



# August 2019 Newsletter

## Principal's Corner :

Welcome Back JCE Families!!!

It has been a blessing to see all the smiling faces walking through our doors and hallways. We have missed everyone very much. I want to take the opportunity to mention some upcoming events and changes to our campus and start times. As mentioned in previous communications, all elementary schools have adjusted their start times to 8:25 and ending times to 2:45 (1:45 on early release Wednesdays). We have also sent home arrival and dismissal procedures. They can also be located on our webpage. As you walk into our beautiful campus, you will notice added security enhancements. For additional student and adult safety, the front office doors will remain locked. We ask all of our visitors and families to push the button for assistance. Our welcoming receptionist, Ms. Higbea, will greet you.

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Communication is key at JCE. It is encouraged that all families meet with their teacher to discuss curriculum and progress. We offer Curriculum Chats each year for families to learn more about their student's day and goals for the year. The following chats have been scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>:

- 8/26 - Curriculum Chat Night for 5th grade 5:30 p.m.
- 8/27 - Curriculum Chat Night for 1st grade 5:30 p.m.
- 8/27 - Curriculum Chat Night for 3rd grade 6:30 p.m.
- 8/28 - Curriculum Chat Night for 2nd grade 5:30 p.m.
- 8/28 - Curriculum Chat Night for 4th grade 6:30 p.m.
- 9/16- School Pictures

I highly encourage families to keep an open line of communication early on with their teacher and trust them to be their first point of contact. Our amazing teachers are fortunate enough to spend most of their day with your precious students and make it a priority to get to know them. In addition to Curriculum Chats, JCE has developed many ways over the years to keep everyone informed.

Monthly Online Newsletters emailed to families and posted on our webpage  
Updated Webpage

Follow us on Twitter [julingtoncreekelem@julingtoncreek3](mailto:julingtoncreekelem@julingtoncreek3) as we showcase our kids, families, innovations and celebrations.

Biweekly emails highlighting clubs, meetings, etc...

Emails at various times throughout the month advertising special events & helpful reminders.

Text messages in the event of dismissal changes due to inclement weather.

Home Access Center (HAC) is another tool for families to stay informed. This amazing online tool is designed for families to check grades (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>), view report cards (K-5<sup>th</sup>), check attendance and much more.

As you look into volunteer opportunities or simply plan to eat lunch with your student on special days, please make sure you are an approved volunteer <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer/>. The school district will continue to enforce this policy. Parents/grandparents joining their student for lunch on special occasions is an absolute treat. The outside covered patio area continues to be designated for family lunches. The cafeteria will continue to be reserved for students only. If the weather is not cooperating for an outdoor lunch, you are welcome to reschedule for another day or check them out for a quick lunch.

We have so much to celebrate and be thankful for. We continue to be an "A" school! Our instructional technology at JCE continues to grow with the support of our fabulous families and your support through PTO. We continue to build our STEM program exposing our kids to all the amazing new growing careers in science/math/technology, getting them excited, and motivated to learn more about the "how" and think critically to create their own "how". Our kids are little sponges. This is the best time to feed their amazing minds with the endless possibilities.

On that note, I look forward to yet the best and innovating year in JCE history. Thank you again for your continued support.

*Mrs. Jeanette Murphy*  
Principal

## ***Calendar of UPCOMING EVENTS***

Reminder – early dismissal Wed. at 1:45

### **August**

- 16 All Kindergarten students report to school
- 16 Watch Us Grow Breakfast—8:30am
- 26 5th Grade Curriculum Night—5:30 pm
- 27 1st Grade Open House—5:30pm
- 27 3rd Grade Open House—6:30pm
- 28 2nd Grade Open House—5:30pm
- 28 4th Grade Open House—6:30pm

### **September**

- 2 Labor Day—School Closed
- 6 PTO Bingo Night—6:00pm—8:00pm
- 16 School Pictures

Please check the school calendar on the website often for additional dates and resource schedule.

### **District Policy:**

No one will be allowed to enter the school or participate on a field trip if they have not completed the school access form. You only need to complete this form once while you have a student in the St. Johns County School District. Please follow this link to complete the form: <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer/>

## **JCES Events and News**

### ***Cafeteria News and Notes:***

**Please note that Free/Reduced can be applied for on line at the St. Johns County School District website. If at anytime in the school year there is a change in income and you need assistance, please apply on line or pick up a form at the school office.**

**Please make sure to sign up at SchoolPay (link available on our school website) to monitor your child's lunch account, pay with credit card (fee involved) and set it up to send you low balance reminders.**

**MEALVIEWER is an amazing resource to view the Breakfast and Lunch menus. Go to the Jaguar Café page on our website, then click the link under the Menus heading.**

**If you have any questions please feel free to contact:**

**Teresa Butrimas**

**904/547-8000**

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### **School Policies:**

- In an effort to minimize multiple disruptions in our students' academic time, lunch boxes/money or eye-glasses/medicine will be the only forgotten items that will be accepted in the front office. Forgotten homework or projects will not be delivered to the classrooms. Students may bring these assignments on the next day.
- Parents who come to eat lunch with their student will be asked to take them to the lunch patio behind the Media Center to eat. Parents are only allowed to take their own child to the patio. Please remember to complete the School Access Form if you haven't done so already!
- Due to safety concerns rolling backpacks are not allowed. Please contact the front office if there is a medical need.

# Jaguar Cafe

## Monday, August 12/26

Chicken Quesadilla OR  
Chicken Nuggets

## Tuesday, August 13/27

Cheese Calzonettes OR  
Chicken Sandwich OR  
Mini Corn Dogs

## Wednesday, August 14/28

Chicken Nuggets OR  
Cheese Poppers

## Thursday, August 15/29

Pasta & Meatballs OR  
Hot Dog OR  
Max Cheese Sticks

## Friday, August 16/30

BBQ Chicken OR  
Cheeseburger

## Monday, August 19

Mac & Cheese OR  
Chicken Nuggets

## Tuesday, August 20/Sept. 3

Nacho Lil Bites OR  
Chicken Sandwich OR  
Mini Corn Dogs

## Wednesday, August 21/Sept. 4

Cheese Pizza OR  
Chicken Poppers

## Thursday, August 22/Sept. 5

Cheeseburger OR  
Mini Cheese Ravioli OR  
BBQ Chicken Max Snacks

## Friday, August 23/Sept 6

Hot Dog OR  
Max Cheese Sticks

**Mondays: Cookies 35¢ (limit 2)**  
**Wednesdays: Papa Johns \$1.85**  
**Fridays: Ice Cream \$1.00**

*Teresa Butrimas, Manager*  
*(904)-547-8000*

## JCES Clubs and Activities



**Music News:**  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who need to purchase a recorder, book and/or CD may purchase them from Mrs. Isabelle by Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.



**Recorder: \$6.50 Book: \$6.50 CD: \$14**  
\*\*\* The students will be receiving a letter/order form in music class, and both may be found on Mrs. Isabelle's website.

**Singing Jags Chorus:**  
All 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders who would like to participate in this year's "Singing Jags" may get a Chorus Handbook from Mrs. Isabelle. The first rehearsal is Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Jammin' Jaguar Beginning Band:**  
All 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders who would like to learn how to play a band instrument may want to participate in our Jammin' Jaguar Beginning Band! Please get a Beginning Band Handbook from Mrs. Isabelle. The first band rehearsal is Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.  
\*\*\* All of the above info. may be found on Mrs. Isabelle's website.



### **Art News**

Mrs. Mack is always happy to have volunteers help in the art room, or take things home to work on. Please contact her if you are willing and able to help!

## General Information

### **Clinic News:**

Health Screenings will be taking place on September 23 and 24 for Kindergarten, 1st grade and 3rd grade. More information about volunteering to help will be coming soon.



Fellowship of Christian Students is a student led organization in which elementary students come together once a week to pray, share Bible passages, and discuss their faith. We are also partnering with local High School students who will be prayer partners and mentors to our JCE students. It will be a great faith and fellowship opportunities for both elementary and high school students. **The group will meet every Friday morning at 7:45 a.m. in Mrs. Baker's classroom.** Fellowship of Christian students is open to any and all students who wish to gather together with other students in a Christ-centered, fun, and encouraging atmosphere.

Our first gathering will take place on Friday **September 6, 2019** and will include donuts and juice. Please email Mrs. Grimm by Tuesday September 3, 2019 if you are interested in attending the first gathering so she can plan for our morning treat. Don't forget to encourage and invite your friends. Looking forward to a great year of faith and fellowship!



# PTO NEWS

**Welcome JCE families** to the 2019-2020 JCE PTO year! From meetings to after school events to celebrations, we ❤️ our volunteers. Now is the perfect time to get involved. Please contact [jcelempto@gmail.com](mailto:jcelempto@gmail.com) or see our Facebook page (Julington Creek Elementary PTO) or website ([jcepto.com](http://jcepto.com)) for volunteer opportunities. We appreciate your time.

*-PTO Board*

It's **MEMBERSHIP** drive time. A yellow folder went home at Meet the Teacher along with a membership envelope. Help support the PTO for only \$20 per family. Return your completed envelope and payment with your student.

**FOLLOW US...**

 **Julington Creek Elementary PTO**

 **[jcepto.com](http://jcepto.com)**

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**COMING UP**

**August 16<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 AM Watch Us Grow Breakfast (Cafeteria)**

**September 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15 PM – 8:00 PM Back to School Bingo**

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**We look forward to a wonderful year!**

# We Want to Find Some Very Special Children!

Do you have any concerns about your child's:

- Speaking
- Understanding
- Moving or Playing
- Seeing or Hearing
- Getting Along with Other Children
- Learning and Paying Attention
- Self-help Skills including:  
Feeding, Dressing or Toileting

## FDLRS/NEFEC CHILD FIND PROVIDES:

- Information about community programs for children with special needs
- Professional consultation for parents
- Screening in the areas of communication, motor development, vision, hearing, and preschool readiness skills
- Assistance in connecting children with special or unique needs to appropriate early intervention or exceptional student education services

If you have questions or concerns about a child  
birth - 5 years of age, contact:

**FDLRS/NEFEC CHILD FIND**  
**(386) 329-3811 or Toll Free 1-800-227-6036**

Email: [ChildFind@nefec.org](mailto:ChildFind@nefec.org)

Website: [www.nefec.org/fdlrs](http://www.nefec.org/fdlrs)



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