



GOOD NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

September 11, 2017

Dear Parents:

This makes our second week for Attendance Awareness Month. It is imperative that children attend school regularly. When they miss school, they miss valuable instructional time, and it takes a lot of work for them to get caught back up. Just think, if a student misses 2 days a month, with 9 months, that's 18 days! 18 days is 32% of the entire school year. There are 7 hours in a school day. With 18 days missed, the student has missed 126 hours of educational learning. That is very alarming!

Grandparents' and VIPs' Lunch Days will be held Sept. 11-15 (A-F), Sept. 18-22 (G-O), and Sept. 25-29 (P-Z). Dates to attend are by Student's Last Name. Grandparents are welcome to bring lunch or eat a cafeteria lunch. Lunches for adults are \$3.00. If you are planning to eat a cafeteria lunch, it would help us tremendously if you could call the Jones Cafeteria ahead of time and let us know how many lunches you will need. The number to the cafeteria is 918.746.9049.

Friday, September 15th, Jones will celebrate Constitution Day. We are encouraging students to wear red, white, and blue.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

Tulsa Public Schools is participating in a no charge breakfast and lunch program for Elementary students during the 2017-108 school year. This is referred to as the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), which is a USDA program that provides the funding.

All elementary students may participate in the School Breakfast and National School Lunch program at no charge, receiving a healthy breakfast and lunch.

We are still needing the Child Nutrition forms turned in by every family. Please be sure to get them turned in as soon as possible.

The only charges that parents will be responsible for are any additional purchases, such as second meals or ala carte items, example...chips, cookies or frozen custard.

Family Night this month is Literacy Night: Reading Around the Campfire! Please come and join us for a relaxing evening. This is a wonderful time well spent as your child reads to you!

The PTA cafeteria /playground committee is still 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! Cafeteria hours are from 11:25 am until approximately 1:25 pm, and playground hours are from 11:00 until approximately 12:55 pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the office at 918.746.9040.

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 11-15	A-F Grandparents' and V.I.P. Lunch
September 15 th	Constitution Day (Red, White and Blue Day)
September 18-22	G-O Grandparents' and V.I.P. Lunch
September 25-29	P-Z Grandparents' and V.I.P. Lunch
September 28 th	Parent Night-Read Around the Campfire 5:30-7:00 PM
September 29 th	8:30 End of Month Assembly & Spirit Day

Sincerely,

Bradley Griffin, Principal