

POLAR BEAR PRIDE

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Time to enroll for school

Kindergarten registration is open for the 2022-2023 school year, as well as new students in grades 1-12

To be eligible for kindergarten in the fall of 2022, your child must be 5 on or before September 30, 2022. Complete information, including starting an account for online registration can be found at JacksonLocalSchools.org.

If you already have a student attending one of our Jackson schools, please use the username and password you created for your "First Day Forms."

If you have any questions, please contact your home school. If you do not know what elementary school your child should attend, you can find that information online in the link to our directory based on street address.

After completing the registration forms online, please call your



Kindergarten students at Lake Cable Elementary work to complete an assignment in class. Kindergarten registration for next school year.

home school to make an appointment to bring in the following documents:

- Original Board of Health Birth Certificate

- Current proof of residency (rental/purchase agreement or current utility bill in your name)

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT
KEEPING THE MAIN THING, THE MAIN THING

Polar Bears unite for support

Every year about this

time I am reminded what a great community we have in the Jackson Local School District. This is the time of year when several organizations are holding major fundraisers. From the Jackson Local Schools Foundation, to St. Baldrick's to many other organizations, February and March continue to reveal the character and kindness in our community.

Last month I had the pleasure of jumping in Lake Cable for the annual Polar Bear Plunge. This is the marquee fundraising event for the Jackson Local Schools Foundation,



CHRIS DILORETO

and several other charities use it to raise funds as well. The concept is to form teams, and each team can jump for a nonprofit organization and split the funds it raises 50-50 with

the JLSF.

In all, more than 330 people jumped as part of a team. It was awesome to see so many of our young learners from our four elementary schools forming teams to raise money for St. Baldrick's. Our middle school and high school, as well as transportation department, formed teams to raise funds.

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the "First Day Forms."

If you have any questions, please contact your home school.

After completing the registration forms online, please contact your school to make an appointment:

Jackson Memorial Middle School: 330-830-8034

Jackson High School: 330-837-3501

Please bring the following documents to your registration appointment:

1. Original Board of Health Birth Certificate
2. Current proof of residency (rental/purchase agreement or current utility bill in your name)
3. Recent report card or transcript
4. Immunization records (please click here for current immunization and TB requirements)
5. Custody Papers (if applicable)
6. Parent/Guardian Photo ID

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Additional Kindergarten

Information

Please see our kindergarten booklet and brochure and click on your school name below for more information.

Amherst: 330-830-8024

Lake Cable: 330-834-4673

Sauder: 330-830-8028

Strausser: 330-830-8056

Grade 6 to Grade 12 Registration

Go to our homepage

(JacksonLocalSchools.org)

and follow the directions in the registration information to start your online registration. If you already have a student attending one of our Jackson schools, please use the username and password you created to fill out



Kindergarten students have their attention on a screen during a group learning project. Jackson Local Schools is accepting kindergarten and new student registrations now.

Jackson Local Schools Student Calendar 2022-2023

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 - 24 Open House - High School, 5:00-7:00 pm

- SEPTEMBER**
- 2 Professional Development Day - No School (K-12)
 - 5 Labor Day - No School (K-12)

- OCTOBER**
- 4 Parent Conferences (K-5) 4:00-8:00 pm
 - 4 Parent Conferences (Gr 6-12) 4:00-7:00 pm
 - 6 Parent Conferences (K-5) 4:00-8:00 pm
 - 7 Professional Development Day - No School (K-12)
 - 10 Columbus Day - No School (K-12)
 - 12 Parent Conferences (K-5) 4:00-8:00 pm
 - 12 Parent Conferences (Gr 6-12) 4:00-7:00 pm
 - 21 End of 1st Marking Period - 45 Days

- NOVEMBER**
- 23 Thanksgiving Break Begins
 - 29 Classes Resume

- DECEMBER**
- 21 Winter Break Begins

- JANUARY**
- 4 Classes Resume
 - 12 End of 2nd Marking Period - 45 Days
 - 13 Professional Development Day - No School (K-12)
 - 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School (K-12)

- FEBRUARY**
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 - 20 Presidents' Day - No School (K-12)
 - 23 Parent Conferences (K-12) 4:00-7:00 pm

- MARCH**
- 17 End of 3rd Marking Period - 42 Days
 - 20 Spring Break Begins
 - 27 Classes Resume

- APRIL**
- 7 K-12 Conference Exchange - No School (K-12)

- MAY**
- 25 Last Day for Students & Staff
 - 25 End of 4th Marking Period - 43 Days
 - 29 Memorial Day

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1 in Canton Metro Area High Schools



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Jackson Local Schools Board of Education



Goff Wright Jones Gindlesberger Winkhart

The 2021-2022 Jackson Local Board of Education members have met eight times this school year. The members are: Board President Chris Goff, Vice President Tonya Wright, Scott

Gindlesberger, Thomas Winkhart, Esq., and Lia Jones.

The Board of Education meets monthly. Regularly scheduled meetings can be found on the district's website.



Members of the Jackson Academy for Global Studies Chelsea Campbell, Duncan Buckerfield, Myla Keller, Emma James, Keya Williams, and Dylan Liber take the plunge. (Photo courtesy Canton Repository / Scott Heckel)

Community, school, sponsors make Polar Bear Plunge a success

By Justin Hardesty
Thank you!
It was the kind of cold Saturday afternoon that normally would be reserved for hot soup, but the spirit and action at Lake Cable on Feb. 12 warmed the heart. The annual Polar Bear Plunge returned to normal after an abbreviated version last year due to COVID-19. It was great to see so many faces on such a chilly afternoon to raise money for the Jackson Local Schools Foundation and, of course, charitable causes that were the beneficiaries of so many plungers.

a refreshing dip in the lake that you will not forget, not to mention the good you are doing for the charities.
So much work goes into making the Jackson Polar Bear Plunge a successful event. There are plenty of behind-the-scenes volunteers who make it happen. However, I would be remiss in not thanking JLSF Vice President Kody Gonzalez for all the work he puts into the Plunge. He is the chairman of the committee and every year Kody manages to pull everything together.

Jackson Township emergency crews cut out the ice at Lake Cable for us to have a jumping area. About an hour before the plunge, crews struggled to get the final six-foot sheet of ice tucked under the rest of the ice to make it safe.

And then the fun started. If you have not taken part in the Polar Bear Plunge I urge you to get involved next year. It will be

We are fortunate to have so many supportive corporate sponsors including The Schroer Group, Hardesty Partners, Omni Orthopaedics, the Pro Football Hall of Fame, Key Bank, Cutler Real Estate, Waikem, Froggy's Car Wash, WRL Advertising, Fleming/Wise, Sil, Elite Sports and Lovet Video Productions.
Justin Hardesty is president of the Jackson Local Schools Foundation.

JACKSON LOCAL SCHOOLS Student Calendar 2021 - 2022

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- November**
- 24 Thanksgiving Break Begins
 - 30 Classes Resume
- December**
- 20 Winter Break Begins
- January**
- 3 Classes Resume
 - 7 End of 2nd Marking Period - 46 Days
 - 14 Professional Development Day - No School (K-12)
 - 17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School (K-12)
- February**
- 10 Parent Conferences (K-12) 4:30-7:30 pm
 - 16 Parent Conferences (K-12) 4:30-7:30 pm
 - 18 Professional Development Day - No School (K-12)
 - 21 Presidents' Day - No School (K-12)
- March**
- 18 End of 3rd Marking Period - 46 Days
 - 21 Spring Break Begins
 - 28 Classes Resume
- April**
- 15 K-12 Conference Exchange - No School (K-12)
- May**
- 25 Last Day for Students & Staff
 - 25 End of 4th Marking Period - 42 Days
 - 30 Memorial Day

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Board Adopted 1/12/2021

One trauma event can affect a family for generations

How to recognize those affected by multigenerational trauma and advice on what to do about it

By Mary M. Kreitz

Trauma has occurred throughout human history. Awful things have happened to people that overwhelm the ability to cope and have effects that last for a long time.

Most of the time when we talk about trauma the focus is on individuals – how individual persons experience and are affected by traumatic events. However, recent research has shed light on the ways that trauma's impact can be much broader than that. Whole families, communities, and groups of people in society can be affected by the same traumatic event. The effects of trauma can be passed down through from one generation to another. In other words, trauma can be shared by whole groups and spread across generations.

How does that happen? The answer is not a simple one. There are many ways that trauma can be shared, spread, and passed along as a legacy.

Before going any further into the mechanisms of multigenerational trauma, a reminder of two very important things everyone should know about trauma:

1. Trauma is never the fault of the individual or group experiencing the trauma. Being traumatized does not reflect an inherent deficiency or inferiority in the individual or group. Bad things happened to them, not because of them, and certainly not because they deserve it.

2. Post-traumatic stress

disorder (PTSD) is not the predominant reaction to traumatic events. Individuals, groups, and societies differ in the ways they experience, process, and remember events. Most people who experience a traumatic event will recover naturally. It is only a small subset of survivors whose ability to cope will be overloaded and for whom the recovery process breaks down. These are the ones who become stuck in a post-traumatic state.

WHO IS AFFECTED?

The phenomenon of multigenerational trauma first gained attention in the 1960s when clinicians began seeing an increasing number of adult children of survivors of the Nazi Holocaust seeking treatment for mental health concerns. These clients had not experienced trauma directly but similar patterns were later observed in other groups including children of Japanese-Americans who had been interned during World War II, Native Americans, children of the Rwandan genocide, and children born to mothers who survived the 9/11 terror attacks.

That list might give the impression that multigenerational trauma is something experienced only in the aftermath of a major historical event like a genocide, famine, or war. Multigenerational trauma does not require a massive event to occur. It also happens in families in which abuse is generational.

PERCEPTIONS OF SELF, THE WORLD

Traumatic events affect our perceptions of ourselves, each other, and the world. Personal and collective memories are passed down in families and in society to form the story that becomes the foundation for our understanding of who we are, how we fit into the world, and what can be expected from others and from life. The earlier this narrative is passed on to us, the more likely we will be to internalize it, forming the unquestioned truth of “how it is.”

If the story that is passed down to us is about strength, resilience in the face of adversity, and belonging, it becomes a source of vitality and of individual and collective pride. It is a resource that can bolster us during difficult times and help us to overcome the challenges life inevitably brings.

If the story is about oppression, failure, and always being less than, it fosters a sense of learned helplessness, futility, and shame. Why would anyone pass down such an awful story, you might ask? It gets passed on because it is what's known, what has likely been reinforced by personal experiences, and what is accepted as truth. People do what they believe is necessary to prepare the next generation for the world as they know it.

SECONDARY VICTIMIZATION

Knowing that awful things have happened or could happen to someone you love can be traumatizing. This is especially true among people with a strong capacity for empathy (they are

aware of and feel the pain and suffering of their loved one), and among people who feel powerless to ease their loved one's suffering.

Children are often aware that their parent(s) have experienced trauma but don't know the details of what happened nor of the full impact that the trauma had. This happens for a lot of reasons.

The unfortunate result of this silence is that children fill in the blanks for themselves, and often what they imagine is pretty awful, if not worse than what actually happened. Unintentionally, through their example, parents teach their children that awful experiences are not to be talked about, which leaves the child feeling alone and unable to reach out for support when facing their own difficulties. Some children feel an implied sense of duty to make up for the suffering that was inflicted upon their parents.

Bringing history out into the open, exposing it to light and talking about it is a necessary part of healing. It relieves the tension and shame associated with trying to keep things hidden. It makes it possible to grieve together and begin construction of a healthy narrative in which trauma is only a part rather than the main theme.

Mary M. Kreitz, LPC, CDCA has more than 20 years of experience working in the field of behavioral health. She is currently the lead therapist for the Trauma Program at Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health, is a member of the Stark County Trauma and Resiliency Committee, and is a member of the Unity Coalition to Dismantle Racism in Stark County. If your child is experiencing anxiety, depression or trauma call C&A at 330-433-6075.

Jackson grad Jay Rohr named football coach

The Jackson Local School District Board of Education unanimously approved the recommendation to hire Jay Rohr as the next head football coach at Jackson High School during Tuesday night's board of education meeting. Rohr, a 2002 graduate of Jackson High School, is the 20th head coach in Polar Bear history. He has been the defensive coordinator for the last six years and a member of the Jackson coaching staff since 2015.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to become the head coach at my alma mater," Rohr said. "My family and I are rooted in the Jackson community. We are Polar Bears. There is a lot of work to do and we are looking forward to keeping the offseason momentum going with our 100-plus athletes in the weight room for offseason workouts."

Rohr replaces Tim Budd, who stepped down after seven seasons.

"Coach Budd gave me an opportunity to become the defensive coordinator here and I am appreciative of the faith he showed in me," Rohr said. "I was proud to be a member of the coaching staff that has laid the foundation built on toughness and physical football. We look forward to building on what has been established here. Jackson is a place where student-athletes are encouraged to play and be a part of as many



Jay Rohr has been named the new football coach at Jackson High School. Here Rohr is pictured with his family (wife Mandy, (daughter, front left) Avery, (son, front right) Jace, and (son, back left) JJ and Jordy.

extracurricular activities as possible to make them well-rounded students. We look forward to encouraging our players to be all they want to be as Polar Bears."

Rohr was a four-year starter at Jackson at linebacker, and started three years at running back. He finished with school records 441 tackles (80 for loss) and 3,226 rushing yards. He was the Stark County Player of the Year in 2001. Rohr was elected to the school's Wall of Fame and the

Stark County High School Football Hall of Fame both in 2013. He went on to play four years at the University of Akron and started at linebacker his last two seasons. He led the Mid-American Conference in tackles with 121 and was fifth in the country his senior year. Rohr played for Lee Owens and J.D. Brookhart at Akron.

"We talk a lot of interviewing every day at Jackson and Jay Rohr has had a great seven-year interview here," Athletic Director Dan Michel said.

"He represents the very best of what we expect from our teachers and coaches in the Jackson Local School District. I have watched Jay interact with our students and athletes for several years whether it is coaching youth basketball players, our wheelchair basketball team, or varsity football, Jay doesn't just get the most out of his players, those players respond to Jay.

"To be able to promote from within and promote one of Jackson's own

makes this opportunity particularly special for our program."

Coach Rohr started his coaching career at Tuslaw High School in 2007. He was the linebacker and running backs coach before becoming the defensive coordinator. In 2015 he came to Jackson. In addition to his work as a football coach, Rohr is the head basketball coach for the Jackson Wheelchair basketball team and he coaches youth basketball.

Jay and his wife, Mandy, have been married for 13 years and live in Jackson Township with their twin sons JJ and Jordy (9 years old), daughter, Avery (6), and son, Jace (3).



Jay Rohr, a Polar Bear record-holder as a player, has been named the 20th head football coach at Jackson High School. (Photo courtesy Canton Repository)

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE



More than 330 jumpers got "Freezin' for a Reason" during the annual Polar Bear Plunge in Lake Cable. The event is a major fundraiser for the Jackson Local Schools Foundation to provide classroom grants for our students and teachers. Some of the recent classroom grants the Plunge helped to fund include virtual reality goggles, 3D printer, Chromebooks, robotics club, and an electric car kit. The Plunge was held on Feb. 12. Special thank you to the corporate sponsors, volunteers, Jackson Township officials and Lake Cable for hosting the event.

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE



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President Chris Goff and Vice President Tonya Wright, joined Team DiLoreto as well as JLSF President Justin Hardesty, and Jim Camp, foundation past president. People ask all the time what it's like to jump into the lake, and I tell them the same thing: It's invigorating. It really is. Once you get past the initial shock of the 33-degree water, it really is a great experience.

Of course, there are great partners that make this event happen from Jackson Township Trustees and other officials, to our sponsors, volunteers, and Lake Cable. Jackson Township firefighters are on hand for several hours in wet suits to make it safe for everyone.

You can read more about what the money that is raised for the foundation is used for inside this edition of Polar Bear Pride.

St. Baldrick's Event

St. Baldrick's is another fundraiser in which the Jackson Local School District encourages all six buildings and other Jackson Local School District groups to participate. All monies raised through St. Baldrick's goes to support childhood cancer research. The Jackson Local School District is approaching nearly \$1 million in donations to this wonderful cause and will continue to get closer to \$1 million with your generous support again this year.

You can support my team by going here: <http://bit.ly/teamdilo> or you can find any Jackson Local School District team to support by checking out the local St. Baldrick's page here: <https://www.stbaldricks.org/events/CantonOhio2022>. Yes, I will "brave the shave" this year and take everything off the top on March 13 at the North Canton Racquet Club.

National Recognition for District

We are proud of another national recognition that has been awarded to the Jackson Local School District. Backgroundchecks.org recently listed its top school districts in Ohio and Jackson Local School District came in No. 1 in



Superintendent Chris DiLoreto gets his head shaved by the Polar Bear mascot at a recent St. Baldrick's fundraiser. The event will happen on March 13 this year.

the state. This is a byproduct of the collaboration that routinely happens among students, parents, faculty and staff, and community stakeholders.

Here is what the website said about Jackson Local School District, "Jackson Local School District is the best public school system in Ohio. The district serves an enrollment of 5,800 and has earned a rating of "Excellent" from the Ohio Department of Education for 16 straight years. What's more, two of its schools have been recognized as Blue Ribbon Schools."

Commencement is Outdoors

Parents, family, and friends of our graduating senior class will want to mark your calendars for May 24 when we will have our second outdoor commencement at Robert Fife Stadium. We received such tremendous feedback from last year's outside graduation that we decided to do it again. The ceremony will start at 7 p.m. this year. We anticipate the conclusion to be around 9 p.m. with a surprise at the end for those in attendance. Of course, our rain date for graduation will be May 25. We plan to livestream the event as well.

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- Tap on Settings and then select AmazonSmile
- Select Jackson Local Schools Foundation as your charity and then follow the on-screen instructions to turn ON AmazonSmile in the mobile app

Once AmazonSmile has been activated in your app, future eligible app purchases will generate a donation.

How to use AmazonSmile on a web browser

- Visit smile.amazon.com
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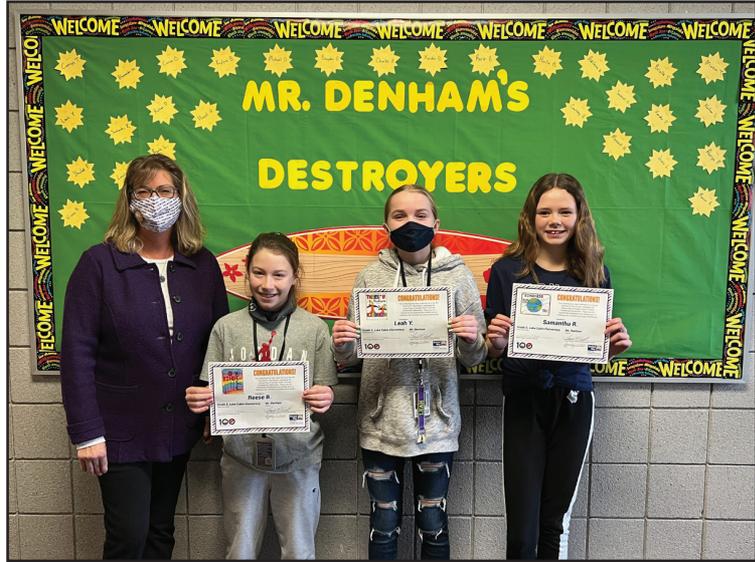
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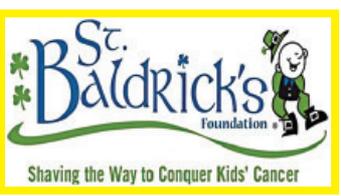
The United Way of Greater Stark County recently held an art contest among Stark County schools. After more than 250 submissions, 10 winners were chosen, including five from Jackson Local. Those five JLSD winners were: Aubrey Mangun, Samantha Rosenberry, Leah Young, Sarah Reed, and Reese Brickwood. They were presented their certificates by JLSD Board of Education Vice President Tonya Wright and district elementary library media specialist Bridget Williams.



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CANTON ST. BALDRICK'S CHALLENGE WEEK MARCH 7-13, 2022



STEP 1: REGISTER

Go to www.stbaldricks.org/events/cantonohio2022 and register for our 2022 Event. Head-Shaving, register as a 'shavee'. Other DWYW fundraisers, register as a 'fundraising participant'.

STEP 2: RAISE MONEY

Share your St. Baldrick's page with friends and family. Let them know what type of fundraiser you'll be doing (head shaving or other!). Ask them to donate via your St. Baldrick's page.



STEP 3: COMPLETE YOUR CHALLENGE

You can complete your challenge now, during "Challenge Week" (March 7-13) or anytime in between. Have some fun and get your friends to 'challenge' with you!

STEP 4: POST A PICTURE

Post a picture of you and your challenge on Social Media and tag us! Or, send us your picture and we'll share it on our website and Facebook page.



EMAIL YOUR CHALLENGE PHOTOS TO: CANTONSTBALDRICKS@GMAIL.COM

SMALL ACTS CAN MAKE A BIG IMPACT!

PUBLIC NOTICE

JLSD serves children with disabilities



education. Public schools provide free and appropriate education regardless of a child's disability. However, before these children can be served, they must be found.

Many of these children are not visible because they may not function in the community's mainstream, and many are preschoolers. Parents may not realize that programs and services are available through their school district or from agencies in their community. If you are aware of a child who may need a special education

program or services, contact Kathy Brand, Jackson Local School District's Special Programs Director with any questions you may have regarding the above notice.

The district is open to provide services (if your child is found eligible under IDEA) if you are interested in your child attending a public school setting.

Contact Information:
Kathy Brand, Special Programs Director
 7602 Fulton Drive NW
 Massillon, Ohio 44646
 Office: 330.830.8006

Within the intent of the federal statutes (Rehabilitation Act of 1973-section 504 and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act IDEA-public law 105-17), the Jackson Local School District continues its effort to locate and identify children with disabilities from birth through age 21.

Children with disabilities have physical, emotional, and/or mental impairments that may require special

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One Big Bear Hug



Jackson Local Board of Education members (from left) Tonya Wright and Chris Goff join Donnie Childress from Bear Hugs, to accept a cash donation from students Benjamin Black, Daniel Black, Joe Joe Black, Eli Gardner, Owen Gardner, Aiden Gardner, and Mia Gardner, who raised \$766 for the nonprofit program by selling hot chocolate during winter break. The students presented the cash donation to Bear Hugs but handmade a "check" to present to Bear Hugs.

DID YOU KNOW?



Jackson Local Schools spends less per pupil than 80 percent of all Ohio schools, yet ranks in the top 10% in academic achievement.



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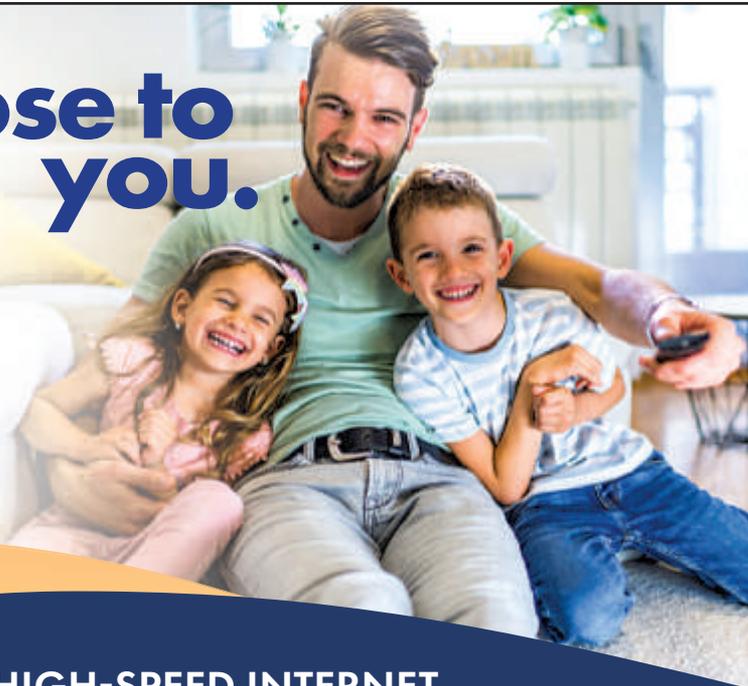
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100 DAYS OF LEARNING



Students throughout Jackson's four elementary schools celebrated the district's 100th day of learning this school year in January by dressing up like they were 100 years old, and by making art (some of it edible) and counting to 100 using cereal.

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