

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.

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

Dates to Remember

Aug. 28th - Last day to order PTA spirit shirts by 10 am

Aug. 30 - Last day for Marque Birthday messages Sept, Oct., Nov

Sept. 2nd - Student Holiday

Sept. 3rd - Lunch Visitors begin

Sept. 4th - Wear Gold

Sept. 5th - PTA meeting at 6pm

Lunch Menu

School Cafe

Become a Volunteer

Chaperone

PISD Calendar

Absence Reporting

Dress Code

Follow us on
Social Media



C J Harris Elementary Spirit Shirts



Shirts are offered in:
Cotton, Softstyle & Dri Fit
Sweatshirts, Hoodies & Zip Up Jackets
Available in Grey & Maroon



ORDER NOW



10 AM

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SCAN ME

DEADLINE

CJ HARRIS PTA

Sign Up Today!
Stock the Pantry!



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.

BIRTHDAY
Marquee Messages

\$15 Birthday Message



*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.](#)

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 Visitors are welcome starting September 3rd.



Stars are learning cafeteria routines, procedures and expectations.

A large, flowing yellow awareness ribbon graphic that starts from the top left and curves across the page.

AWARENESS MONTH
CHILDHOOD CANCER
SEPTEMBER

Students are invited to wear gold on
Wednesday, Sept. 4th



Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

DID YOU KNOW?

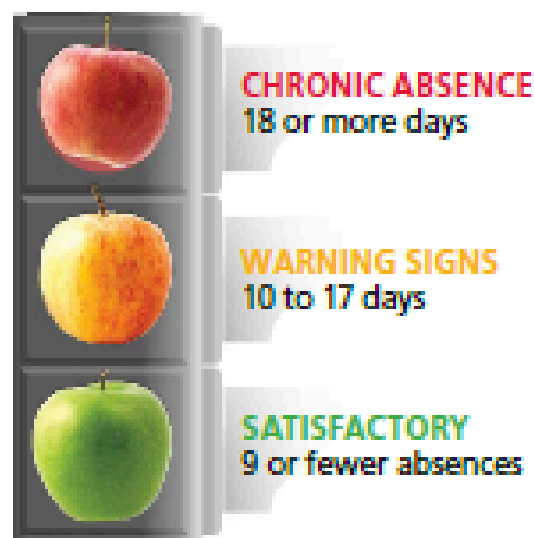
- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-urgent related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have a contagious illness, call your school or health care provider for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

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.