

JEFFERSON CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Just a reminder that Little Olympics practices will start April 1st, which is the first day back from break! I am looking forward to practicing, and of course, for the big event on May 4!

Practice will last from 3:10-5:00 p.m. **Students are expected to be picked up at 5 p.m. when practice is over.** *There will be no supervision after that time—**please be prompt about pick-up.*** Your child must attend all four practices in order to participate the day of the competition. Below are the scheduled practices that your child is expected to attend.

4th Grade Practices

Mon, April 1
Mon, April 8
Mon, April 15
Mon, April 22

5th Grade Practices

Tues, April 2
Tues, April 9
Mon, April 16
Tues, April 23

If it rains on a practice day, practice will be moved inside.

Your child can only attend the other group's practice if they are making up an absence. They are not to attend another group's practice to have an extra workout. A student is excused from practices if he/she is absent from school that day. He/she will need to make up the practice with another group. Two unexcused absences, meaning the child skips a practice without a parental note, will result in that student being dropped from Little Olympics. Even an unexcused absence must be made up.

Being a member of the Little Olympic teams is a wonderful opportunity and a privilege. Because it is a privilege, students must remember that their first job as a student begins in the classroom. Academics should always come before sports. If a student is having difficulty fulfilling this first responsibility, it may mean not being able to participate in Little Olympics. On the same token, character and behavior during the regular school day will also play a role in being allowed to remain a member of the roster. If a player has behavior problems during the school day it may result in being pulled from the team. All final decisions in regards to being pulled from the roster will be given the utmost thought and fairness.

Remember that younger siblings are not allowed to stay while the teams are practicing.

Little Olympics involves many students, and there is not a place for those who disrupt practices. No "horseplay" will be tolerated. If a child causes problems at practice he/she will be asked to leave the practice area for the day. If the problem continues that child will be dropped from Little Olympics.

I am sure many of you will be interested in watching your student athlete practice. It is a wonderful way of showing your student your support and enthusiasm. However, the student athletes do a better job of concentrating on practice when extra distractions are not there. I prefer it if parents/guardians do not come to the practice areas and watch practices. I would like parents to wait to enter the gym until pick up time.

Our teams are set and ready to go! Let's have a good practice season!!

Sincerely,
Ms. Laura Koestner