

August Harris Herald

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SCHOOL HOURS

Grades PK-4.....7:55 AM - 3:15 PM
Front Doors Open.....7:15 AM
Breakfast Served.....7:15 am - 7:50 AM
Students Enter Class.....7:45 AM
Class Begins.....7:55 AM

*Students must be inside the building by 7:55 AM. Students entering the building after this time will be tardy. If a student is tardy, parents are required to park and come into the lobby to sign them in.

Welcome to CJ Harris Elementary and the 2024-2025 school year! We are excited to have you and your child(ren) as a part of our Star family. By working together, we will ensure that every student has a safe and successful year at CJ Harris. We welcome you to visit our school, and we want you to contact us with any questions you may have.

FRONT OFFICE STAFF

Principal: LaShonda Pernetter
Asst Principal: Suzann Whitlow
Counselor: Yesenia Raghianti
Nurse: Diana Vorady
Secretary: Angela Adams
Registrar: LeShan Shepard
Receptionist: Jovita Bugarin

Telephone: 281-485-4024
Fax: 281-412-1559
Mascot: S.T.A.R.S.
Colors: Blue and Maroon



VISITORS & SAFETY

ALL visitors must check in with a current Driver's License and receive a Visitor Tag at the Front Office before going to any other areas of the building. The Visitor Tag must always be worn the entire time you are on campus.

Classroom visits will be permitted with the principal's and teacher's prior approval. Teacher conferences will need to be scheduled during the teacher's conference time.

We appreciate your time and understanding when you visit CJ Harris and are required to show identification. The process takes only a few seconds and is well worth the safety of all our children.

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Social Media



FRIDAY FOLDERS

Friday has been designated as the day that all student work, campus and district level information, and other important messages will be sent home. Please check and read over the material and sign and return all necessary items to school. Your prompt attention will be greatly appreciated.

C J Harris Elementary Spirit Shirts



Shirts are offered in:
Cotton, Softstyle & Dri Fit

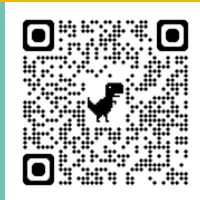
Sweatshirts, Hoodies & Zip Up Jackets
Available in Grey & Maroon



PreK/Kinder 1st 2nd 3rd 4th

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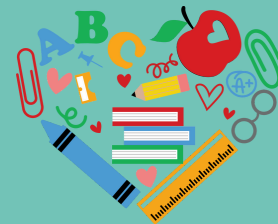


Meet the Teacher Night

August 22, 2024

Session 1: 6:30pm

Session 2: 7:15pm



ALL STUDENTS NEED A CHANGE OF CLOTHES IN THEIR BACKPACKS IN A ZIPLOC BAG

DUE TO: ACCIDENTS, MUDDY, SPILLS, ETC

SAFETY DRILL WEEK AUGUST 19-23

This week we will be conducting our first round of required safety drills. Our goal in teaching and practicing the procedures for these drills early, is to ensure that our students and staff know what to do in the event of an emergency. Teachers will spend time discussing and practicing what to do for each drill with their students prior to our practice drill.

Visit our [Pearland ISD Safe & Secure Schools](#) website for more information.

Monday August 19th



Fire Drill: EVACUATE! To the designated location.
Why: Evacuate is called to move students and staff from one location to another. (Ex. Fire alarm has sounded.)

Tuesday August 20th



SECURE: Secure! Get inside. Lock outside doors
Why: Lockout is called when there is a threat or hazard outside of the school building. Whether it's due to violence or criminal activity in the immediate neighborhood, or a dangerous animal in the playground, Lockout uses the security of the physical facility to act as protection.



SHELTER: SHELTER! Hazard
Why: Shelter is called when the need for personal protection is necessary. Training should also include spontaneous events such as hazmat.

Wednesday August 21st



EVACUATION: EVACUATE! To the announced location.
Why: Evacuate is called to move students and staff from one location to another. (Ex. Fire alarm has sounded.)

Thursday August 22nd



SHELTER: SHELTER! Safety strategy.
Why: Shelter is called when the need for personal protection is necessary. Training should also include spontaneous events such as weather.

Friday August 23rd



LOCKDOWN: LOCKDOWN! Locks, lights, out of sight.
Why: Lockdown is called when there is a threat or hazard inside the school building. From parental custody disputes to intruders to a weapon on campus, Lockdown uses classroom security to protect students and staff from

School SUPPLY List

click here

ATTENDANCE

School attendance is critical for the quality of your child's education. A child who misses a day of school misses a day of learning opportunities. Should it be necessary for your child to miss a day of school, you must submit your child's absence online or send a written and signed note stating the reason for the child's absence within 3 days of the student's return from the absence with the information listed below.

- Student's first and last legal name
- Grade Level
- Student ID #
- Specific dates of the absence
- Specific reason for the absence
- Parent signature



If a doctor's note is submitted, please make sure that it covers ALL days of the absence. If not, please send an accompanying parent note with the above-listed information. *Emails will no longer be accepted. Please use this link to complete online form.* [Absence link](#)

Students are required to attend class 90% of the time it is offered to be able to receive credit and be promoted to the next grade level. All absences, regardless of excused or unexcused, including leaving early and coming in late, count towards the 90% rule.

Please help make your child's education a top priority by building a habit of daily attendance.

[Lunch Menu](#)
[School Cafe](#)
[Become a Volunteer](#)
[Chaperone](#)
[PISD Calendar](#)
[Absence Reporting](#)
[Dress Code](#)

CAFETERIA INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES



Breakfast \$1.45 (\$0.00 Reduced)

Lunch \$2.50 (\$0.40 Reduced)



- Money can be easily added to your child's account for additional items they wish to purchase at www.schoolcafe.com.
- We welcome lunch visitors at CJ Harris beginning Tuesday, September th. (We are closed to lunch visitors the first few weeks of school. This time is used for teaching routines, procedures, and expectations for the cafeteria.)
 - All visitors will check in at the front reception desk with a photo ID.
 - We suggest that you arrive early to ensure that you are ready at your child's lunch time.
 - Visitors are welcome to bring in lunch for themselves and their CJ Harris Star, however students can still purchase a meal from the cafeteria when they have guests. If a cafeteria lunch is needed, the student will get their lunch from the cafeteria line and meet their lunch guest in the old gym.
 - We ask that lunch visitors refrain from taking additional students to the old gym.
 - Please say your goodbyes in the old gym at the end of your child's lunch time. Visitors should not walk back to the classroom with the class but should report directly to the front office to check out.
 - Closed Campus Days: There will be a limited number of days when we will be closed to lunch visitors due to testing, etc...These days will be communicated well in advance through the Star Statement.
 - If you are dropping off a lunch for your child, please make sure you have it here early so that we have time to get the lunch to your child.

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL INFORMATION

CAR RIDERS – Parents will receive a CJ Harris car placards on the first day of school. If your family needs more than one, you can stop by the front office for additional placards at any time. Students will be called to their cars during dismissal using their name/grade. Car riders are defined as children whose parents remain in the car throughout the drop off and pick-up procedures. Please do not park or drop off from the street. Car traffic is heavy and unpredictable at dismissal time, making it very unsafe.

- **Car Rider Arrival** - Car riders can be dropped off in the front driveway beginning at 7:15 a.m. Please do not drop off students earlier than 7:15 a.m. because there will be no supervision for your child before this time. We have a lot of car riders at CJ Harris. To avoid long lines, we recommend arriving prior to 7:40.
- **Car Rider Dismissal** - Car rider dismissal will be in the front driveway. Beginning the 2nd day of school, a car rider placard must be shown to the staff member calling names. Cars that do not have the CJ Harris placard will need to park and report to the front office to get your placard. Please leave placard visible until student is in the vehicle.

WALKERS & BIKER RIDERS – Walkers and bike riders are defined as children who walk/ride their bikes to and from school property and home. Walkers and bike riders are to stay on the sidewalks at all times and should only cross the street where a crossing guard is located. Parents should not park across the street from the school and have students walk to the cars.

- **Walker/Bike Rider Arrival** - Students eating breakfast should arrive between 7:15 and 7:45 a.m. Bike riders are encouraged to lock up their bikes to the bike rack.
- **Walker/Bike Rider Dismissal** - This year we will have two options for walker/bike rider dismissal. 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. 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.

BUS TRANSPORTATION – The opportunity to ride a Pearland ISD school bus is a privilege and certain expectations for appropriate conduct have been established to ensure the safety of all the students. Parents will be notified of any student who does not follow the bus rules. Students are allowed to ride their regular bus only. They may not ride home with a friend. Students in PreK and Kindergarten will only be released from the bus to an approved adult using their child's unique PIN# provided by the parents at the time of registration.

CHANGE IN TRANSPORTATION

It is extremely important to our staff that all students are dismissed safely every day. Frequently changing modes of dismissal transportation can cause confusion for children. Emergency situations do arise which may require a change in how students go home. If there is a change in how your child will go home, please notify the teacher in writing. If advanced notice is not possible, phone calls advising the office of transportation changes must be called in no later than 2:00pm. Students' dismissal transportation will not be changed after 2:00pm unless approved by an administrator.

EARLY PICK-UP

To ensure a smooth and organized dismissal, parents who need to pick up their child up early for an after-school doctor's appointment, etc., should do so by 2:45p.m. Thank you for your cooperation!

PICKING UP STUDENTS

If someone other than the parent will be picking up your child, the person's name must be listed in Skyward as family member or emergency contact. The person designated to pick up your child must be prepared to show appropriate identification to school officials.



Nurse Vorady is excited to begin the 2024-25 school year at CJ Harris! She wants to encourage you to visit the district Health Services information using the QR code below. If you have any questions for her, please email her at voradyd@pearlandisd.org.

Students at CJ Harris are not allowed to carry any medications with them. All medications must be brought to the clinic with a note from the parent.

All student immunizations must be current. If an updated immunization is needed you will be notified. Kindergarteners and Pre-Kindergarteners should be fully immunized before the start of school. Please send a copy of any updates to the clinic.



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 acknowledgements/points, their class receives a reward.

STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

Your child may bring in store bought birthday treats for the class to celebrate their birthday. Birthday treats will be shared with your child's class either at recess or at the end of the school day. Your child's teacher will communicate when they prefer to celebrate birthdays. Teachers appreciate it when parents send in treats that are single servings (cupcakes, cookies, donuts, etc...) because they are easier to distribute.

Birthday invitations may be sent home from school if every student in the class (or every boy/girl) is receiving an invitation.

This year we are able to once again offer "Happy Birthday" wishes to your student on our digital marquee. More information to follow.

CJ Harris MISSION

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.

CJ Harris MASCOT

S.T.A.R.S. (Super Teachers And Radiant Students)



*If your child's birthday is anytime between August 12th and November 30th, due date for your child's birthday message is Aug. 30th.

[Click Here for more info.](#)