



# Principally Speaking



## Joseph R. Pye Elementary School's Quarterly Principal to Parent Newsletter

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*"That's Some Pig" – Charlotte – Charlotte's Web by E.B. White*

### SIC Annual Report to Parents

Greetings JPES Families!

As we prepare to close our first successful school year, we are lead to reflect on *some little things* that our children have learned from us, and we in turn have also learned from them. While thinking about the little things that really count, we are reminded of lessons we've learned from some of our favorite storybook characters, Fern, Wilbur ("Some Pig"), and most importantly, Charlotte, the spider, from *Charlotte's Web* – written by E.B. White. Charlotte was careful to put others before herself. She recognized the potential in everyone, and used her wisdom to help others shine! It is our hope, that as your principals, we have helped you to find your place in the spotlight.

Parents & Guardians, we often think that all our children need to know to be ready for school are the 3-R's, ABC's and 1-2-3's. The reality is that most children learn these simple things fairly fast. What they need the most, and what you can give – is *"Some Message"* - that education is their most valuable asset. Children typically follow the examples we set for them. So, what you say and what you do, will help to frame their future. We thank you for taking *"some time"* to send these four key messages *"1) Learning is important! 2) You can do it! 3) We won't give up on you! And 4) Failure is not an option!"* We are grateful for all that you have done in support of your child and our total school program.

Teachers and Support Staff, it has been *"Some Year"*. This message is dedicated to all of you in honor of all that you have done to find *"Somehow", and "Someway", to make every child have "Some Day" at JPES!* We have been closely monitoring our progress towards our school improvement goals, and we have a lot to celebrate. Our results speak volumes! We are good, and well on our way to being great. Thanks for making the commitment and setting the standard of *Excellence* during this first year. All because of you, for all that you do, this Proud Principal Note is just for you!

Students, you have learned a lot, but you have lots yet to learn. Of all the many things that you now know and can do, we want you to remember most these words from Charlotte. You are *"terrific"*, and you are *"radiant"*. Yet, you are to be *"humble"*. Most importantly, remember that as a JPES Explorer, you are *"Some Kid!"* Fifth graders, it is the small, but steady victories that will keep you going when roadblocks appear on your path to success. In the words of J. Law - *"Be careful of your thoughts, for your thoughts become your words. Be careful of your words, for your words become your actions. Be careful of your actions, for your actions become your habits. Be careful of your habits, for your habits become your character.* Your character is all that there is of you.

Joseph R. Pye has made great strides with Benchmark testing, use of Waterford and Compass Labs for technology enhanced instruction, and AIMSweb Testing to monitor student progress. Our students have demonstrated gains across each quarter. We look forward to the results of the PASS Testing and impact on our overall Report Card Rating. To unlock the gates of an excellent school, we must aim to have excellent parents, excellent teachers, excellent support staff, and as a result - excellent students. Together, we can make an excellent community of learners, because we know and understand *"some little things"* about what the children learn from us and what we can learn from each other. The circles of home, community, and school all overlap. At the center, is the circle of our children's' lives. We are looking forward to next year, and celebrating all the little things that help us grow together - all along the way! Thanks again for your contributions to making year one... *"Some Year!"*

Your Partner in Education,

 

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