

## Julington Creek Elementary School

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Dear JCE Jaguars,

Welcome back Julington Creek families! I hope you had the best summer filled with family, friends and tons of great memories. We have truly missed the buzzing of students in our hallways and the sound of their laughter. We are excited and ready to welcome everyone back. You will see a new administrative face at JCE. Her name is Ashley Ciliberti and she is our new assistant principal. She comes with a wealth of experience and excitement. She is looking forward to working with our students and families.

Teachers, staff, & PTO have been working very hard planning, registering new families, and getting the facility ready for our Jaguars' first day. Please take some time to welcome our new families, not only to the neighborhood but also to our wonderful school.

Safety is the #1 priority at St Johns County Schools. The district continues collaborating with the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office and state legislatures making safety adjustments to our buildings and policies. As a result, each of our schools have been assigned a full-time resource officer. Our front doors will continue to be secured each day for student and staff safety. Our welcoming front office staff will provide access to our families. Opportunities for essential volunteers will be available. Please contact PTO and/or your child's teacher. All visitors must be approved volunteers. To receive approved volunteer status please visit <a href="http://www.stjohns.kl2.fl.us/volunteer/">http://www.stjohns.kl2.fl.us/volunteer/</a>. We cannot do what we do without you!

There are many ways to stay informed. Keep an eye out for our online monthly newsletter as well as our biweekly reminder of events. Teachers will also send frequent communications specific to your children and academics. It is important that your email address and your cell phone numbers are current in our system to ensure consistent communication. Make sure to gain access to Home Access Center (HAC) <u>http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac/</u>. This is an online tool for parents to monitor attendance, access report cards, assessment scores and much more for K-5. Schoology is another "must have" online tool. Teacher newsletters and academic resources will be accessible through Schoology. Teachers will provide families with student log-in information during Meet & Greet. If your student used Schoology last year, the log-in information remains the same. Urgent messages (ie: inclement weather, transportation delays, etc...) may be sent through text message and/or email. Visit <u>http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/schoolmessenger/</u> to make sure you have the proper settings for school communications. Finally, don't forget to follow us on Twitter for fun celebrations and neat innovations <u>https://twitter.com/JulingtonCreek3</u>.

As many of you know, the first two weeks of parent drop off and pick up can be longer than usual. Thank you in advance for your patience. We will make every effort to tweak procedures as needed to ensure efficiency and safety. Carpooling, biking/walking, or taking the school bus if available is always encouraged. With the added construction of new businesses near our school, we ask that our JCE drivers access our carline so we may ensure safety. We also ask that you make rainy day dismissal plans with your children if they will be biking or walking to school. Our school day begins at 8:25am and ends at 2:45 pm (1:45 on early release Wednesdays). Please review arrival and dismissal procedures on the back of this letter.

Again, welcome, or welcome back to Julington Creek Elementary. Thank you for sharing your precious children with us. We take this responsibility very seriously and will take every opportunity to fill their days with strong academic experiences, exploration and friendships.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Murphy