

WILDCAT REPORT



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Regular School Hours:

9:00am: School Begins

9:05am: Tardy Bell

3:20: Dismissal

Car Line Drop-off:

8:45 – 8:55am

Car Line Pick-up:

3:20 – 3:35pm

Mark your Calendars:

- **October 5th-9th** : Book Fair Week
- **October 7th** : Harvest Festival 5:00-6:30
- **October 12th**: No School/ Columbus Day
- **October 19th**: PTO meeting 5:30-6:30 PM
- **October 20th**: School Picture Day
- **October 22nd**: ½ day. Parent Teacher Conferences.
- **October 29th**: Trunk or Treat 5:30-7:00 PM

PBIS and The Wildcat Way News:

We had an exciting and energizing PBIS Kick-Off to start the year strong! Students watched a video centered around our school motto, learning what it truly means to follow the Wildcat Way at James Clark School. The video highlighted the key expectations and values that guide our behavior every day.

Afterwards, we brought the celebration outside, where students had a blast moving to the music and connecting with one another. A special highlight of the day was meeting The Wildcat, our beloved school mascot, who brought lots of smiles and school spirit!

Each student also had the opportunity to chalk their name on the playground, symbolizing their commitment to follow the Wildcat Way throughout each day at James Clark School.

Signing their name was more than fun—it was a pledge to uphold the values that make our school a safe, respectful, and positive place to learn and grow.

What a great way to kick off the year and set the tone for success!





Physical Education News!

The Impossible Shot!

Yesterday, second grader Owen Church made James Clark history by becoming the first-ever student to successfully complete The Impossible Shot!

The Impossible Shot is a behavioral incentive that Mr. Rist introduced in PE this year. Students who follow the Wildcat Way—being kind, safe, and responsible—are eligible to have their names randomly selected at the end of class.

If selected, students head to the middle of the gym and get two chances to make a small ball into a narrow, decorated tube. If they make it, they become instantly famous around school and earn some special awards! ★

The Impossible Shot takes place at the end of PE classes for students in grades 1-4. Kindergarten students will eventually get their chance when Mr. Rist decides they're ready for the challenge.

We are so excited for Owen and his amazing accomplishment! Congratulations, Owen! We can't wait to see who will make the shot next!

