

Jeffrey Clark

Hornet Family Updates

“When families and teachers join forces, perseverance takes root — and our Clark kids learn to keep buzzing no matter what.”

November 2025

Governor's Educator of the Year/ Educational Service Provider of the Year

Program Overview

Each year, New Jersey honors outstanding educators through the Governor's Educator of the Year Program. This program celebrates one Teacher of the Year and one Educational Services Professional (ESP) from each school who demonstrate excellence, inspire students, and contribute to a positive school community.

Eligibility Requirements

Nominees must:

- Be certified and currently employed in a New Jersey public school.
- Have an "Effective" or higher rating.
- Exhibit innovation, collaboration, and respect from students, colleagues, and families.
- Not have received this title in the past five years.

ESP nominees may include counselors, nurses, CST members, therapists, specialists, and instructional aides.

If you know a deserving educator who makes a difference each day, please submit a nomination using the link below.

Nominations are due by 3:30pm on November 24, 2025.

[Click here for the JCS Nomination Form.](#)



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.



[November Calendar](#)



[Preschool Lunch Menu](#)



[B-2 Lunch Menu](#)



The East Greenwich Township School District will be closed on Thursday, November 6th and Friday, November 7th.

Snack/Lunch Information



Classrooms are 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!

[For Those Impacted by the Government Shutdown, Please Click Here for Gloucester County Food Resources.](#)

One Book One School at Jeffrey Clark

In *Jules vs. the Ocean*, a determined little girl sets out to build “the biggest, most spectacular sandcastle anyone has ever seen.” Despite her best efforts, the waves keep washing it away. But Jules doesn’t give up—she learns that even when things don’t go as planned, trying again and again can lead to unexpected joy and pride. With beautiful illustrations and heartfelt humor, this story captures what it means to be resilient in the face of challenges.



November's Focus

- Book: *Jules Vs. the Ocean* by Jessie Sima
- Trait: Perseverance
- Home Connection Ideas
 - Bring the theme home with these family conversations and activities:
 - Dinner Table Talk:
 - “What’s something you’re working hard to get better at?”
 - “Can you think of a time you wanted to give up but didn’t?”
 - “What helps you keep trying when something feels tough?”
 - Family Challenge: Build a family sandcastle (even with blocks or pillows!) and talk about what happens when it falls down—how can you rebuild it together?
 - Encourage a Growth Mindset: Try saying, “I can’t do it yet,” when something feels hard.

Attendance Update:

We have been and will continue sending home attendance updates and letters to help keep families informed about each student’s current attendance record. If your child is absent for a medical reason, please be sure to share any doctor’s notes or relevant information with our school nurse. Please know that these letters are sent to ALL families when certain attendance thresholds are reached, even if medical documentation has been provided. This helps ensure all information is accurate and up to date. If you have any questions about your child’s attendance or tardiness, please feel free to contact me directly. We are always here to help!



Veteran's Day Luncheon

Every year we look forward to our Veteran's Luncheon, and the opportunity to thank our veterans for their service. We are excited to welcome veterans and active service members of our community to the Jeffrey Clark School Veteran’s Luncheon on Wednesday, November 12th. Some of our second graders prepare a fallen soldier table, our B-2 students perform patriotic songs, and all of our students help to decorate the school in honor of those who have served our country.

American Education Week

American Education Week is a celebration of public schools and public school employees. On Monday, November 17th, we invite parents and guardians to join us for American Education Week Visitation Day. This provides a window into the wonderful things that are happening in our classrooms every day.

To ensure the safety of our students and provide space for our visitors, a maximum of 2 parents or guardians will be permitted per child. Please make arrangements for sibling child care prior to your planned visit. During your visit please refrain from using your cell phone. Video and audio recording are prohibited. Should you have an emergency, please exit the classroom to use your cell phone.

2025 Parent Visitation Times

Grade 1- 1:10pm-1:40pm

Preschool- 1:45pm-2:10pm

Beginners- 1:55pm-2:25pm

Grade 2- 2:30pm-3:00pm

[Click Here for the Link to RSVP to the Clark](#)

[Parent Visitation Day.](#)

Please submit the RSVP by 4:00pm on Wednesday, November 12, 2025.