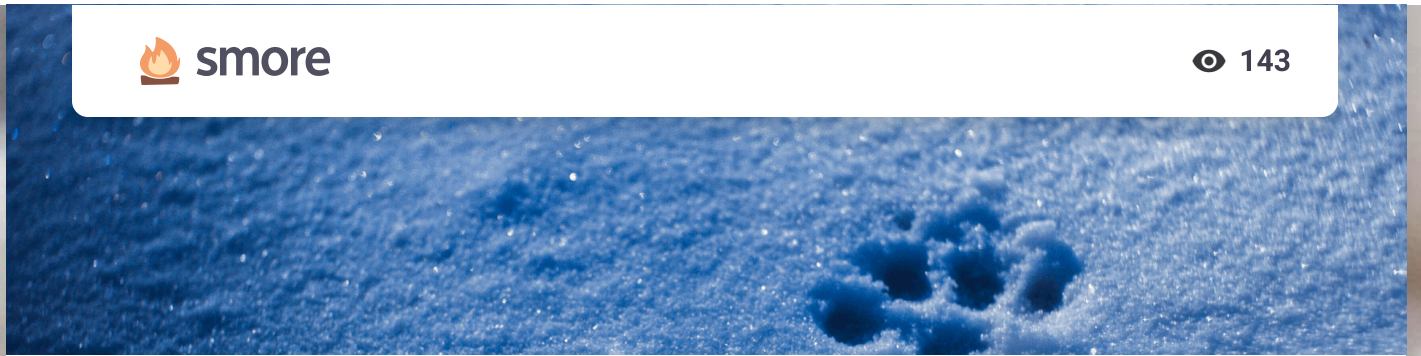
## Jarrell Elementary Calendar

[Click here for more events!](#)



## Last week's ATTENDANCE 94.8%

We are doing great this year on ATTENDANCE! We appreciate your making sure your students are here everyday! It truly matters, and it is making a difference in their success!



## Free Little Library - November!

### Little Free Library November 2025 Newsletter



***Fun Fact: Little Free Libraries are often built to remember or honor a loved one.***

Gratitude and thanksgiving fill the pages of the books in our Little Free Library throughout the month of November. Whether traveling to America with the characters in a *Dear America* historical fiction or spending a day with the children of a president in an informational book, you will find stories written in English and Spanish that celebrate the full and varied lives of people living in the United States

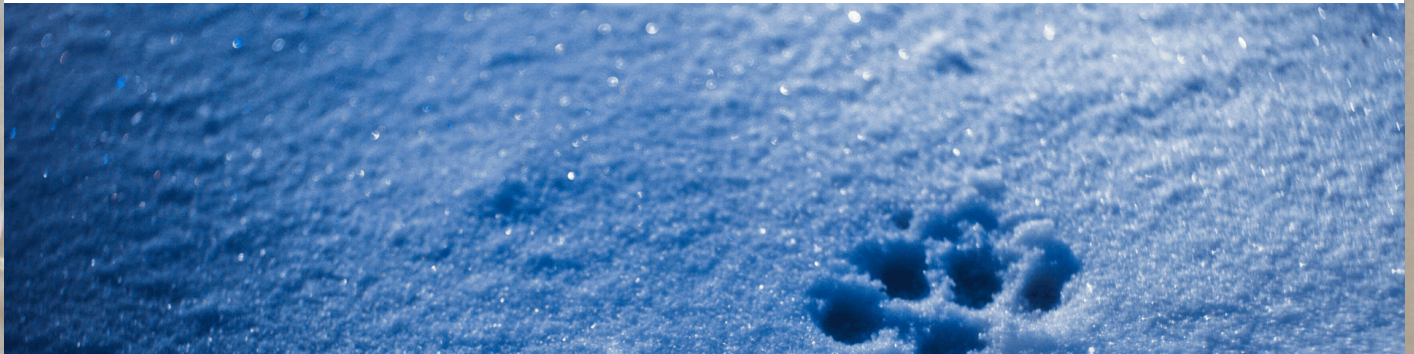
We hope you will stop by the Little Free Library and take a book,  
leave a book, or trade a book.



***Dato curioso: Las pequeñas bibliotecas gratuitas a menudo se crean para recordar o honrar a un ser querido.***

La gratitud y la acción de gracias llenan las páginas de los libros de nuestra Pequeña Biblioteca Gratuita durante todo el mes de noviembre. Ya sea que viaje a Estados Unidos con los personajes de una ficción histórica de Dear America o pase un día con los hijos de un presidente en un libro informativo, encontrará historias escritas en inglés y español que celebran la vida plena y variada de las personas que viven en los Estados Unidos. Estados

Esperamos que pase por Little Free Library y se lleve un libro, dejar un libro o intercambiar un libro.



## Pre-K

This week in pre-k we will discuss what it means to be thankful and how we can show others we are thankful for them and the things they do for us. In math, we will learn about the attributes of common 2D shapes. In Literacy, we will continue listening to the ending sounds in words to recognize rhyming words, each letter of the alphabet has a name and represents a sound, recognizing environmental print to understand that words carry meaning, and retelling stories by using story pieces.

## Kindergarten

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## 1st Grade



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subtraction. Our lessons will take students through a concrete-representational-abstract progression as they work with objects, drawings, and number bonds. Students will use the counting on, making a ten, and taking from a ten strategy with drawings, number bonds, and number sentences to solve a variety of addition and subtraction problems. Students will also continue applying these strategies to addition and subtraction word problems.

### Reading

We will continue with Unit 5 about Astronomy: Space Exploration. Students will develop an understanding of the sun being the closest star to planet Earth and planet Earth orbits around the sun. They will understand how the moon orbits around planet Earth. As students are learning all of these important facts from our read-alouds, students will be collecting information as they write sentences in their Astronomy Journals.

### Skills

We will continue with unit 3 in skills this week. Students will continue to read from our unit decodable readers. The readers are 100% decodable, meaning they only use words and spellings that have been explicitly taught and practiced. Students will be answering written questions about the key details. We will continue to learn new vowel digraphs and review previously learned vowel digraphs. Students will also be reviewing nouns and verbs, including common and proper nouns. At the end of the week, we will be reviewing for our skills test that is scheduled for the week we return to school.

### Social Studies:

We will be identifying and describing the physical characteristics of a place such as landforms, bodies of water, and earth's resources, and weather. We will also be able to describe how geographic location influences the human characteristics of a place, such as shelter, clothing, food, and activities.

## 2nd Grade

In Math we will be using mental strategies to relate compositions of 10 tens as 1 hundred to 10 ones as 1 ten. Students will use and relate manipulatives and drawings to represent additions with two compositions.

In Skills we will be learning spelling alternatives by introducing /aw/ > "aw, 'au', and 'augh'. We will be planning, drafting, and editing a personal narrative. In Knowledge we will be listening to read alouds about cycles of nature to answer comprehension questions. We will be working with words: germination, replenished, burrow, transparent, and precipitation.

In Science we will measure, record, and graph weather information, including temperature. In Social Studies we will identify governmental services in the community such as police and fire protection, libraries, schools, and parks and explain their value to the community.

This week in Reading, we will finish our unit on Ancient Roman Civilization. We will read about Julius Caesar, the fall of Rome, and the creation of two new Romes. We will also be reading a fable called Androcles and the Lion. We will analyze the characteristics of this text. We will use our reading to make inferences, respond with text evidence, determine key ideas, and use context clues to determine meaning. In Math, we will use strategies to multiply a two digit by one number. We will also determine the unknown whole number in a multiplication or division equation relating three whole numbers when the unknown is either a missing factor or product. We will also recall multiplication facts with automaticity. We will determine if a number is even or odd using divisibility rules. In Science, we will continue with force and motion and in Social Studies we will work on maps. It's going to be a great week in third grade!

## 4th Grade

Early this week in ELAR, students will take their Unit 4 test on Monday. The test will cover making inferences, identifying text evidence to support answers, and using context clues. Later in the week, they will do reading activities to review important skills.

In Social Studies, students will learn about Texas's role in the Mexican War of Independence and how it helped shape the state's early history.

This week in Math, students will keep sharpening their long-division skills as they divide 2- and 3-digit numbers using the strategies they've been mastering recently.

In Science, students will continue to explore how energy is transferred in different ways—through moving objects, water waves, and sound. They'll investigate and identify how energy moves and changes form in these everyday examples.

## 5th Grade

### ELAR:

We are diving deep into plot development and learning how authors build excitement and meaning in stories. Students will also work with present tense sentences and pronouns, explore the suffix "ness," and start building strong claims and evidence for their first persuasive essay. We will also uncover character traits and have fun identifying irony in three forms: verbal, situational, and dramatic.

**At home:** Ask your child to share their persuasive essay topic and let them "convince" you of their opinion. This helps them practice using evidence and reasoning.

### Math:

It is all about fractions this week. Students will use models and number lines to add and subtract fractions with unlike denominators, then take their learning up a notch by reasoning through common denominators in more abstract ways. It is a fraction-tastic week ahead!

**At home:** Have your child help with cooking or measuring ingredients. Talking through how to combine different fractional amounts (like  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup plus  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup) builds real-world understanding.

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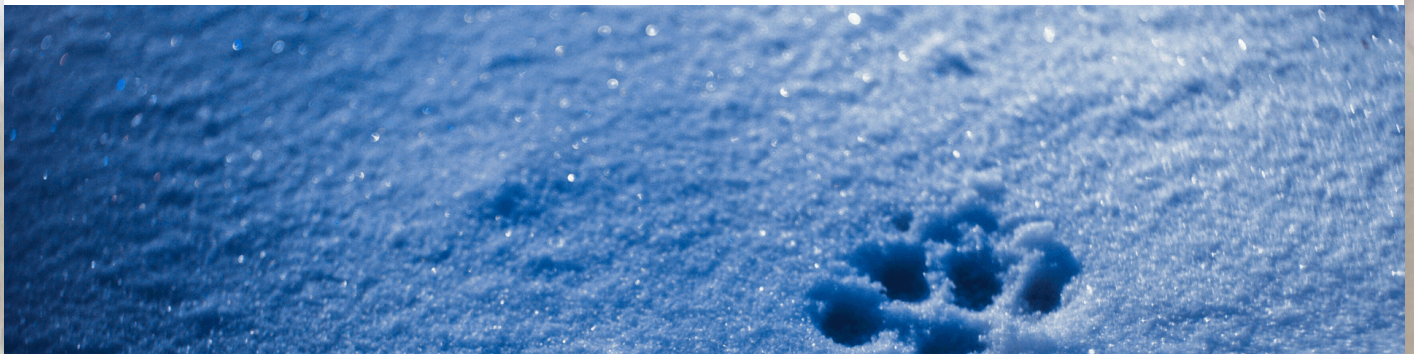
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about types of energy, energy transformations, circuits, and how light reflects and refracts. Get ready for some bright conversations at home because these scientists are glowing with knowledge! **At home:** Ask your child to point out examples of energy in your home, such as a lamp (light energy) or a blender (mechanical energy). This helps connect classroom learning to everyday life.

## Library

Next week in the library, we'll be focusing on the theme of **thankfulness** as we head into the Thanksgiving season. Students will enjoy a read-aloud of a story about **gratitude and kindness**, then take time to reflect on the many things—big and small—they are thankful for in their lives. Through purposeful conversations and creative activities, we'll practice listening, sharing, and celebrating the people, places, and moments that make us feel grateful.

It's a wonderful opportunity for our readers to connect stories with their own experiences and to appreciate the joy of giving thanks!







# RINCÓN DEL CONSEJERO ESCOLAR

## NOVIEMBRE 2025

### Novedades

#### ¡Hola familias de JES!

Este mes nos estamos enfocando en la **confianza**. La confianza es creer en alguien o en algo. La confianza ayuda a los estudiantes a formar amistades sólidas, sentirse seguros al compartir sus pensamientos y saber que pueden contar con las personas que se preocupan por ellos.

#### ¡Guarden la fecha!

- ¡El Día de los Veteranos es el **11 de noviembre**! Es un momento para honrar a quienes han servido a nuestro país y han demostrado coraje, compromiso y confianza al proteger a los demás.
- ¡El Día Mundial de la Amabilidad es el **13 de noviembre**! Un simple acto de amabilidad puede mostrar a los demás que pueden contar contigo.

**¡Estamos muy agradecidos por nuestras familias de JES y por la confianza que nos brindan cada día!**

### Confianza en Casa

#### ¡Muéstralo!

Sé confiable y cumple lo que dices. Si prometes jugar un juego después de la cena, cumple esa promesa. Los niños aprenden a confiar cuando ven consistencia y honestidad en acción.

#### ¡Anímalo!

Fíjate cuando tu hijo muestre confianza, como compartir un secreto o pedir ayuda. Recuérdales que la confianza se fortalece cuando somos sinceros, amables y confiables.

#### ¡Hablen de ello!

- "¿Qué significa la confianza para ti?"
- "¿En quién confías y por qué?"
- "¿Cómo puedes mostrar a los demás que pueden confiar en ti?"

**Animemos a nuestros hijos a ser honestos, cumplir sus promesas y demostrar que pueden ser confiables en la escuela, en casa y en nuestra comunidad.**

# DISTRICT NEWS



## 2026 YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

**OPEN NOW**

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Registration Ends December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
All Practices and Games Held at Jarrell MS  
\$60 Per Player

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## SPARK SUMMER FUN AT CAMP INVENTION

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<b>SAVE \$30</b> WITH CODE <b>GIFT30</b> <small>EXPIRES DEC. 31, 2025</small>	<b>SAVE \$25</b> WITH CODE <b>FUN25</b> <small>EXPIRES MARCH 31, 2026</small>	<b>SAVE \$20</b> WITH CODE <b>FUN20</b> <small>EXPIRES APRIL 26, 2026</small>	<b>SAVE \$30</b> WITH CODE <b>SIBLOVE30</b> <small>FOR 2 SIBLINGS</small>	<b>SAVE \$40</b> WITH CODE <b>SIBLOVE40</b> <small>FOR 3 OR MORE SIBLINGS</small>
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**SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!** Discounts cannot be combined

**Grades:** Rising 1st - 6th  
*Campers are grouped by grade*

**Location:** Jarrell ISD - Double Creek Elementary School  
 855 CR 307, Jarrell, TX 76537

**Dates & Time:** June 22 - 25, 2026 | 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**Cost:** \$285 (before discount)

*Payment Plans Available up until 4/23/2026*

*Sibling Discounts at [INVENT.ORG/CISAVE](https://invent.org/cisave)*

**Camp Director:** Julie Woods | [julie.woods@jarrellisd.org](mailto:julie.woods@jarrellisd.org)

If these dates/times don't work for you, please visit [invent.org/cisave](https://invent.org/cisave) for other locations near you.

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 Shurtape Technologies, LLC  
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## District Calendar







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### IMPORTANT Daily Deadlines!

In order for our systems to run smoothly and safely, please observe the following daily deadlines times.

**7:30 a.m.** The back doors automatically lock, and you will need to drive around and walk your child in to the building. PLEASE DO NOT DROP-OFF STUDENTS AFTER 7:30. ***They must be signed in by a parent or guardian.***

**1:30 p.m.** ALL transportation changes must be made by 1:30 by emailing or calling Kendra Field or Monica Santos at (512)-746-2170 or [kendra.field@jarrellisd.org](mailto:kendra.field@jarrellisd.org) or [monica.santos@jarrellisd.org](mailto:monica.santos@jarrellisd.org).

**2:30 p.m.** Any student checking out early for an appointment must be picked up before to 2:30. Our dismissal process is underway by that time making it very difficult to change.

**Observing these cut-off times helps us ensure the safest and smoothest possible processes!**

**Thank you!**



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## Jarrell Elementary School

Please reach out with any questions or suggestions you may have!

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