



GOOD NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

September 10, 2018

Dear Parents:

A big THANK YOU to all who joined us on Back to School Night! We enjoyed your presence, and hopefully you have some insight on our PTA! WE would love for you to join. It is a perfect way to have a voice at the school and be involved in all of the great things going on at Jones! The main office has plenty of registration forms and cards. As always, we are trying for 100%. Memberships are only \$5.00, and we promise it is well-worth every penny!

It's time to purchase Jones Spirit Wear! Our first wave of orders are due October 1st! T-Shirts are \$8.00. BIG EXCITEMENT! We now have HOODIES on our orders as well! They are \$20.00. **The hoodies will be the only ones they will be allowed to wear in class this year.** Order forms can be picked up in the main office!

Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up soon. We have sent home requests for conferences, so be looking for those! If you haven't received one, please stop by or call the main office, and we will be happy to give you another. We are pushing for 100% attendance, so we hope you can make it! It is extremely important that we work together as a team to ensure success in our students! Conference will be on Tuesday, October 9th, and Thursday, October 11th, from 3:00-6:00.

Don't forget that we are going to have our annual Fall Carnival on October 26th, from 5:30-7:30! Last year we had a blast! Please place this on your calendar and plan to come and join us while we enjoy some games and pizza!

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 12:45 pm, and playground hours are from 11:00 am until approximately 12:20 pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Jones office and someone will be happy to sign you up.

Our attendance goal this year is 95%! This week's attendance average is 92%. Please make sure your child is at school every day. We want our kids to be successful!

General Homework Tips for Parents

- **Make sure your child has a quiet, well-lit place to do homework.**
Avoid having your child do homework with the television on or in places with other distractions, such as people coming and going.
- **Make sure the materials your child needs, such as paper, pencils and a dictionary, are available.**
Ask your child if special materials will be needed for some projects and get them in advance.
- **Help your child with time management.**
Establish a set time each day for doing homework. Don't let your child leave homework until just before bedtime. Think about using a weekend morning or afternoon for working on big projects, especially if the project involves getting together with classmates.
- **Be positive about homework.**
Tell your child how important school is. The attitude you express about homework will be the attitude your child acquires.
- **When your child does homework, you do homework.**
Show your child that the skills they are learning are related to things you do as an adult. If your child is reading, you read too. If your child is doing math, balance your checkbook.
- **When your child asks for help, provide guidance, not answers.**
Giving answers means your child will not learn the material. Too much help teaches your child that when the going gets rough, someone will do the work for him or her.
- **When the teacher asks that you play a role in homework, do it.**
Cooperate with the teacher. It shows your child that the school and home are a team. Follow the directions given by the teacher.
- **If homework is meant to be done by your child alone, stay away.**
Too much parent involvement can prevent homework from having some positive effects. Homework is a great way for kids to develop independent, lifelong learning skills.
- **Stay informed.**
Talk with your child's teacher. Make sure you know the purpose of homework and what your child's class rules are.

- **Help your child figure out what is hard homework and what is easy homework.**
Have your child do the hard work first. This will mean he will be most alert when facing the biggest challenges. Easy material will seem to go fast when fatigue begins to set in.
- **Watch your child for signs of failure and frustration.**
Let your child take a short break if she is having trouble keeping her mind on an assignment.
- **Reward progress in homework.**
If your child has been successful in homework completion and is working hard, celebrate that success with a special event (e.g., pizza, a walk, a trip to the park) to reinforce the positive effort.

https://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/involve/homework/part_pg3.html

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

Jones Elementary School (main number)	918-746-9040	TPS Transportation	918-833-8100
Jones Health Clinic	918-746-9050	TPS Health Services	918-746-6364
Jones Cafeteria	918-74-9049	TPS Child Nutrition	918-746-6204

SCHOOL HOURS: NOTICE

SCHOOL YEAR 2018-2019
HOURS FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ARE:
7:00 A.M. for Breakfast
7:20 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.*

*Unless participating in a school approved program, activity or event authorized by the Principal or Designee

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.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Week of September 10 th	Last Names: H-Z Grandparents’ and V.I.P. Lunch
Week of September 17 th	Constitution Day (Red, White and Blue Day)
September 28 th	1:30- End of Month Assembly & Spirit Day

Enjoy the week!

Sincerely,

Bradley Griffin, Principal