

# JCE for Beginners



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

## Welcome to Julington Creek

Dear New Families,

We are delighted to welcome you to our school! I think you will find Julington Creek Elementary School to be a warm, caring learning environment where your child can flourish. Through top-notch academics and a commitment to character development, our dedicated faculty & staff are building strong leaders for tomorrow. Factor in our highly involved parents, and it's no wonder that Julington Creek is a great place to grow and learn!



I hope that this brief newsletter will answer some of your questions as you embark on your new school journey. Undoubtedly, you will have many others. Feel free to ask Your child's teacher or the front office staff for help. You are also welcome to contact me. I am glad to be a resource for you on everything from school-related questions & concerns to learning about your new neighborhood and city. Welcome again, and we look forward to getting to know you & your precious children.



Sincerely,

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#### JCE PARENT TIP:

"When you hit the store for school supplies, pick up a extras. Your child will probably run out of some items by January, and you'll be able replenish his stock without getting stuck paying full retail price!"

### Summer 2012

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Julington Creek Parent Teacher Organization will hold our annual *Tis-sues & Tea* breakfast for parents of Kindergarteners and *all new students* on August 24, 2012. This is great chance to learn more about our school. Don't miss it!

## Finding help on our website

The Julington Creek Elementary website address is [www.jce.stjohns.k12.fl.us](http://www.jce.stjohns.k12.fl.us).

Here you will find a wealth of helpful information, including:

⇒ The School Calendar

⇒ Monthly Cafeteria Menu

⇒ Activities Calendar

⇒ Staff Directory

⇒ Teacher Home Pages

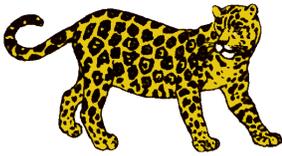
⇒ School Supply Lists

⇒ Parent Teacher Organization Info

⇒ Media Center Link

⇒ Volunteer Opportunities

⇒ Online Volunteer Application



## JULINGTON CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“Home of the Jaguars”

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Mr. Michael Story  
Principal

Mrs. Monique Keaton  
Asst. Principal

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



### 2:15 p.m.

That’s the latest permissible time for signing your child out early at the front office for dr. appointments, family trips, etc. On Wednesdays, the magic time is:

### 1:15 p.m.

## Before the First Day of School...

The first day of school for the upcoming 2012-13 school year is Monday, August 20th. The JCE website will have school supply lists, by grade level, on the homepage well in advance. You can buy most school supplies early, but there may be a few items that your child’s teacher specifically requests that were not on the general list. You can pick these up after you get your child’s classroom assignment.

Class assignments are generally posted 2-3 days before the first day of school. They can be found both on the website and on the main entrance doors at school. Class assignments are not

posted by name, but rather under your home phone number. (If you do not have a home phone, it will be posted under your main cell phone number.)

Kindergarten orientation & Meet and Greet (for 1st-5th graders) will be on Friday, August 17, 2012. Please check the website for times. If you wish, you may bring your child’s school supplies on this day.

Both of these events are wonderful opportunities to meet your child’s teacher and soon-to be classmates, see the classroom, and familiarize yourselves with the school. I highly recommend that you participate in them.



## Drop-Off and Pick-Up Q&A

**Q.** What time is best to drop off and pick up my child if I want to avoid getting stuck in a long car line?

**A.** Students can be dropped off after 7:45 a.m. Generally, the earlier you drop off, the shorter the wait. In the afternoons, Mr. Story recommends that you aim for a pick-up time of 3:05. Factoring in early-comers & late-comers, arriving right in the middle is your best bet for a steady and smooth pick-up.

**Q.** Can I walk my child to class?

**A.** For the safety & security of all students, it is best to drop your child off whenever possible. Please be assured that there are plenty of teachers, staff members and patrols on hand to help your child in the mornings. If you do need to come in, please be mindful of traffic and use crosswalks. Also, remember that you

must enter and sign in at the front office. Remember, also, that all visitors to St. Johns County Schools need to complete a school access form, which can be found under the “Volunteer Application” link on the JCE webpage.

**Q.** My child rode his bike to school, but it’s raining this afternoon. How can I come to school to pick him up?

**A.** In the case of inclement weather, you can contact the front office, and ask to have your child sent to “parent pick-up” for the day. You can then go through the car line to pick up your child, then pick up the bike. You may find it is easier to swing by later in the afternoon for the bike. If you know in advance that your child’s typical pick-up plan will be different on a particular day, please send in a note for the teacher in the morning.