

C. J. Harris Elementary School

PEARLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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PARENT / STUDENT CAMPUS HANDBOOK
2024-2025

School Hours:

7:55 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.: Pre-K - 4th Grades

7:55 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.: AM PPCD

12:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.: PM PPCD

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CJ Harris Elementary

INSTRUCTIONAL PHILOSOPHY

We, the staff of CJ Harris Elementary, seek to create a safe environment that encourages the development of happy, healthy, respectful, and responsible life-long learners.

Administrative Staff

Principal.....LaShonda Pernetter
Assistant Principal.....Suzann Whitlow
Counselor.....Yesenia Ragghianti
Nurse.....Diana Vorady
Secretary.....Angela Adams
Registrar.....LeShan Shepard
Receptionist.....Jovita Bugarin
Cafeteria Manager.....Alma Mendez

Harris Office.....(281) 485-4024
Harris Fax.....(281) 412-1559
Transportation.....(281) 485-3562
Administration Office.....(281) 485-3203

Arrivals

As always, safety is our first priority when it comes to students arriving at school in the morning. Students should not be dropped off and left on the front porch before 7:15 a.m. There is no adult supervision, and this is a safety concern. C. J. Harris Elementary opens its doors at 7:15 a.m. to receive students. Students that arrive at school before 7:30 a.m. can go to the cafeteria where they may eat breakfast or read quietly and under supervision. At 7:30 a.m. all students who are not eating will be dismissed from the cafeteria to their grade level hallway where they will wait supervised until classrooms open at 7:45 a.m. The tardy bell rings at 7:55 a.m. **If a student is tardy, parents are required to park and come into the lobby to sign them in.**

Arrival Procedures

For the safety of our students, parents driving their children to school should only unload their children from one **single lane of traffic in the front of the school**. Drivers should pull up to the front of the pickup line as far as possible where our staff will be on duty to assist students getting out of cars. To keep the line flowing, please follow staff's direction when moving forward. Please do not enter the teacher parking lot in the morning to unload children at the side of our building next to our bus circle drive. All car riders will enter through the front doors of the school. Car riders are not permitted to pull through the bus circle. Any student riding a bicycle or scooter to school in the mornings should place it in the designated bike rack and enter through the front doors of the school. Students should secure their bicycles or scooters since the school is not responsible for damage or theft. Motorized vehicles are not allowed. Bus riders and daycare van riders will enter through the side doors of the school under adult supervision. Students are considered tardy at 7:55 each day. A crossing guard is on duty in front of our school from 7:30 a.m. until 7:55 a.m. on each school day. Crossing guards are also on duty at Schleider/Plum and Schleider/Barry Rose during these times.

***Students arriving late MUST be escorted into the school by a parent!**

Attendance

Section 25.095 of the attendance law (SB 1432) passed by the Texas Legislature states that the school district is required to notify parents of the following:

A school district shall notify students' parents in writing at the beginning of the school year that if the student is absent from school 10 or more days of parts of days within a six-month period.

- the student's parent is subject to prosecution under Sec. 25.093(Parent Contributing to Truancy) and
- the student is subject to prosecution under Sec.25.094(Failure to Attend School)

This law refers to unexcused absences. Excused and unexcused absences are defined in the Pearland ISD Student Code of Conduct.

Attendance is taken at **10:00 a.m.** If the student has an appointment, please schedule it at a time other than the attendance time to avoid loss of valuable instructional time. A student is also excused for a temporary absence resulting

from a visitation to a health care professional if the student commences classes or returns to school on the day of the appointment. A note from the health care professional verifying the appointment **will need to be turned in upon arrival** for the student to be counted present. Students are allowed 5 parent notes each semester to excuse a student absence. When a parent note is written and turned in, it will excuse one day's absence. For example, if your child misses 3 days of school and a parent note is turned in, that will count as 3 parent notes. Any other absences are unexcused. Excessive unexcused absences constitute a violation of the law for which the parent or guardian will be held responsible. Parents will be warned in writing for children who are failing to comply with compulsory school attendance laws. Students are required to be in attendance for at least 90% of the total days school is in session to pass the current grade level. **In the event of illness of a student, a written excuse from the parent is required within three days of the students return.** Emails are not permitted for excuse notes. The note should be given to the teacher upon the child's arrival at school following the absence.

You may use this online link to complete the absence note: <https://harris.pearlandisd.org/absence>

****Please note: Students that are absent from C.J. Harris or another Pearland ISD school are not allowed on campus for field day, field trips, lunch, parties, or other activities.****

Awards

Students will receive awards once at the end of the school year when parents are welcome to join. Please plan to arrive early to allow enough time to complete check-in procedures. **CJ Harris students are not allowed to attend awards other than their own: students that are absent from CJ Harris or another Pearland ISD school are not allowed on campus for field day, field trips, lunch, parties, awards, programs, or any other school day activities.** All visitors must provide a valid photo ID. Due to fire safety, no strollers allowed in classrooms during parties and/or awards. Flowers and balloons are not permitted.

Cafeteria

Breakfast and lunch are served in the cafeteria each school day. Breakfast is served from 7:15-7:50 a.m. and lunch is served from 10:15-1:15. Lunch and/or breakfast may be paid for in advance at school or online. Meals may also be purchased on a daily cash basis. When making advance payment, the child should bring the payment to the cafeteria manager upon arrival in the morning. The payment should be in an envelope with the child's and teacher's names on it. Your canceled check will be your receipt. Payment online is preferred: <https://www.schoolcafe.com/>

If you bring your child's lunch or lunch money to school, please bring it to the office identified with your child's name and teacher by 8:30 a.m. Current pricing for the cafeteria can be found at the following link: http://www.pearlandisd.org/cms/lib/TX01918186/Centricity/Domain/58/cafeteria_prices.pdf

You may monitor your child's meal account online at www.schoolcafe.com. Log in and register your child using their 6-digit ID number. If you find that your child is over-spending and you want to set restrictions on their account or make notations to your child's account about any allergies they may have, use the "Contact Us" feature to send a request to the Food Service Office. If you have questions: Food Service Office, 281-412-1244.

Negative balances must be paid off at the end of each school year. If a student account has a negative balance from the previous school year, the account will be deactivated (a restriction will be placed on the account and no charging will be allowed.) A re-activation fee must be paid before the account is activated. Please see below for a list of items and charges:

Breakfast

Free \$0.00

Reduced \$0.00

Paid \$1.45

Lunch

Free \$0.00

Reduced \$0.40

Paid \$2.50

Adult \$5.00

If your student is bringing lunch, please make sure that you are sending packaged items that your child can open unassisted. There are monitors in the cafeteria to help students, but if your child cannot open their food packages/containers, they will have to wait until a monitor is available.

Cafeteria Behavior Expectations

C. J. Harris Elementary students and staff are committed to creating a safe and respectful environment for all. We take pride in our cafeteria and work together to make it clean and enjoyable. Our behavior expectations include:

1. Talk quietly using an inside voice to friends beside or directly across from student.
2. Raise hand for assistance.
3. Stay in your seat at all times.
4. Do not share/trade food.
5. Keep hands and feet to self.
6. Select all items the first time through the line – utensils, napkins, ketchup, etc.
7. Use good manners while eating.
8. Healthy drinks – No soda
9. Clean up your area.
10. Be safe, respectful, and responsible.

Café Visitors:

- To help keep all students safe, when you eat with your child please understand that you may not provide food to any other students
- Lunch visitor must be listed on student's emergency card to eat lunch with a student
- Parents are not allowed to discipline other students or correct their behaviors
- Photos/videos may not be taken in the café of other students
- No strollers or carriers allowed in the café.
- Due to limited space, please only one to two visitors per student.

Clinic Information

Medication Disbursement

Elementary school students may NOT carry any type of medication or administer it to themselves. Medication must be administered by the NURSE or AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY. Medications at school will be dispensed according to the "Medication Regulations" guidelines. This includes cough drops.

<https://www.pearlandisd.org/departments/health-services/medication>

Emergency First Aid Care

Any treatment given at school is limited to first aid. When a student becomes ill or is injured at school, parents are notified. If they cannot be reached and the situation requires medical attention beyond our resources, it may be necessary to send the student to a hospital emergency service for needed care until the parents can be reached. Parents are responsible for emergency care costs. Ill students will need to be promptly picked up from the clinic.

Parents should supply the school with information concerning special health problems, as well as how they may be reached and the family physician's name and phone number. The name of a friend or relative who might be contacted when we are not able to reach parents has proven very helpful.

When To Keep Your Child at Home:

To comply with guidelines from the Texas Administrative Code and the Department of State Health Services, a student must stay home or be sent home from school for:

- Conjunctivitis (pink eye)
- Diarrhea: A student must stay home until diarrhea-free for 24 hours without use of diarrhea-suppressing medications.
- Fever: A student with a temperature of 100 F (37.8 C) or higher must stay home until fever-free for 24 hours without use of fever-reducing medication.

In the best interest of your child and his/her classmates, your child should also remain at home for the following conditions:

- Uncontrolled asthma or diabetes
- Vomiting
- Undiagnosed rash

Your child may be sent home for other reasons, as determined by the clinic staff at your child's school.

If you are unsure whether to keep your child home, contact your school nurse. When your child returns to school, remember to send an excuse note with him/her.

Closed Campus Days

During the school year, our campus will participate in various state and district assessments. In an effort to prepare our students for testing, we will close our campus to visitors. Parents and visitors will not be allowed to visit the school on these days, including delivery of breakfast or lunch. We appreciate your support.

Complaints

If you have a concern involving your child or a teacher, you are expected to discuss the matter with the teacher before requesting a conference with the Assistant Principal, Principal, the Executive Director, the Assistant or Deputy Superintendent, or the Superintendent. If the outcome of the conference with the teacher is not satisfactorily resolved, you may request a conference with a campus administrator.

Conferences

Parent conferences with your child's teacher are highly encouraged. Please call the office at (281) 485-4024 or email your student's teacher directly. Teacher email addresses may be found at <https://harris.pearlandisd.org/faculty> **Please do not go to classrooms for conferences without an appointment.** Meetings may be arranged during your teacher's conference time while students are in PE, Library, Art, and Music classes or after school. The teachers' workday is from 7:45 am–3:45 pm.

Contacting Students at School

It is very disruptive when a student has to be called from class for a message concerning family plans for the afternoon. Please limit requests for delivering messages to your child to EMERGENCIES ONLY. If your child's routine of going home changes, please write a note to the teacher advising her of the change. Also, we ask that students not be picked up early except in cases of emergencies. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Discipline

The purpose of the discipline management plan is to ensure a safe, orderly, and constructive learning environment for all students at C.J. Harris. According to the Student Code of Conduct, the school has authority and control over a student during the regular school day and while going to and from school on district transportation. This jurisdiction includes any activity, during the school day on school grounds, and attendance at any school-related activity. **Please refer to the P.I.S.D. Student Code of Conduct for more specific information.**

Dismissal Procedures

At dismissal, when picking up your children in the front of the school, please place a school provided sign with your child's name in your vehicle window so that we may call your child's name and have him or her waiting on one of the stars on the front sidewalk. If you do not have your school provided sign, please park and bring your ID inside to check out your student. We will assist your child getting into your vehicle. In the afternoon, parents wishing to park in the side teachers' parking lot may do so and walk to the door in front of the bike rack. Our teachers will be on duty at that location to dismiss students to their parents so that parents can safely cross their children back across the bus and daycare traffic lane. In the afternoon, bike riders and students walking home will be dismissed through the door in front of the bike racks. All students are monitored, and an adult will safely escort all walkers and bike riders off the school grounds. Students are dismissed at 3:15 p.m. each day. A crossing guard is on duty in front of our school from 3:15 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. each school day. Crossing guards are also on duty at Schleider/Plum and Schleider/Barry Rose during these times.

Dismissal during School Hours

Children who have arrived at school on any given day may not leave the school grounds unless authorized by the office. Parents or their designee must be cleared, in person, by scanning their Texas Driver's License through the school office for the release of a child during the regular school day. A child will not be allowed for any reason to leave the campus unaccompanied during regular school hours. **We kindly request no check outs after 2:45pm.**

Dress Code

A student's appearance has much to do with the way the student feels about himself or herself. Appearance also affects the way in which students respond to each other, to staff, to their own success and has a great deal to do with the learning atmosphere of the school. Because of this, Pearland Independent School District has established a standardized dress code for students. Please refer to PISD standardized dress code at the following link.

https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1719408349/pearlandisdorg/bo4mzwgbyfros5dsp00u/Student_Dress_Code.pdf

Drug Free, Tobacco Free, and Weapon Free School

We have an ongoing program in our school, which endorses the Texas Education Agency's declaration that, "The use of illicit drugs and unlawful possession and use of alcohol is wrong and harmful." No employee, student or visitor may possess or use drugs, tobacco, or weapons on campus or school grounds.

Early Dismissal Days

We will participate in early dismissal days throughout the year. Due to the shortened instructional day, we will use an alternate schedule. All activities including lunch will be adjusted. The two early dismissal days for this year are December 20, 2024, and May 22, 2025.

Field Trips

You will be advised when a field trip is planned. Before your child can participate in field trips outside the district, a signed permission form must be on file with your child's teacher. No child will be allowed on a field trip without written permission from a parent. Field trip chaperones may not take along children who are not class members. Chaperones must complete a **Criminal History Form** each year before participating in school activities.

<https://www.pearlandisd.org/departments/hrs/volunteers-chaperones>

Internet

Access to the District's electronic communications system, including the Internet, shall be made available to students and employees exclusively for instructional and administrative purposes and in accordance with administrative guidelines. District devices must be used for their intended purposes and according to the Student-Parent Device Handbook in the following link.

Library

Students are encouraged to use the library. All students visit the library on a rotating schedule. Lost or damaged materials are the responsibility of the parents and must be paid in full before the end of the school year. If a book is

found within 30 days of payment, money will be refunded.

Lost and Found

During the school year, students misplace many personal items. Items will be placed in the lost and found. Valuable items such as watches will be kept in the receptionist's office until claimed. Please put your child's name on their clothing so it can be returned if lost. Many new items are never claimed because they are unmarked. Unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the school year.

Make-Up Work

If a student has an excused absence, the teacher will determine the need for make-up work. If a student is absent for more than three days, the school will provide make-up work to be done at home upon parent request. Parents may request make-up work by calling the school receptionist before 9:00 a.m. to pick up the work after 3:30 p.m.

Parent Pickup

We are able to load children very quickly when all parents picking up their children at the end of the day following these steps:

1. Place the school issued car sign on the right-hand side of your dashboard, which includes the names of the children you are picking up and their grade levels in **LARGE, BOLD LETTERING**.
2. Keep the sign visible until your student is in the car with you.
3. Form one line of cars and drive to the front of the pickup circle before stopping.

Parties & Birthdays

There are three authorized school parties during the school year: Christmas, Valentine's Day, and Hoopla Day. Please do not send treats or treat bags for any other holiday. Any outside food must be store bought with an ingredient list. Please follow the requests below to make sure that all students and guests are safe:

1. Parking is limited. Please make sure not to block the parking lanes or fire lanes at any time.
2. Parents and guests must provide a valid photo ID before entering the building.
3. Strollers will not be allowed in classrooms on party/awards days.
4. **CJ Harris students are not allowed to attend parties other than their own: students that are absent from CJ Harris or another Pearland ISD school are not allowed on campus for field day, field trips, lunch, parties, awards, programs, or any other school day activities.**

Student birthdays are celebrated by recognizing students during the announcements each morning. Please **do not bring or send birthday gifts, balloons, flowers or treat bags** to school for your child's birthday. If birthdays fall on the weekend during the school year, their names will be announced on the Friday before. If birthdays fall on Thanksgiving, Christmas, or Spring Break, students will be announced on the day prior to the break. If the birthdays fall during the summer, birthdays will be called on the corresponding day in May. Ex. May 1st, June 1st, July 1st, and Aug. 1st will be called on May 1st.

- Birthday parties are NOT allowed at school.
- Store bought cupcakes or cookies may be sent with your child for distribution to their class. No cakes, decorations, juice boxes, etc...
- Ingredients must be listed on all food items for allergy purposes.

Students may not distribute birthday party invitations unless they are brought for each child in the class. No other invitations of any kind may be distributed at school.

PBIS

At CJ Harris, we use PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Support) to teach and encourage students to be SAFE, RESPECTFUL, & RESPONSIBLE in all areas of the school. At the beginning of the school year, teachers and students discuss what this looks like in each area of the school.

Teachers and staff award individuals and classes with positive acknowledgements or Classdojo points for being safe, respectful, and/or responsible. Each time classes earn 100 sticks/points, their class receives a reward.

Peek of the Week

Each week a “Peek of the Week” will be sent home and posted on each teacher’s webpage. The peek will include learning objectives for the week, upcoming events, projects and testing information as well as any relevant grade level information.

Perfect Attendance Award

This award is given to each student who has not been absent during each nine weeks and for the entire school year. The student must have been enrolled at the beginning of the year or have a report card from the previous school attended to prove eligibility. Please note that (3) or more tardies or early withdrawals in any nine-week period will constitute an absence for perfect attendance awards.

Pledges Of Allegiance and a Minute of Silence (All Grade Levels)

Each school day, students will recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag. Parents may submit a written request to the principal to excuse their child from reciting a pledge. State law requires that one minute of silence follow recitation of the pledges. Each student may choose to reflect, pray, meditate, or engage in any other silent activity during that minute so long as the silent activity does not interfere with or distract others. In addition, state law requires that each campus provide for the observance of one minute of silence at the beginning of the first class period when September 11 falls on a regular school day in remembrance of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. [See policy EC for more information.]

Promotion and Retention

Below grade 2, promotion may be granted using assessment methods other than numerical grades. In grade 2 a student must have an overall average of 70 or above as well as an average of 70 or above in language arts, reading, and mathematics in order to be promoted. In grades 3-4, a student must have an overall average of 70 or above in math, reading, language, science, and social studies. The District shall not grant social promotions. Students shall be promoted only on the basis of academic achievement. The limit on the number of retentions no longer applies.

PTA

The PTA (Parent Teacher Association) is an important part of our school. Our PTA support provides services as well as instructional resources for all students in our school. Each parent is asked to join and support our PTA. The membership fee is \$10 per member. <https://www.joinpta.org/>. Newsletters and calendars will be sent home providing meeting and activity times. The PTA also supports the staff through numerous volunteer opportunities in the library, café, and teacher classrooms, etc. Parents and citizens who would like to support our school should contact the school and complete the Criminal History check available online. Criminal History Checks are completed on all volunteers before individuals are allowed to work on campus or participate as a chaperone on a field trip. When volunteering on campus, all volunteers and PTA members are required to sign in at the front desk before beginning tasks. Name badges will be provided to identify C. J. Harris volunteers.

Reporting Student Progress

In Pre-Kindergarten through 1st grade, student progress is reported using a developmental continuum representing the knowledge and skills appropriate for the age level of the student. Teachers maintain a monitoring system which includes dated anecdotal notes on student progress, work samples, and assessments to support the report card.

In 2nd through 4th grade, students receive numerical grades.

A = 90-100

B = 80-89

C = 70-79

F = Below 70

- A minimum of (2) grades per week will be recorded for each content area of Reading, Math, Language Arts

- A minimum of (1) grade per week will be recorded for Science and/or Social Studies.
- Individual homework assignments will not be recorded as grades in the grade book. Homework efforts will be reflected through the students' work habits grade.
- Redoing failing assignments/tests (recorded in grade book):
 1. Daily Work: After re-teaching occurs, the work will be completed at school. Students may receive credit up to 70%.

2. Tests/Assessments: Students will have the opportunity to re-do a failing grade and earn credit up to 70% on any tests or assessments. A parent may request an opportunity to re-teaching and re-assessment for a failed assignment or assessment. The request for re-teaching and re-assessment should be made within one week after the assignment/assessment has been returned or posted to the teacher's electronic gradebook, whichever is earlier. Progress reports are sent home twice during a nine-week grading period for all students in 1st – 4th grade. In addition, parents will be contacted if a child's average drops significantly after that time. Report cards are sent home at the end of every nine weeks. Hand prepared cards are used for students in Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten. Computer generated cards are issued in 1st – 4th grades.

Parents of 2nd – 4th grade students may access our Skyward program to securely view numeric grades and attendance. Please go to our district website, click on the information tab, and then click on the parent information link. Before accessing student grades, parents must obtain a username and password from the school.

*Transferring students' grades will include grades from the previous school if that school is accredited or is a Texas Public School. If the previous school is not accredited, only grades earned while attending C.J. Harris Elementary will be averaged for the year. Students enrolled less than three weeks during the current nine weeks will not receive a report card unless grades are given from the accredited school.

School Safety

*WE ASK THAT PARENTS NOT WALK STUDENTS TO THEIR CLASSROOMS AFTER THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF SCHOOL. The walk to the classroom gives students time to transition from home to the school setting, enabling them to engage immediately in learning activities planned to begin at 7:55 a.m. This also supports our efforts to maintain school safety.

During the first days of school, your child's teacher will ask for parents to assign their child a "standard" way for going home every day (bus rider, day care, walker/biker, or car rider). Children will be dismissed each day according to this assignment unless the school is notified in writing or by phone call to the front office that the student will go home a different way. **PLEASE NOTE: TO ENSURE STUDENTS' SAFETY, STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO GO HOME A DIFFERENT WAY UNLESS A NOTE HAS BEEN PROVIDED OR A PHONE CALL TO THE FRONT OFFICE HAS BEEN RECEIVED. Texts, emails, or any other method will not be accepted.**

*******Please call before 2:00p.m. with any dismissal changes*******

To maintain security and the safety of our school, **ALL** parents, visitors, and guests must sign in and out at the reception desk located in the front lobby of the school. Visitors are required to present a valid Texas Driver's License or Identification Card every time they visit the campus. ID's will be scanned through the Raptor System and a badge will be printed with the visitor's name and destination. The name badge must be worn at all times when on campus. All visitors on campus who wish to eat lunch with a student, attend assemblies, etc. will need to be listed on the student's emergency card.

Skyward – Family & Student Access

Skyward – Family & Student Access is an online program that allows parents of Pre-K – 4th grade students secure access to a copy of their child's grades in subjects with numeric marks and attendance. A parent must obtain a username and password from the school to gain access to the data. Call our registrar for assistance.

Supplies

Each child is responsible for having his or her own dispensable school supplies which may vary from grade to grade. A list of required supplies may be obtained on the district's website <https://www.pearlandisd.org/back2school> or in the front office. Please contact school counselor if backpack or supplies are needed.

Telecommunication Devices, Including Cell Phones

For safety purposes, the district permits students to possess telecommunication devices, including cell phones and smart watches; however, these devices must not be visible and must remain turned off during the instructional day. Students are prohibited from making recordings while at school or school-related or sponsored events without appropriate authorization from district personnel. District employees may confiscate a telecommunication device when in violation of the PISD Code of Conduct. Any disciplinary action will be in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. The campus will not be responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen telecommunication devices. If confiscated, the campus will hold the device until the end of the school day. Second offense – parent may pick up the device from the school after 3:15pm. Upon a third offense – parent may pick up the device from the school after 3:15pm for a fee of \$15.00. Refer to PISD student handbook for more details.

Textbooks

Students have online resources as provided by their teachers. Some grade levels use consumables. Each student may be issued textbooks for school and/or home use. Any damage to or loss of a textbook will result in fees payable to the school district by the parent/guardian.

Transportation

Transportation is provided free of charge to students who live two or more miles from his/her zoned campus. Transportation is available for a fee to students who live within two miles of their zoned campus.

Students may qualify for reduced fee if receiving Free/Reduced Lunch. Please make checks payable to PEARLAND ISD. Write the student's name and bus number on the check and mail to PEARLAND ISD, Attention: Transportation Dept., P.O. Box 7, Pearland, TX 77588 or send it with your child to the school office.

Students must be registered with the transportation department to ride a bus. Students are not allowed to ride a bus other than their assigned bus.

Any student who fails to comply with established rules of conduct while on school transportation may be denied transportation services and is subject to disciplinary action.

Valuable and Personal Items

Students should not bring large amounts of money or valuables to school. Students may not bring personal toys, handheld games, or playthings to school. It creates a safety problem and there is always the risk of them being lost or broken. Items such as bats, hard balls, and toys that might inflict pain or injury to another student will be confiscated if they appear on campus. Do not bring items in glass jars or items to sell.

Visitors

Parents are welcome to visit the school. Because we are concerned about the safety of each child, all school visitors and parents must check in at the office and scan either a Texas Driver's License or a Texas Identification Card at the receptionist area near the front of the school. Visitors must be listed on the student's emergency contact list in skyward. The system will verify the individual's identification and print a visitor's badge. It will also identify individuals who are registered sex offenders.

Volunteer Program

The C.J. Harris PTA has a volunteer program in which volunteers assist teachers and staff with the day-to-day activities related to teaching. Any person who wants to help our children can be a volunteer. We invite parents, grandparents, career persons, and college students to support our school as volunteers. Please register using the following link:

<https://harris.pearlandisd.org/pta/volunteer>

Weather, Drills, and Emergency Preparedness

CJ Harris Elementary has an emergency plan prepared and ready for implementation in the unlikely event of a school emergency. Emergency drills are practiced throughout the year to familiarize students with procedures. When severe weather causes hazardous driving conditions or any other conditions exist that might delay the opening of schools or cause schools to be closed, parents and students are encouraged to check the district website, www.pearlandisd.org, social media pages and local television stations for current news reports. No announcements will be made when campuses will remain open with regularly scheduled hours.

Withdrawals

The parent or legal guardian must notify the school at least 3 days in advance when the child is being withdrawn. This may be done in person or by sending a signed and dated note informing the office of the withdrawal date. All textbooks (if checked out) and/or library books must be returned, and all records must be cleared before student withdrawal paperwork can be released.