



September 2019 Newsletter

Principal's Corner :

Hello JCE Families,

We have had an amazing start to the school year. We are so thankful for our motivated students, supportive families, and hardworking teachers & staff. I want to thank each and every one of you that were able to join us at Curriculum Chats last week. We know your schedules are very busy balancing work, dinner preparations and several after school activities. Seeing so many involved families partner up with teachers to learn about grade level expectations makes JCE the community school it is.

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We did have a "restart" to the school year due to Hurricane Dorian. Our community was spared, while the Bahamas received the brunt of the storm. In an effort to assist the beautiful people in the Bahamas, we will be sponsoring \$1 Hat Day this Monday (Sept 9th). Families may send in a donation of \$1 or more in cash or write a check to the Red Cross. As a result, students will sport their favorite hat while JCE supports the efforts of the Red Cross.

We have many new families at JCE for whom WOW Wednesdays may be a new concept. Once every seven weeks, students spend an entire day focused on related arts activities. We call this WOW Wednesday! Students rotate through Music, Art, PE, Media and STEM. While students are engaged in enriching physical and artistic activities, teacher teams spend the day looking at data, planning, and taking part in professional learning.

It is unbelievable that interims will be available Sept 13th for 3rd-5th (date change due to the hurricane). K-2nd students begin receiving interims during the second nine weeks of school. Parents, please continue to communicate and build relationships with your student's teacher. Partner up with them so all students can experience their best year. There is no such thing as too much communication.

Please help us keep our students safe and healthy by only sending in store bought cupcakes, donuts or small individual snacks for student birthdays. It is important and even lifesaving that our nurse or teachers are able to review the ingredients on the packaging before distributing it to our students. It is unfortunate, but we will not be able to distribute homemade food items.

September is a happening month!! We begin the month with our annual Bingo Night sponsored by our fabulous PTO. If you were not able to purchase tickets in time, stay tuned to our future family events. Much more to come..... Mark your calendars for our SAC Meeting Sept 10th at 3:30, School Pictures Sept 16th, and PTO Meeting Sept 17th 3:30.

As always, thank you for your continued support!!

Mrs. Jeanette Murphy

Jaguar Cafe

Monday, Sept. 9/23
Chicken Quesadilla OR
Chicken Nuggets

Tuesday, Sept. 10/24
Cheese Calzonettes OR
Chicken Sandwich OR
Mini Corn Dogs

Wednesday, Sept. 11/25
Chicken Poppers OR
Cheese Pizza

Thursday, Sept. 12/26
Pasta & Meatballs OR
Hot Dog OR
Max Cheese Sticks

Friday, Sept. 13/27
BBQ Chicken OR
Cheeseburger

Monday, Sept. 16/30
Mac & Cheese OR
Chicken Nuggets

Tuesday, Sept. 17, Oct. 1
Nacho Lil Bites OR
Chicken Sandwich OR
Mini Corn Dogs

Wednesday, Sept. 18, Oct. 2
Cheese Pizza OR
Chicken Poppers

Thursday, Sept. 19, Oct. 3
Cheeseburger OR
Mini Cheese Ravioli OR
BBQ Chicken Max Snacks

Friday, Sept 20, Oct. 4
Hot Dog OR
Max Cheese Sticks

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

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JCES Clubs and Activities

Music News:



Singing Jags Chorus:
The first Chrous rehearsal is Thursday, September 12th after school in the music room until 4:00.

4th and 5th Graders:
All 4th and 5th graders need to begin bringing their recorder and book to music class each week beginning Friday, September 13th with the "A" Day Resource rotation.



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!



Happy September JCE! Did you know that this is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month? Did you know that every year our school participates in the American Cancer Society's local fundraising event, Relay for Life? This year's event will be on April 4, 2020. The JCE Relay for Life team is in search of more members and invites you to join the team in the fight against cancer! Please contact Cathy Ragusa at Catherine.ragusa@stjohns.k12.fl.us for more information.

Fellowship of Christian Students, a student led organization at JCE, has begun meeting every Friday morning at 7:45 a.m. in Mrs. Baker's classroom. This group is open to any and all students who wish to gather together with other students in a Christ-centered, fun, and encouraging atmosphere.



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.



Do you have old technology lying around your house? Don't know what to do with it? You can donate old cell phones, tablets, and laptops to the STEM Lab recycle program! JCE's STEM lab earns money by recycling old technology.

2019-2020 Battle of the Books

September 10th, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your child has expressed an interest in the Battle of the Books (BOB). Battle of the Books is a school and district-based competition used to promote the love of reading amongst students and encourage students to read widely from the list of Sunshine State Young Reader Awards and Florida Teens Read books. The Sunshine State Young Readers Award (SSYRA) book list is developed each year utilizing input from experienced committees of media specialists from throughout Florida. The books on this list may not be appropriate for all students. Some books may include main characters navigating mature teen and/or adult situations. Stories represent various genres, formats, reading levels, viewpoints, and ethnic/cultural perspectives, while exploring sensitive issues. Therefore, it is imperative that concerned parents/guardians play an active role in their child's reading selection by previewing the titles to ensure an enriching and exciting reading experience. Students are not required to read every book on the list. A synopsis of each of this year's books is included below for your information.

This year's tryouts will be open to ALL students who have read either the first page (7 books) of the Sunshine State Books or the 2nd page (8 books). There will be open practice to see how well students work well with others and know the material. We will practice with the same format as the Battle of the Books competition. I will select the final team by November 13, 2019.

<p>Open Try-outs to ALL students who want to try out for the team: The A.M. and P.M. sessions on each day will be the same practice questions each week so you just need to attend one or the other (A.M. or P.M. session of the one day) Ex: Monday a.m. questions will be the same as Monday's p.m. questions Wednesday a.m./p.m. questions will be different from Monday's question.</p>				
<p>Oct. 14 – Nov. 8</p>	Book titles 1-7	Monday and/or Wednesday (A.M.) 7:45-8:15	Monday and/or Wednesday (P.M.) 3:00 – 3:30	Practice questions will only focus on these 7 books
	Book titles 8-15	Tuesday and/or Thursday (A.M.) 7:45-8:15	Tuesday and/or Thursday (P.M.) 3:00 – 3:30	Practice questions will only focus on these 8 books

Final Selected Team Practice Days/Times: December 2 nd – January 24 th not including winter break Practice questions will be from all 15 books	M, W, F 7:45 – 8:10 a.m.	Or	T, Th 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
County Battle of the Books:	January 27 th , 2020 At First Coast Tech		During school hours Field trip

We look forward to a healthy competition this year!

Mrs. Clarke
Media Specialist

2019-2020 Battle of the Books

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I give permission for my child to participate in the Battle of the Books. I understand that some of the stories included on the list for this activity may not be appropriate for all students. I also understand that my child will not be penalized for not reading all the books but, must read books from the (SSYRA) state list in order to qualify to participate in the competition. I have read the synopses of the books included on this year's list and will help my child navigate the appropriate titles.

Student's Name: _____

Grade: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Contact #: _____

*This form must be signed and returned by October 4th, 2019 for the student to participate on the Battle of the Books team. Students without signed permission forms will not be allowed to join the team.

Do you have health insurance for your child?



Children need to have regular check-ups to make sure they are growing strong and healthy. Healthy kids also do better in school. **Florida KidCare** is a program that provides good, low-cost health insurance for children from birth through age 18. Even if one or both parents work, children can still be covered.

Which services are covered by Florida KidCare?

- Doctor visits
- Surgery
- Dental care
- Checkups
- Hospital visits
- Vision care
- Shots
- Prescriptions
- Emergencies
- Mental health

How much does it cost?

Most families pay between \$15 and \$20 per month. It depends on your family's size and household income. Florida KidCare will look at your application and decide which programs your child is able to join. There are four parts:

Insurance	Subsidized* Monthly Premium	Unsubsidized Monthly Premium
MediKids (ages 1 – 4)	\$15 or \$20 per family	\$157 per child
Healthy Kids (ages 5 – 18)	\$15 or \$20 per family	\$215** or \$230 per child
Children's Medical Services Managed Care Plan (ages birth – 18)	\$15 or \$20 per family	N/A
Medicaid (ages birth – 18)	None	N/A



904.202.WELL (9355)

* Based on family size and household income. There may be co-pays for some services in some programs, Premium rates subject to change.

**Without dental coverage

Premiums are subject to change. Contact Florida KidCare for the current premium amounts. Based on May 1, 2018 pricing.

Signing up is easy!

When you apply to Florida KidCare, you will need to have several items of information ready. You must provide information about your household income and each child's Social Security number (or the date you applied for it).

When adding up your earnings, you must have four weeks of pay stubs from your job, your most recent federal income tax return and your most recent W-2 forms.

Make sure you bring a birth certificate for each child's application. For children over the age of 16, proof of identity like a U.S. passport, driver's license or school ID is needed. You will also need proof of identity for adults in the household, a passport or driver's license.

If you need help applying for the Florida KidCare program in Northeast Florida, we will be happy to assist you. Call us at THE PLAYERS Center for Child Health at 904.202.WELL (9355).

Other ways to apply

If you have applied for Florida KidCare in the past, you can call 1.888.540.5437 to update your information. You can also apply online at www.healthykids.org/apply

Resources

Florida KidCare Information Line provides general information.

888.540.5437

Monday – Friday 7 am – 7 pm EST

Florida KidCare Customer Service Line provides account information for those who have submitted an application or are currently enrolled.

800.821.5437

Monday – Friday 7:30 am – 7:30 pm EST

Children's Medicaid Hotline provides account information for those who have been referred to Medicaid or are currently enrolled.

800.352.5437

Monday – Friday
8 am – 4:30 pm EST

*All phone numbers
are toll-free.*



You can also fill out the following information and fax to 904.391.5643 or mail it to us at:

THE PLAYERS Center for Child Health, 3563 Philips Highway, Building E, Suite 502, Jacksonville, FL 32207

Date _____

Child's Name _____

Parent or Guardian's Name _____

Address _____

City, State ZIP _____

Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Location where you received Florida KidCare information _____

Signature _____

My signature indicates my permission to share the above contact information with THE PLAYERS Center for Child Health for the purpose of providing information and/or assistance in applying for or renewing KidCare enrollment.