



Frost and Cascades Elementary

A H.E.R.O. School

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PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thanks to all the parents who attended our Fall Conferences. There was a great turnout. Many positive comments were shared between parents and teachers. It is important to take the time to communicate about the progress students are making. When parents and teachers work together, children benefit. If you were unable to attend your child's conference, please send a note to your child's teacher to ask to arrange a meeting. Don't forget you may use Power School to check your child's progress.



SUBWAY DAY FOR CASCADES

On Tuesday, November 6, Subway (on Brown Street) is donating 10% of their profits for the entire day back to Cascades. Also, from 4:00-7:00, if you come in this Subway, you will see some familiar faces serving your food. Staff from Cascades will be Celebrity Servers during this time. Come in and say "hi" and get a great meal for your family!

JPS BOARD MEETING

The JPS School Board is having their monthly meeting at Frost Elementary on Monday, November 12 at 5:30pm. We welcome all our parents to attend this meeting, as well as any regular meeting of the Board.

DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 5. Be sure to set your clocks back an hour!!



HALF DAYS/HOLIDAYS

Friday, November 16 is the end of the 1st trimester and is a ½ day for students. Teachers have a records day in the afternoon.

There will be no school Nov. 21-23 for Thanksgiving Break.

FROST/CASCADES PTO MEETINGS

The Frost/Cascades PTO will have their first meeting of the year on Weds., Nov. 14 from 4-5 in the library. We encourage all parents who are interested in Frost/Cascades to be involved in our PTO. If you are interested in what's going on with the PTO, you can e-mail them at FrostPTO@jpsk12.org.



PICTURE RETAKES

Picture Retakes will be this month for Frost and Cascades.

Cascades Picture Retake day will be on Tuesday, November 6 from 9am-11am. Frost Picture Retake day will be on Tuesday, November 20 from 9am-11am.

If you missed our original picture day, your child's picture can be taken. If you would like to have your child's picture retaken, just return the original package on retake day. If you need a picture order form, they are available in the office.

FROST/CASCADES FAMILY NIGHT

On November 30, from 5:30pm-7:00pm, the Frost/Cascades PTO will be sponsoring a fun night for families. Families will be able to make an ornament together. The admission is free, and dinner will be available for a small cost. When dinner is purchased, you will get a raffle ticket for fun prizes. Look for more information to come home with your student.

MOBILE DENTIST FOR FROST

Mobile Dentist will be at the school on November 26 – 30. They will be treating only Frost students at this time. (Cascades will have their visits on a later date.) Permission slips will be going home for the students, and must be returned before they can be seen.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov. 4 -Daylight Saving Time ends
- Nov. 6 -Subway Night for Cascades, 4-7pm
- Nov. 7 -Popcorn - \$.50/bag
- Nov. 8 -Hungry Howies Day for Cascades
- Nov. 9 -Picture Retakes for Cascades 9am-11am
- Nov. 12 -JPS Board Meeting – 5:30pm At Frost
- Nov. 14 -Popcorn - \$.50/bag
-CP Federal Credit Union at Frost/Cascades
-Hungry Howies Day for Frost
- Nov. 16 -1/2 day (11:48 dismissal)
-End of 1st trimester
-Records Day for Teachers
- Nov. 20 -Picture Retakes for Frost 9am-11am
- Nov. 21-23
-No School for Students or Staff
- Nov. 26-30
-Mobile Dentist for Frost
- Nov. 30 -Frost/Cascades PTO Family Ornament Making Night, 5:30-7pm
- Dec. 7 -Report Cards go home
- Dec. 11-13
-Hearing/Vision Screenings for Frost & Cascades
- Dec. 17-21
-PTO Santa Store
- Dec. 22 - ½ day for Students & Staff (11:48 dismissal)
- Dec. 22(pm) – Jan. 4
-Winter Break
- Jan. 7 -School resumes



LOOK FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE FROST AND CASCADES FUNDRAISER COMING SOON!

CREDIT UNION OPENING!!!

Frost School has a partnership with the CP Federal Credit Union. Students can develop the habit of saving by participating. **The Frost Credit Union will be open on November 14 for students to start saving.** The Credit Union is student run with supervision by the CP Federal Credit Union staff. Students can earn incentives by saving on a regular basis. The Frost Credit Union is open every Wednesday afternoon. We strongly encourage each student to participate.



BOXTOPS

Boxtops for Education can be found on General Mill's cereals, snack foods, Lloyd's Barbeque meats, Betty Crocker items, cake mixes, frosting, Hamburger Helper and many other items throughout your grocery store. This is an easy way to help our school – collect boxtops, send them to school with your child's room number on the back, and Frost or Cascades receives a check. The check we receive is used to fund many Frost and Cascades extras.

We are having a contest between the homerooms to see who can collect the most boxtops. The winning class will receive a pizza party at the end of the year.

Keep bringing in those boxtops so you can help your class win!

Thank you for your support!!!

HUNGRY HOWIES

On November 8, Cascades will be having a Hungry Howie's Day. All day, you can order from Hungry Howie's and just say it is for Cascades, and they will donate 20% of the profits back to Cascades.

On November 14, Frost will be having their Hungry Howie's Day. All day, you can order from Hungry Howie's and just say it is for Frost, and they will donate 20% of the profits back to Frost.

Be sure to let your family members and friends know about this great fundraiser for both schools. Hungry Howie's is located at 836 N. West Ave and their phone number is 817-2000.



CHECK OUT THE APP FOR JPS. IT IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL ANDROID OR APPLE DEVICES. THIS IS THE BEST WAY TO KEEP UP TO DATE ON ALL IMPORTATION INFORMATION FROM JPS.

POPCORN ON WEDNESDAYS

Popcorn has started back up this year, so students can purchase popcorn for \$.50 a bag every Wednesday. If you'd like to help popcorn, just come on Wednesday mornings or contact the school.



OFFICE PHONES

We do our best to answer every phone call that comes in. However, during busy times it is sometimes difficult. Please leave a message and we will call you back as soon as possible. We are not always able to answer the phones after 3:00 in the afternoon, so please do not call with transportation changes after 3:00. This is an extremely busy time in the office, and we cannot guarantee a message will be received in time to get it to your student! Thank you for your understanding and patience.



HATS and COATS

Hats or head coverings of any kind may **not** be worn in the building or in the classroom except on designated days. Coats or jackets may not be worn in the classroom after the start of the day.

Also, please be sure to label all backpacks, coats, hats, gloves, etc. so if they are found, they can be returned to your student.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost and Found is located by room 23 near the cafeteria. Please have your student check for any lost items there.

FROST HEALTH POLICY

With the colder season coming up, we are seeing more illnesses. If your child has a fever or is throwing up in the morning, please keep them home. There is no nurse at any of the JPS Schools, so if your child throws up or becomes ill at school, we will call you to pick them up.

Also, as a reminder, it is District policy that if your child needs an inhaler, medication (whether prescription or over the counter), or an epi pen, **you must have a Medication Authorization Form, signed by your doctor, on file in the office before we would be able to administer the medication or inhaler.**

We have copies in the office, or we are happy to fax one to your doctor. Once this form is on file, you may bring in the prescription, in the original prescription container with the label from the pharmacy. **Please do not send medication or inhalers to school with your student. They must be brought to school by an adult and checked in to the office.**

Thank you for your help in keeping all of our children healthy and safe.



HEALTHY FOOD AT JPS

Jackson Public Schools has asked all schools to adopt a Healthy Food Policy. We offer healthy choices to each student on a daily basis in the cafeteria.

Also, we do not allow any cupcakes, cookies, cakes, or unhealthy options to be brought in to the classroom. If you would like to bring birthday treats in for your student, consider options like fruit snacks, cheese sticks, crackers and cheese, fruit, veggies, or any other healthy food item. Always make sure to check with your student's teacher to ask what time would be best.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

If you have an issue with your child's bussing (i.e., late buses, schedules, etc.), please contact our transportation department at 841-2180. Our transportation department knows when we have late buses, and can help with any concerns. If you have an address change, contact our office and we'll be happy to get the information to transportation for you. **Please be aware that it may take a couple of days to get a new route set up.**

Also, if your student needs to ride home with another student, you may be asked to contact the transportation office to make those arrangements. Please send a note with your student or call the Frost office for more information.

DAILY SCHEDULE

School will begin at 8:38 a.m. and dismiss at 3:40 p.m. On half days, our dismissal time will be at 11:48 a.m.

All students will be able to eat breakfast in the cafeteria between 8:18 and 8:38 a.m. each day. The recess and lunch periods are as follows:

- 11:05 – 11:45 – Kindergarten & 1st
- 11:45 – 12:25 – 2nd & 3rd, Currie,
D. Simpson
- 12:25 – 1:05 – 4th & 5th, Weinberg

Prices are as follows:

- Breakfast – Free to all students
- Lunch - Free to all students
- Milk Only \$.50

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The Jackson Public School Board of Education is very concerned about attendance for all the students in our school district. We set a high goal for our attendance, so we expect students to be in attendance each day. Of course if your child is ill, we understand their absence. Attendance is important so your child can learn all he/she can during the year. This allows the students to get into the daily routine established by the teacher. If for any reason your child will be absent, **please call the office at 841-2604 and leave your child's name, the teacher's name and reason for absence.**

It is equally important for your students to be at school on time.

A tardy is marked when a student is late to school. Also, if a student is picked up early from school, an early release will be marked.

An **Unexcused** tardy or early release is any tardy or early release without a doctor's excuse.

An **Excused** tardy or early release is marked when a doctor's note is brought in. Students attendance will be marked as (TE)=Tardy Excused or (AE)=Absent excused.

Students' arrival time and dismissal time will always be indicated on their attendance screen.

According to the policy set forth by the JPS Board, letters will be sent to parents when a student has been absent five and ten days. If a student misses 15 days of school, a referral is made to the Truancy Officer. It is possible that the Truancy Officer may make a referral to the Court System. The Jackson County Prosecutor continues to take a tough stand on truancy cases.

APPOINTMENTS

If you are picking up your child from Frost or Cascades at **any time** during the day, **you need to check in at the Main Office.** Students will continue to work in their classrooms until a parent arrives at the school to pick their child up for an appointment. A secretary will be happy to call your child to the office when you arrive at the school so you can sign your child out. Students will **not** be released to anyone that is not listed on their Accident/Emergency Form.

STUDENT MESSAGES

Our policy this year is to not transfer calls to the classrooms during school hours. It is very disruptive to the classroom to interrupt the lessons, and we want all our students to do their very best. Call the main office and we are happy to pass a message to your student or the teacher.

For the safety of your children, if you are changing your student's mode of transportation home, we ask that you not contact the school after 3:00 in the afternoon. The teachers are getting the students ready to leave and it is

difficult to reach them that late. This way we will ensure your student gets the message.

ARRIVAL

When students arrive in the morning they are to enter the building at the gym entrance. Students being dropped off in the front parking lot are to walk down the sidewalk to enter the cafeteria or gym. **Those students that are dropped off in the back parking lot must stop before the playground and use the sidewalk that leads to the gym entrance.** Students eating breakfast may go directly to the cafeteria. Students go into the gym and sit in their assigned areas.

Please do not drive in the bus lane at the back of the school when dropping off students in the morning – stop in the back parking lot. Please exercise extra caution when driving in the parking lots. We have a number of younger children attending Frost/Cascades. This helps us ensure a safe zone for our students.

DISMISSAL

We dismiss each day at 3:40 p.m. If you pick up your child at the end of the day, please have a designated place for him/her to meet you. Please do not come in and ask the secretary to call your child to the office because at the end of the day the teachers are in the hallway getting students ready to go home and are not near the phone. By following this request, you will help our dismissal go smoothly.

Also, please drive slowly and use caution in the parking lots. Please be courteous and patient with other drivers as you pick up your child. If you are picking up your child, please use the Front parking lot and use the drop-off/pick-up lane. Please do not leave your vehicle parked and unattended in this area. Thank you for your cooperation..

