

JCE for Beginners



Tips & Info for New Families on All-Things Julington Creek Elementary School

Adjusting to Your New School

Do you have a child who is particularly shy or nervous about starting school? Or maybe *you're* the nervous one – worried that he won't make friends or she might get lost around campus. A little preparation goes a long way. There is an excellent article entitled *First Day of School Jitters* in "Healthsource" magazine (healthsourcemag.com). You might also consider reading your child one of the following books: [The Night Before Kindergarten](#) by Natasha Wang, [This School Year Will be the BEST!](#) by Kay Winters, or [First Day Jitters](#) by Julie Danneberg.

This year, for the first time, JCE will also offer "Jaguar Buddies". The Buddy program is for 1st-5th grade students who would like to be matched with a friendly classmate who is an experienced "JCE Jaguar". The mentoring student will be encouraged to help the "Jaguar-in-training" in small, tangible ways. For example, he might introduce his new buddy to other children on the playground; she might help her new friend learn to order from the a-la-carte menu in the cafeteria. The point is to encourage the child who might need just a little extra help connecting.



If you are interested in signing your child up for a Jaguar Buddy, [please email me your child's name, grade, and teacher's name.](#) Assignments will be made around the 2nd-3rd week of school. (Please be patient). Have a GREAT first week of school!

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JCE PARENT REMINDER:

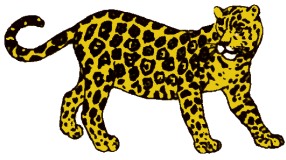
In a continuing effort to provide safety and security to our students and staff we ask that you complete a School Access Form if you plan to enter a facility in the St. Johns County School District. The form is available at: www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/depts/cr/volunteer/

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Back to School Bingo will take place on Friday, September 14th. Pizza, prizes & fun for the whole family! Order forms will come home with your child. This popular event is always a sell-out, so buy your tickets early!

What is the Florida FCAT 2.0?

If you are new to Florida and just moved to St. Johns County, chances are you know enough about the "FCAT" to know you've just enrolled your children in the #1 school system in the State! If you would like to learn more about the *Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test* used to measure student success throughout Florida, you can refer to this webpage at the Department of Education:



JULINGTON CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“Home of the Jaguars”

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Mr. Michael Story
Principal

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Asst. Principal

School Hours:
8:30-2:50
8:30-1:50 Wednesdays



On Wednesdays,
St. Johns County
Schools dismiss at
1:50 p.m.

FALL FAQ's

Q. What is the difference between Spirit Wear and JCE class t-shirts?

A. Spirit Wear consists of JCE Jaguar t-shirts (and other paraphenlia) that can be worn for fun on school spirit days or any other day. You can buy spirit wear items for every member of the family! Spirit Wear is completely *optional*, but supports our school. You will have the opportunity to purchase Spirit Wear at Meet & Greet, and again at Tissues & Tea. Spirit Wear items are usually also available at the first few PTO meetings & school events of the year.

Class t-shirts are *required* for each student. Each class in the school has it's own distinct colored t-shirt, which the children wear for field trips and other events throughout the school year. Sometimes limited class shirts are available at Meet & Greet, but most people purchase them through an order form sent home through the teacher shortly after school starts.

Q. What is Curriculum Night? Why should I come?

A. Curriculum Night is similar to what you may know as “Open House.” You will get an

opportunity to see some of your child's classwork, as well as gain a better understanding of the learning goals and objectives for the year. Students are welcome to attend Curriculum Night with their parents, although you are not required to bring them.

Q. When are PTO meetings held?

A. This school year, most PTO meetings will be held on Mondays at 9:00 AM in the cafeteria. Some meetings are held in the evenings so that parents who work can participate. There is an updated PTO calendar of 2012-13 mtg. dates under the PTO link on this site.

Q. Can I come to school to eat lunch with my child?

A. Yes, you may come to school to have lunch with your child. Keep in mind that lunchtimes are short & the cafeteria gets crowded. If you plan to join your child for lunch, you will need to make sure you are first an approved SJCS D volunteer. You may also opt to eat lunch on the outside patio. In order to do so, you must first obtain a patio pass from the front desk when you sign in. Please be aware that patio seating is very limited, and only *your* child may join you outside.

How Can I Get Involved at JCE?

Julington Creek Elementary loves our volunteers! The PTO has a running list of committees seeking volunteers. You can find out about these at Tissues & Tea (August 24th at 8:30) or under the PTO link on the school website. Additionally, there is a volunteer handbook on the St. Johns County School District site that offers great suggestions for ways YOU can use your talents & gifts as a school volunteer. <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/depts/cr/volunteer/>