



## Jackson Wrap-Around

April 2026 News

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### March Recap

In March, our school-age team took their commitment to the environment outdoors for a thorough playground cleanup, working together to ensure our shared space is clean and ready for spring play. This spirit of teamwork extended back into the classroom as we tended to our indoor greenery. The children practiced their gardening skills by carefully pruning our geraniums to encourage fresh sprouts and new growth. These hands-on efforts culminated in the successful planting of our windowsill herb garden, where students are now responsible for nurturing the very first signs of life in our basil, chive, cilantro and parsley seeds.

### April News

#### Sprouting Success: Our Windowsill Herb Garden

It is officially spring in the Jackson Wrap-Around program! This month, our school-age explorers are getting their hands dirty as we launch our indoor gardening project. This hands-on experience focuses on scientific inquiry, responsibility, and the patience required to nurture a living thing from seed to harvest. *What's Growing in Our Window?*

We have transformed our windowsills into a mini-greenhouse. The children are currently tending to three specific herbs:

*Chives:* Perfect for learning about hardy perennials.

*Basil:* A fast grower that allows kids to see daily progress.

*Cilantro:* A great way to discuss different scents and culinary uses.

#### The "Mind to Growth" Connection

Through this project, students aren't just growing plants; they are growing their mindsets. We are using the garden to discuss:

*Observation:* Tracking growth through sketches and measurements in our garden journals.

*Responsibility:* Rotating a "Watering Captain" schedule to ensure every seedling gets exactly what it needs.

*Persistence:* Understanding that if a seed doesn't sprout right away, we troubleshoot and try again.

### Bringing the Garden Home

Our goal is to nurture these seedlings throughout the spring so they are strong enough to survive the transition to the *Great Outdoors*. At the end of the school year, each child will take their established herb plant home to transplant into a garden or a larger patio pot just in time for the summer sun.

### Reminders

Please turn in your contacts for the 2026/2027 school year, if you need childcare for the coming year.

### Upcoming Events

Walworth County HS Rodeo:

When: April 24 - 26

Where: Walworth County Fairgrounds

What: An evening and weekend event featuring regional junior and high school rodeo competitions. *Great for families who enjoy seeing local students showcase their skills.*

Putt Out Hunger: Saturday, April 11 at 5:30 PM (*Grand Geneva*).

### Family Connection

#### Kitchen Science for Busy Families

Short on time? Try this "set and forget" project! Next time you use celery, cut off the bottom two inches and place it in a shallow bowl with a half-inch of water. Place it on a sunny windowsill and simply refresh the water every few days. Within a week, you'll see new green leaves sprouting from the center—a perfect way for children to witness a "Growth Mindset" in action. As Audrey Hepburn famously said:  
"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."

