

JENKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Jenkins Families,

We hope that all of you have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer! It is our pleasure to welcome you to the start of the 2024-2025 school year! The summer has been a remarkably busy time for everyone associated with the middle school. We know that all of these things will serve as the ingredients for an exciting and dynamic school year. We cannot wait to welcome you back to school!

I would like to share this message as I do each year:

To our Jenkins Parents/Guardians who entrust your children to the faculty and staff of JMS, day in and day out, we pledge our commitment to helping you pursue our common goal: helping your child achieve their personal best. To maximize our educational program, it is optimal to maintain trust, respect, and two-way communication. Together, we must work as partners.

Our collective Jenkins Middle School commitment to meeting the needs of the young adolescent student ensures that your child is in great hands and will have as positive a school experience as possible. Please understand, as the natural developmental characteristics of the young adolescent suggest, your child will face challenges as they grow during the “tween” years. Please remember, *disappointments are not disasters*. People often grow best through making “human” mistakes and coming up just short on an initial try. While it is our natural instinct as parents and caring adults to want to shelter and deflect children from disappointment, our children’s future successes are often determined by how much “second” effort, perseverance, and resiliency are developed through the formative adolescent years. Within our educational program we seek to challenge all children to “stretch” themselves to learn and grow, but also provide necessary support and nurturance critical to young adolescent success. We are an extension of you and strive to support you in terms of your goals for your child.

To our Students, the middle school years are both challenging and energizing. Your teachers, counselors, support staff, and administrators at JMS believe in your potential and are committed to helping you grow, become smarter, and to prepare you for present and future success. We value and will praise you when you exert significant effort, take on challenges, and persevere. Working hard to learn new things makes you smarter. It makes your brain grow new connections. Be willing to ask questions and work hard to seek answers. Be willing to step out of your comfort zone to try something new. Sometimes we learn the most from missteps. Quite simply, it is often how you respond that truly counts. Jenkins Middle School is a place where we want to truly help all students develop positively. We look forward to a wonderful year ahead!

To be transparent and to make sure we are following through with our commitments, I am sharing with you the focus of our building for this year. This information was in our staff welcome back letter that was sent out last week.

- **Create a safe environment by implementing common practices and expectations across the building by using programs such as e-Pass and Kick Board to support this work.**
- **Focus on building strong, appropriate school relationships with students by continuing to implement Capturing Kids Hearts. CKH uses reengagement strategies for students that help in supporting positive behavior in the classroom.**
- **Focus on active student engagement and active participation by using a variety of tools which include Kagan Structures, Depth and Complexity Prompts and Icons, Brain Breaks and Hands On Activities.**
- **Use data to drive instruction and to inform us on how students are doing with mastering the content.**
- **Be solutions focused.**

Please continue reading for key details and information for a successful start to the school year.

The first day of school for 6th grade students is Monday, August 12, 2024. This will be a day where 6th graders will learn about Jenkins and be able to run through their schedule of classes. The school day starts at 8:35 am and ends at 3:44 pm. Families can pick up a copy of their student’s schedule on Preview Day (see below) or view the schedule on PowerSchool. Upon arrival to school on August 12th, all 6th grade students will be allowed into the building at 8:15 and they will be dismissed to their first period class. Throughout the day, adults will be in all the hallways to help students get to class.

On Tuesday, August 13th, all students will report to Jenkins. This will be a normal day of school so that students can learn where their classes are and their schedule. Families can pick up a copy of their student's schedule on Preview Day (see below) or view the schedule on PowerSchool. The administrative team will review expectations during grade level assemblies the first full week of school. Throughout the day, adults will be in all the hallways to help students get to class.

Transportation

Bus route [LINK](#) and general transportation information [LINK](#) can be found on the district website via the links here.

- If your child walks to school, please remind them to cross streets at designated crosswalks on and off campus.
- If you drop your child off, please pay attention to the directions of our crossing guard, campus security and staff members to ensure a safe and efficient drop-off. **The first week of drop-off/pick-up will be hectic and take longer than usual.**

Bell Schedule for 2024-25

Click here for the link to the bell schedule (will also be added to the webpage): [LINK](#)

Student Code of Conduct

You may view the Student Code of Conduct located on our Jenkins website. We will also review student expectations during the first full week of school during grade level assemblies.

School Calendar

The Jenkins Middle School calendar is available on our website. The calendar is updated as needed. Should you require a hard copy of this year's calendar, please come to the main office.

School Lunch and Free and Reduced Lunch Application

Please visit the D11 Nutrition Services website for more information at: [LINK](#)

Back to School Night/Open House Parents/Guardians, please mark your calendars!
Thursday, August 29th (5:30-7:00)

***JOIN the WATCH D.O.G.S/Heros of the Hallway/M.O.M.S.**

Parents/Grandparents, etc. serve on campus for one day or many each year under the leadership of a program coordinator and the guidance of a school principal or designated administrator. The focus is to support students with making good choices.

***PTA**

The Parent Teacher Association invites and encourages all parents/guardians to be an active part of our school family. The PTA will be reaching out to families to encourage membership and involvement. The PTA will put out information regarding meeting dates and times.

Sports Information

For information regarding sports please go to the Jenkins website under Athletics: [LINK](#). Remember: physicals need to be completed prior to participation in sports. Please check out the Jenkins Facebook page or Instagram page for information on \$10 physicals!

Counseling Services

Our services are available to all students and parents. These services are to support and guide all students so they can get the most out of their middle school experience. Students may make an appointment to meet with their counselors through email. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to contact their child's counselor to discuss any concerns or questions that they may have.

Student Attendance

Regular and punctual patterns of attendance are important to student success in school and are expected. Students are expected to be in attendance every day when school is in session as required by law and board policy. If a student is absent, their parent/guardian must notify the school of the absence. If a parent/guardian is unable to call in, the student must bring a note to the attendance office the day they return to school. If a note or phone call is not received the absence will be considered unexcused. An accumulation of excused and/or unexcused absences will result in compulsory attendance action. **You can call the school attendance line at 719 328-5313**, to report your child's absence each day.

School Supply List

This will be added to our webpage in August. A copy of our Supply List is on the d11.org website [HERE](#).

Immunization Information

Click on the link [HERE](#) for information on immunizations from Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment.

Administration responsibilities for each grade level are as follows:

Mrs. Westry – 8th and 6th grade Mr. Krueger – 7th and 6th grade

The breakdown of 6th grade will be shared in the upcoming weeks once we finalize enrollment.

WHAT IS S.A.C.??? School Accountability Committee/School Advisory Committee

Created by state statute in the 1970's, these committees are comprised of parents, teachers, administrators, students, and community members. The focus of this committee is to inform, encourage, and provide opportunities for all stakeholders to be involved in the planning and evaluation of the school's instructional program and quality improvement processes. Please contact Tony Jackowski, the principal, if you are interested in being on this committee.

Communication

Strong home-school communication is essential for the success of our students and school. Three mechanisms that we will be using are our School Website, Instagram Account and Facebook page (we will share the pages in the upcoming weeks). Also, we will look to communicate with families via Blackboard – a voicemail system where you will hear a message from the school. Lastly, we communicate through a monthly Jenkins Newsletter that we email home. ***We will use telephone numbers from our online system, so please make sure this information is up to date so that you can receive important messages about school matters, events, and happenings at the middle school.***

In closing, please know that the main goal of every staff member of Jenkins Middle School is to ensure that each student is provided the opportunity for a positive, productive, and safe school experience. This is our commitment to you. Please enjoy the remaining days of the summer vacation, and we look forward with much excitement and anticipation to the first day of school and to another outstanding school year!

Very sincerely yours,

Anthony J. Jackowski
Principal

Kelli Westry
Assistant Principal

Chris Krueger
Assistant Principal

On **August 5th, from 9:00AM – 12:00PM** we invite any **New-to-Jenkins 7th and 8th grade** students and families to come to Jenkins to meet with a counselor to review your student's schedule and to ask questions. *Tours and technology distribution will occur later in the week on Preview Day.*

We invite all other students and families to our **Preview Day on August 8th 8:30AM-2:30PM**. During this time, you will pick up your class schedule, complete your technology check-out, and do a self-guided tour of the school. *Counselors will not be available on these days.*

- For last names beginning with **A-F, please arrive between 8:30AM-10:00AM**
- For last names beginning with **G-L, please arrive between 10:00AM-11:30AM**
- For last name beginning **M-R, please arrive between 11:30AM-1:00PM**
- For last name beginning **S-Z, please arrive between 1:00PM-2:30PM**

We understand families may need to attend during a different time slot but please try to arrive during the scheduled time. This allows the staff in the media center and individuals handing out schedules the opportunity to interact with families.

To complete the technology check-out faster, please print and complete the linked Technology Agreement ([ENGLISH](#) or [SPANISH](#)) before coming to preview day. Technology agreements must be signed by the student and parent/guardian before technology is checked out. Student Preview Day is not a time for students to meet their teachers as we will be doing professional development that day. We look forward to seeing you for this first opportunity to be at Jenkins for the upcoming school year.

This all takes place assuming construction in our building is complete.