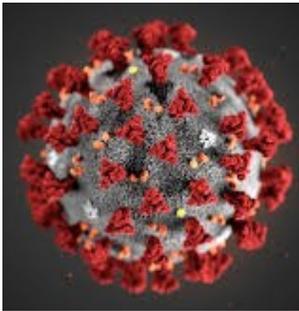


## Special Covid-19 SPS AT HOME Issue



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# The New Jarrett Broadcaster

## A Message from Dr. Slater, Principal



Dear Jarrett Family,

It has been quite the season and we're looking forward to a sense of normalcy this summer. We have missed the students of Jarrett; their smiles, laughter, and simply the daily face-to-face interactions. Fourth quarter has been a quarter like no other, filled with Canvas Conferences, online assignments, stay-at-home restrictions, social distancing, and unfortunately, empty hallways/classrooms.

The uniqueness of the times have been exactly that for the Jarrett Team. As a building leader, I have been immersed in virtual meetings, logistical challenges, and disseminating a wealth of communications. As a staff, we have been preparing and serving the community with grab & go meals as the building was kept open. And as a faculty, we have been providing daily learning opportunities and making multiple home contacts, even visits, ensuring that students were safe and healthy.

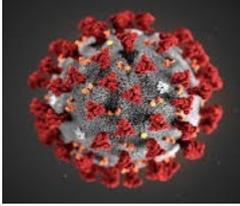
Our students have encountered uncharted waters, having to navigate a journey of virtual learning that has been unprecedented. Through it all,

they have developed time management skills, adapted to new learning schedules, and determined that going to school isn't so bad after all. Jarrett students are overcomers! They have weathered the storm and risen to the challenge. We are proud of our Trojans! I would be remiss if I failed to recognize our parents too. I want to thank all the parents who have encouraged their students along the way, to give their best and to persevere despite the situation resulting from COVID-19.

Through it all, we have been reminded that school is much more than brick and mortar; it's about people. It's about the teachers and the parents partnering and creating opportunities for students to grow as learners. It's about relationships! This pandemic, despite its ill effects, has provided a rare opportunity for us to appreciate those near to us and to those we wish to draw near. My hope is that everyone has a restful summer, full of time with the family and a time of respite. The Jarrett administration, faculty, and staff wish you a safe and healthy summer break!

Over the summer, don't forget to follow Jarrett on Twitter, stay abreast of important updates on the Remind App, and peruse the Jarrett website for extra - & co-curricular activities on our Google calendar. It is truly a privilege to partner with the Jarrett community by investing in the lives of our future leaders. I am reminded daily, it's all about TEAM...Together, Everyone, Accomplishes, More.

## Covid-19



### WWNTS? What Would Nurse Tammy Say?

I'm just going to guess at these! You might want to add more!

- Wash your hands often and be sure to count for 20 seconds
- Wear a mask when you might expose someone or be exposed to the virus
- Maintain your social distance of 6 feet to keep everyone safe
- Be kind to each other
- Be kind to yourself

## Covid-19 by Cecil McBrayer

First and foremost, I'd like to say that **We Love You, Nurse Tammy Mitchell!**

Two words come to mind when I think of the past couple months. Confined Freedom. You may be thinking these words are polar opposites. Just how can one be free while confined? Over the past few months, the COVID-19 outbreak has dismantled the daily lifestyle for millions in America and billions of people around the world. Life has changed. Once high demand forms of entertainment have become afterthoughts to concerns about the virus. I don't want it to seem like those concerns were not warranted or important. I just want to express how destructive the virus was to leisurely activities across the country.

My confinement led to subtle thoughts of "what's next" as I contemplated the next few months of my life. By the way, I am a thirty-one-year-old black male and I have a baby girl who is due in July 2020, so the stress of sitting at home and avoiding the virus with my pregnant wife was daunting to say the least. Nevertheless, I lived in my confinement and endured the stay at home like millions of other responsible Americans. There were tough times and sad times, just as there were moments full of laughter and genuine enjoyment and bliss.

Then, I heard about Nurse Tammy. A woman who wanted normalcy more than anything while coming back to work with a disease that was stealing her life away from her. She was losing her battle with cancer when I was writing this. I thought about all of the moments that we shared. The laughter, the candy, the band aids, the lectures about taking care of myself and not sending students to her office without a pass.

Nurse Tammy has lived and worked for others for years. She tried to not let her ailments show, and I have nothing but pure admiration, respect, and love for a person like that. She never asked for anything at work, even though she probably deserves everything. I have realized that life is not about the inevitable death that we will ultimately meet someday. It is about living and sharing moments with people. Our lives are not really even about us. They are about the impact we have on others and how we make their lives more pleasant.

Nurse Tammy is a perfect example. I think Nurse Tammy would want people to embrace the opportunities that confined freedom has to offer because at the end of the day, we're still free to live and that's what matters.



Stay safe and take care of yourself.

Embrace living!

## What were teachers doing?

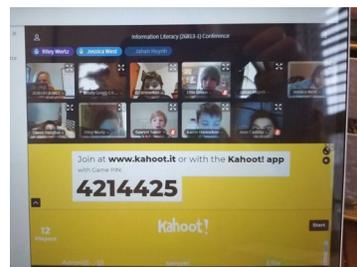
### Pandemic? No Problem!

By Mrs. Hill

When 6th grade teachers learned that we would be teaching online, we put our heads together and did our best to come up with some fun activities to keep our students engaged. The past nine weeks have been challenging to say the least, but I think we can all say we've had quite a bit of fun along the way. We had plenty of spirit days - pajama day, hat day, and we even had a day where students could bring their pets to the conference. Boy did we

see some interesting animals! In our daily book club, we finished two really great books - *One For the Murphys* and *Mascot*. We had movie days and "snack and chat" days. Scavenger hunts, jigsaw puzzle content reveals, cartoon videos, and interactive eBooks were a big hit! Students also enjoyed using the popular tool, Mentimeter. Every Friday was dubbed "Free Friday Fun!" We played many rounds of Kahoot and sent out more cards and treats than we care to count. Teachers even made surprise visits (while social distancing,

of course) to students' houses to drop off goodies! All in all, we took a challenging situation and made it work the best we could. More than anything, we're proud of our students who rose to the occasion and showed their Jarrett Pride by being awesome distance learners! Way to go, 6th graders! We're going to miss you so much!!



6th grade teachers delivered t-shirts to their outstanding students on the last full day of school!



### The Puzzle by Mrs. Ratcliff



Mrs. Ratcliff dropped off Birdie's 6 pieces on her porch. They both worked on their pieces separately. They didn't pick a theme or focus. When Birdie was done, she left them on her porch and sent Mrs. Ratcliff a message. Mrs. Ratcliff then picked them up, and assembled all the pieces and created this finished product.



### TSA by Mrs. Dimmick

The TSA team continued to work through SPS at Home. In fact, they had competitions. Some students were able to compete virtually by taking quizzes online. We were not able to compete in some of the building type events, such as solar car. Even the students that competed did not share their projects, they just took a test. There were 3 weeks of

competition and they took a few tests each week.



Copper Swearingen received 3rd in Electrical Applications. He was the first Jarrett student to compete in that event.

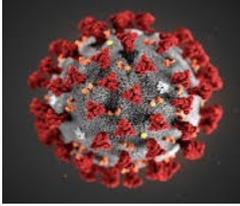


Le Tran received 2nd in Cyber Security. This event was offered at the middle school level for the first time this year. Congratulations to Copper and Le!

### Interesting information!

Keisha Jasmine was really interested in Ms. Countryman's class because they learned about volcanoes. Ms. Countryman found out that Keisha lived on the Java Island in Indonesia and there is actually a volcano there named Mount Merapi. It is the most active volcano in the world!

## Covid-19



### That One Year By: Piper Keith



Something is there  
Little don't know  
And little don't care  
Some people like it  
some don't  
I Particularly don't  
And I won't  
I don't like it  
That it took a  
pandemic  
Something negatively  
epic  
To get families closer  
To unite the nation  
To bring the  
generation  
Up to its finest

## Covid-19 Student Creations



**Audrey Costello**

In isolation  
I am depressed and alone  
All by myself...



**Angel Nikolaisen**

We've all been at home.  
Stuck inside doing nothing.  
Want to see my friends

**Jaxon Bermudez**



everywhere is closed  
boring and nothing to do  
wish school wasn't closed

**Mrs. Jeannie Ratcliff**

Miss my students much  
Never meant to be alone  
COVID take a hike



Mrs. Lux's art students were asked to create a piece of art for Earth Day. This was 7th grader Lilly Schneider's entry.

Isn't it incredible?





**Gavin  
Stevenson-  
Compton**

Gavin, a 7th grader at Jarrett, used his time during SPS at Home to work on his art. He shared this art of two current rappers.

Pretty amazing, aren't they?

## Life in quarantine with an immunocompromised family

By Autum Schmidt



Hi. My name is Autum and I'm a 6th grader at Jarrett. My mom is immunocompromised. Having someone in your family who is immunocompromised makes things a little bit harder. You

see my mom has a chronic illness called (EDS) Ehlers-Danlos syndrome and it affects everyone differently. It affects my mom in a way where she is very sick all the time. I'm very grateful my mom has not died or gotten sick with Covid-19 yet.

Luckily no one in my family and no one I know has died from Covid-19 and I'm very grateful for that. Something that you can do to help people who are immunocom-

promised is to wear your mask and gloves when you are out, wash your hands for 30 seconds or more, cough in your elbow, don't touch people if it is not necessary and stay at least six feet apart. You can do all of that and more to help you and everyone around you to not get covid-19

I hope you all are doing those things to help not spread Covid-19 to people around you. Be safe!

## Covid-19 by Owen Douglas



There are pros and cons of this pandemic. A positive is that you get to spend more time with your family and pets. I get to wear my PJs all day. People also had more time to do things at home with their family like watch a movie.

There are also cons for this pandemic. For example, you can't go out to eat or go somewhere that you like. You can't see your friends or teachers in person. Another con is that online school is a bit harder to navigate through all the work. In conclusion it is good and bad to be in this pandemic.

## The Rona/Covid-19 Jaylen Manier



This whole virus thing is out of control. It's changing the world in a way that's crazy. Things aren't the same as you can tell. Quarantine is boring as us humans sit in the house bored 24/7 with nothing at all to do. Lately I have been sitting here grateful to have my Chromebook for now because there is nothing else to do. Some things are blocked but I am happy to have something to use to keep content in this sad sad time.

Things are changing where I am and my hair is crazy! It's puffy and I have grown a lot. I go outside every now and then but it's still boring because there are no pools, no mall, no vacations at a luxury hotel. There's nothing and it's sad. But, I am glad to be here and be safe. I am that sorry the virus is killing many people but we will stay safe and strong together. Together we can beat the change and we will beat the change as long as we believe in one another. That is my whole situation of the Covid-19.

## Battle of the Books 1st Place Winners!

Jarrett took 1st place in the Battle of the Books competition on May 15th thanks to an incredible amount of time and hard work by these three students. This photo was from last year when they took second in the district. They were determined to wrench the title from Westport, the only team to beat them last year. The competition was tough: 180 questions over the twelve Truman Readers Award Nominees. They had only 50 minutes to complete the test, which they were able to work on together thanks to Canvas Conferences!

Because of school being shut down we had to practice online through the conferences. This was not easy for them but they continued to read and study despite all the complications thrown at them.



From left to right:

Ian McWhirt—8th grade

Ezra Gillham—7th grade

Hendrix Crouse—7th grade

## Virtual Cheerleading Tryouts: June 8th-12th

Want to join the  
Jarrett Cheerleading Team?  
Stay tuned!  
Virtual Tryouts coming soon!

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Virtual Cheerleading tryouts will be the week of **June 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>**.

Tryout packets **MUST** be picked up, completed, and dropped off/mailed by June 5<sup>th</sup> to Jarrett. Active physical must be on file with Jarrett athletics/turned in to Jarrett by June 5<sup>th</sup> to participate. Virtual tryout videos will be released on the 8<sup>th</sup> and recorded tryout will need to be submitted by the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Check “Jarrett Middle School Cheer” on Facebook or “@JarrettMSCheerleading” on Instagram for more details.

## Covid-19 The Heartbreak of the Year By Jayden Christian

This was a year of total heartbreak! Personally, I knew at the end of this year more specifically, I had many things to be excited for. Things I had both worked for, and things that I was just excited to have. For example, my last choir concert with my favorite teacher, Mrs. Loudis. I was so excited for three years to have that last experience, and now due to Covid-19 I will never be able to have it.

This outbreak has caused so much heartbreak to so many people. Personally I try to look on the bright side of things but, the moment I saw that Jarrett Middle School students won't be attending school for the rest of the year, I actually sat there and just teared up.

There are things I wish I would have done sooner. I would have taken time to do more, to 'get involved'. In my seventh grade year at this school, I kept to myself, didn't get involved and for the year was lonely. I hated school, because I didn't know how to be me at that time.

This year, I started to do more. Thanks to my leadership class, with Mr. Myrick, I started to show my art and passion for the school and I started to help more people. It turns out that the more I did, the more I felt like I belonged. It was magical! I wish I could relive all of these memories I've had at this school. As they say, all good things must end. This outbreak has had its heartbreaks, again. Opportunities and such have been forever taken from us and we won't ever get them back.

Speaking for all of the 'Freshmen' out there. I think we can all say we will forever cherish our memories here, and wish we could have spent the last two or so months living them. I know I will miss Jarrett so much, and its family. I'm so grateful to have been accepted into the family with welcome arms.



Try this easy-to-make dessert for the 4th of July!

1 Angel Food Cake cubed

8 ounces blueberries

1 pound strawberries diced and mixed with 1/4

cup sugar.

Alternate in layers and decorate the top with whipped cream and blue and red sprinkles.

Prepare and bake a cake according to package directions, using a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. Cool on a wire rack 1 hour. Use canned frosting or make your own from a favorite recipe. Decorate it with blueberries and raspberries as shown, or you can use strawberries you've sliced in 1/2 (with help from your parents). Refrigerate until serving.

