



Greetings to our Parents & Guardians!

Joyner is looking forward to our students returning to campus for another year together! The year ahead will most certainly look different from that of previous experiences, but for our youngest students the concept of being in “BIG SCHOOL” will spur the excitement, thrill, and guarantee of making memories together. Our goal as Joyner Joeys continues to be that of creating an environment for **all students to learn & grow** while keeping our students and staff **safe**; therefore, **making this world a better place**. In order to move forward with our commitment amid the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be some changes to our school days to enhance opportunities for us to provide quality learning environments for our community’s youngest learners.

- K-2 instructional school day will run from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- Arrival → Doors will open to receive students at 7:15 a.m. Students who report to school at 7:30 or after will have the opportunity to report directly to their classrooms with their designated teacher.
- Dismissal → Students will depart using various exits on campus beginning at 2:00 p.m. This early release time is necessary to accommodate multiple routes for our buses as well as our staff to carry out additional cleaning steps enabling our students the engaging learning opportunities necessary for age appropriate development.
- Students will remain with their homeroom class for the entire school day.
- Special Education, English Language, and Challenge services will still be offered to students who qualify for those supports.
- Breakfast and Lunch will be provided by our café, but will be consumed in the classroom or other outside designated areas of campus.
- Guests will not be permitted to join students or staff for meal times on campus.
- Handwashing and sanitization will be a significant focus for helping students to learn and practice healthy habits throughout the school day.
- Specials (Art, Music, PE, Media & more) will continue to be offered to students on a rotational basis.
- Recess is also included as a part of our students’ daily schedule with only one class on the playground areas at a time.
- Additional outdoor classroom locations have been designated for extending instructional opportunities for students.
- Staggered transitions for our students have been implemented & will be monitored carefully throughout the school day.
- A fulltime Nurse has been hired to be on campus Monday – Friday each week.
- Distance learning is an option provided to K-12 students in our district for the upcoming school year; however, if chosen by families this would be a commitment that would extend for the entire Semester. Please note we will welcome students to rejoin us at the start of Semester 2 (January) should that be requested by parents.
- K-2 students participating in distance learning would be assigned a teacher who would assist parents in providing standards-based instruction, feedback for assignments, and continuous communication with student & parent for this selected method of learning. This method of learning would still require students to be accountable for logging into the students’ instructional



day with regular attendance as well as meet the grade level criteria for him/her to be promoted to the next grade level.

- Joynerville Junction & other such school-wide events for students will be transformed into virtual experiences that would enable our campus to learn and grow together while continuing to celebrate the successes of our students and teams.

While this continues to be a season of uncertainty for us all, the reality is our teachers and staff at Joyner will be ready to welcome your children in August as if they are our own. We desire for experiences at Joyner to be those that will encourage, inspire, and motivate your child to be the very best they can be. We believe it takes a solid partnership with our parents, families, and community to make this happen. Our expectation of helping students demonstrate being responsible, respectful, resourceful, and safe each and every day will not waver. Our changes in our day-to-day procedures for this year align with the guidance provided by CDC, our community healthcare professionals, as well as our district leadership to give you and your child our very best. We look forward to your continued partnership and support in making 2020-2021 school year one that allows your child solid educational experiences at Joyner.

More information will be forthcoming, but should you have additional questions or concerns that we can address during this registration process, please do not hesitate to reach out by calling our main office at 841-8900.

With a smile,
Mrs. Foster & the Joyner Team