

Welcome

Jennings Randolph Elementary School

2023-24

Information for Families

- Please carefully review all the information which is sent home.
- Thank you for returning your child's emergency care form on Day 2!
- The A-Z parent handout is a great reference to answer various school questions.
- Monthly newsletters include a calendar.
- The school webpage has many valuable resources (lunch menu, lunch schedule, school policies, handouts and a calendar)
- LiveGrades (grades 3-5) allows you to monitor your child's grades.

Jennings Randolph – Family Atmosphere

- Many teachers will get to know your child. Teachers provide check-ins and hallway greetings.
- The role of the principal has changed since you went to school. Your child coming to the office is often to help solve the problem instead of strictly punishment. Please do not “scare” your child with Principal Office stories. You will be contacted in some manner if your child visits the office.
- We have a school counselor and a part time social worker. Both are here to help you. Please contact the school so we can work together.

Arrival

- Students should arrive to school at 8:15. Students are expected to be in their classrooms by 8:30. Students get Grab n Go and have breakfast in the classroom while instruction begins. Please do not drop off your child before 8:15 as there will not be adult supervision.
- Please do not drive into the loop between 8:00 and 8:30. This is a bus drop off area. Parking is in our Side Lot or along South Gate Road. Please do not park in the loop spaces.
- Please come to the office first if entering the building. We ask you do not go directly to lockers or classrooms. This is a safety issue, and we take the safety of all students seriously.
- We are currently having visitors stay in the lobby as we work to keep building-traffic to a minimum.

Departure

- We ask you avoid picking your child up from school after 3:00. The end of the day is a busy time. Instruction goes until 3:05, and a lot of information is given out by teachers at the end of the day.
- Please use caution in the side parking lot. Backing into a parking space is best. Please do not park in areas labeled NO PARKING. This affects visibility of buses and cars and puts our students at risk.
- A note **MUST** be provided if students are riding a different bus. If students are riding a bus home with another student, both parties must have a note giving parent permission. We do not call home for this permission.
- Please write dismissal changes in the agenda book. The office is very busy and some messages may be missed if you call. We must have information in writing to avoid miscommunication.

Due Dates

- We ask that you pay close attention to due dates on various permission slips and forms. Due to planning and food/item ordering, we cannot accept late forms. Deadlines will be strictly followed. Forms will be posted on our school website in case you need extra copies.
- If there's an issue, let us know. We are here to help.

Absences

- Please send in a note when your child is absent from school. A note must be provided within 3 days of the absence.
- 5 parent notes are permitted per semester
- Please ask your doctor for notes due to appointments and illnesses.
- Excused absences include: illness of student, death in immediate family, failure of the bus to run and medical appointments verified by doctor
- Please keep students home 24 hours after a fever or stomach ailment. We do not want to pass the illness on to others.
- An important handout will be sent home with our August newsletter on attendance. Please read it over carefully.

Social Media

- Please use caution when posting pictures to Facebook and other social media sites. Some parents do not wish to have their child's pictures posted.
- Please avoid school or teacher bashing on social media. It affects the image of all students. If you have concerns or complaints, first speak with your child's teacher. If the problem isn't resolved, please contact the principal.
- JRES has a Facebook page (JRES Page) to communicate information. You are welcome to join. Please understand if a staff member does not approve you to join his/her personal social media sites as this is for staff privacy and protection.

What is Title 1?

- It is the nation's largest federal assistance program for schools.
- The program provides extra help to students who need additional help in reading and mathematics by highly qualified teachers.
- The goal of Title I is to provide a high-quality education for every child. The program provides extra help to students who need additional help in reading and mathematics.
- This program serves children in grades Pre-Kindergarten through five at various Randolph County Schools. This is a fluid program, and all students may be pulled for certain skill areas.

What does Randolph County's Title I Program offer?

- additional support in reading and mathematics for students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through grade five
- additional teachers
- additional training for school staff
- extra time for instruction
- a variety of teaching methods and materials
- activities and training for parents
- extended day and year programs

Questions About Title 1

- Jennings Randolph Elementary School Title I Teachers:
Nicole Herron & Kay Curnutte
- Please feel free to contact us with questions or concerns at (304) 636-9181.

REACH for Success

Our Schoolwide Behavior program

REACH
for success!

Respect

Effort

Attitude

Cooperation

Honesty

Program focuses upon character traits to help students have success in the classroom, throughout the school and in the community.

Stresses high expectations for all.

We use Class DoJo to communicate your child's progress.

Students earn rewards and recognition for their behavior.

This program fits the components of the county PAX program also.

Student Responsibilities

- Each day, students in K-5 need to bring the following items to school: a fully-charged Chromebook, earbuds/headphones, agenda book (please review and sign each day), homework, water bottle
- If your child forgets something at home, send it the next day.

Lunch with Your Child

- We ask that you do not call to schedule a lunch date with your child until after Forest Festival. Children need time to get established with school routines. Younger students often want to go home when seeing a family member.
- Please call the school to reserve a lunch seat. Due to Covid, we continue to work to keep crowd numbers low. If wanting to eat a school lunch, please call by 9:00 so we can notify the cooks. Lunch is \$5.00 All school students have free breakfast and lunch.
- Outside food is not permitted. Families may only eat with their child, not with the child's friends.

Medication & Illnesses

- If your child needs to take medicine, please call our office for information on our procedures.
- Please DO NOT send medication to school in a child's backpack.
- There are forms which must be completed before medication can be given to students.
- Cough drops are considered "medication".
- We share a county nurse with other schools. We have the Valley Health Clinic at school 2 days a week. This schedule will be included on our website and newsletter. The office uses the best judgment with stomach aches and other student health needs.

Help at home

- You can help your child each evening by:
- 1. Make sure you look at and sign the agenda book and check homework folders
- 2. Check your child's homework – If there's a problem, let the teacher know.
- 3. Encourage your child to read
- 4. Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep

BEFORE YOU LEAVE!

- Please complete the handout and turn in.
- It is critical we have a working phone number to reach you.
- Bus questions will be answered at Back to School Night.
- Questions? Please stay and see me.

We will have a great year!

- We look forward to a great year.
 - We hope to see you at school events.
 - Please become involved with our PTO.
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- Thanks for sharing your child with us!