



## GOOD NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

September 1, 2017

Dear Parents:

What an exciting and wonderful first few days of learning we have had at Jones! We hope your child had a wonderful start to this school year.

**The Jones community** is looking for moms AND dads to volunteer their time to help in the cafeteria and on the playground. As volunteers, you are an extra set of eyes, ears, and hands to ensure our students' safety. Whether you can volunteer one day per month or one day per week, your presence is greatly appreciated by our Jones teachers and staff! Recess hours are from 11:00 am until approximately 12:55 pm, and cafeteria hours are from 11:25 until approximately 1:25 pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the school office at 918.746.9040

All teachers have made careful plans to make this a memorable start of school for your children. Teachers at each grade level will be getting acquainted with all the children this month so that the children will, hopefully, view all staff at Jones as helpful adults who will be working with them this year.

We had a smooth beginning to school. Our enrollment is 340 students. I want to emphasize that ALL SCHEDULES AND CLASS ASSIGNMENTS ARE TENTATIVE until we know our exact enrollment by grade level. As we know more about any possible changes, I will send a special principal's bulletin home with students who might be effected. I thank you for your help and cooperation during this initial "settling in" period. I inform you of this situation so that you may help us prepare your child for a smooth transition, if one occurs. Please remember that children are very flexible and resilient if we convey to them that change is a normal part of life. We will do our best to implement any necessary class modifications as smoothly as possible. We expect final decisions to be made by the District toward the end of next week.

### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

Jones Elementary School (main number)	746-9040	TPS Transportation	833-8100
Jones Health Clinic	746-9050	TPS Health Services	746-6364
Jones Cafeteria	746-9049	TPS Child Nutrition	746-6204

### SCHOOL HOURS: NOTICE

SCHOOL YEAR 2017-2018  
HOURS FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ARE:  
**7:00 A.M. UNTIL 2:35 P.M. DAILY**

STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON CAMPUS PRIOR TO 7:00 A.M. OR AFTER 3:00 P.M.\*

<b>Teacher Hours</b>	<b>7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Office Hours</b>	<b>7:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.</b>

Parents are responsible for their children before and after school hours. Parents must make appropriate arrangements for their children before and after school. Children are not allowed to play on the playground or school grounds before or after school. No supervision is provided. If your child walks home please remind them to go directly home after school.

Tulsa Public Schools is pleased to offer PayForIt to parents to fund student breakfast & lunch accounts, pay school fees, Before & After Care tuition, check account balances, review purchases and set up automatic email reminders.

## WHAT IS PAYFORIT?

PayForIt is a secure online payment system which simplifies payment, collection and balancing of funds for school districts. PayForIt is a web-based part of the point-of-sale system used by Tulsa Public Schools. PayForIt is quick, simple and practical.

### Benefits

- The lunch payment process is automated for both the parents and the district to minimize errors and standardize processes.
- Cashiers spend less time taking cash at the serving lines so students have more time to eat. Additionally, students do not lose their lunch money!
- Parents can make payments by credit card 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at their convenience.
- Parents can review what their students are actually purchasing along with account balance information.

## Features

- Account lunch balance information is readily available to the parents, the district and the school lunch staff.
- Parents can opt to receive an email when a student balance dips to a certain amount (set by the parent).
- Parents can opt to use an automatic payment feature which replenishes their student account(s) when a balance dips to a specific amount (specified by the parent).
- A continuous online survey is provided to monitor parent feedback and ideas.
- Student information automatically transfers from year-to-year and from school-to-school.
- Parents can manage more than one student account.
- PayFort is PCI compliant and maintains industry standard SSL certificates to ensure all data is safe and secure as defined by the industry.

## HOW TO SIGN UP

Visit [www.payforit.net](http://www.payforit.net).

1. Select the "Sign Up" option from the menu. The screens will guide you through the process to establish your account:
2. The internet convenience fee is 3% per transaction for credit/debit cards and \$1.75 per transaction for electronic checks.
3. Enter your contact data, password, payment information, etc.
4. Indicate which student(s) to attach to your account.  
[Students are already in the system by the same student ID number already used throughout the district. If you are unsure of your student's ID number, please contact the school.]

Once all information is entered, PayFort will email a validation code for you to confirm the registration. Once confirmed you can begin using PayFort.

**ONE EXTRA MINUTE OF YOUR TIME COULD SAVE YOUR CHILD'S LIFE!** Parents, please help us keep your child safe. Set an example and insist that your child use the crosswalks that are marked to cross streets and parking lots. The end of the school day is the most congested with cars, vans, buses, and CHILDREN. Everyone must follow the directions of the crossing guards, duty teachers, and traffic signs. You make a difference between a safe return home and a tragedy.

This year Jones Elementary will continue to do as much paperless communication as possible. All Principal's weekly letter, "Friday Letter," grade level weekly assignments, monthly lunch menus and the Jones Student Handbook will be posted on the Jones web site at <http://jones.tulsaschools.org/>. **Any parent who does not have access to a computer needs to notify the office in writing and we will provide your child with a paper copy.**

### SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

September 4	Holiday-No School
September 11-15	Last Name: A-F Grandparents' and V.I.P. Lunch
September 15 <sup>th</sup>	Constitution Day (Red, White and Blue Day)
September 18-22	Last Name: G-O Grandparents' and V.I.P. Lunch
September 25-29	Last Name: P-Z Grandparents' V.I.P. Lunch
September 30 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 End of Month Assembly & Spirit Day

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Bradley A. Griffin, Principal