

MONTHLY MUSTANG

SEPTEMBER 2024

OUR GOAL=GROWTH!

Jefferson Parish Schools are committed to provide the education our students deserve to succeed in life and make our world a better place. During the 2024-2025 school year, students will meet prescribed individual goals set, with ongoing progress monitoring to design differentiated classroom instruction and support student growth.

COMMUNICATION & COLLABORATION

Parent Orientation Information

Thank you to our parents and families for attending our orientation event on August 20!

I sincerely appreciate your attention and hope what you heard is how grateful we are to have YOUR support in the school community! Our school year has started with so much success because of your continued cooperation. ALL students are thriving with the integration of technology, high quality academic materials, and the collaboration of exceptional staff, innovative educational resources and the teamwork with our families!

Lisa Babin

OUR COMMUNITY & CULTURE!

Families, we would like to include you in our work to establish a culture of community awareness. We are working within our school community to have discussions with students regarding tolerance, mutual respect, and inclusivity. Specifically, be mindful of unacceptable language that may be considered threatening, harmful and/or discriminatory.

POSITIVE POINTS

Thank you to the families who have taken the time to share support for our school, sending a message to the teacher(s) and myself. We are all learning together and it is important that we see one another as partners. Student growth is what we all want and together...we can do it!

If you have a concern for your child's academic and/or behavioral growth, contact the teacher(s) NOW and schedule a meeting! If you would like an appointment on September 17-18-19, please contact the teacher.

EMAIL COMMUNICATION

Please note the email address for teachers & all staff is noted on the school website and includes, ".....@jpschools.org." As per the handbook, please consider when you have a question or concern to first talk to your child, then communicate with the teacher and involve Ms. Babin, if needed.

IMPORTANT DATES

September 2nd - Labor Day Holiday - No school

September 3rd - GALA Dress Down Day \$5

September 4th - PBIS T-shirt Day

September 12 - Birthday Lunch

September 16 - Professional Development Day - No school for students

September 17 - Interim Reports

September 17-18-19 - Parent Teacher Conferences - CONTACT TEACHER

September 20 - CHEERS to 20 years!

September 25 - Picture Retakes

September 30 - Special Someone Day @ 12:30

**CHECK OUT THE "CONE ZONE!"
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AT CARPOOL!**

CARPOOL SAFETY GUIDELINES



LET'S KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE!

DRIVER/CARPOOL SAFETY

- Cell phone use is prohibited in the carpool lines to ensure we keep our students and employees safe.
- Obey ALL stop signs and stop at ALL crosswalks.
- Have carpool signs clearly displayed.
- Drive **slowly** in the school parking lot and the carpool area.
- Do not pull out of the carpool line to go around cars. **PLEASE wait** for the car in front of you to move.
- STAY IN YOUR CAR.** Our employees will help your child into and out of the car.
- Before reaching the carpool lane in the a.m., have your kids ready to exit the car. **HOWEVER**, students **must remain** in a passenger restraint until the vehicle comes to a complete stop.
- Do not store backpacks or belongings in the trunk of your car.
- Please be **courteous** to our neighbors. **Do not** block driveways and remain **respectful** to neighbors. Parents who block driveways risk being booted or towed at their own expense.



PEDESTRIAN/WALKER SAFETY

- Only students** designated by the address in JCampus as a walker are dismissed as a walker.
- Students who are coded as carpool/personnel transportation or who should catch a bus are **not allowed** to walk to a car in the neighborhood or a location designated by the parent.
- Student must obey the directions of the crossing guards.
- Student **must not** walk between cars.
- Parents **may not** use the parking lot as an entry/exit for students.



Patience...& PULL UP!

We are working to establish the most efficient arrival & dismissal. Take the time to discuss with your child the importance of listening for names to be called...if he or she is NOT ready for pick up, we will ask you to pull up to the sidewalk area & wait patiently for your child to come to the breezeway. Also, start implementing NEW protocols when you arrive at school. Practice being **READY TO GO** when the door opens. It is expected that **MOST** students (grades 1-5) can exit the vehicle with the belongings with **NO DELAY**. If necessary, you may be asked to "Pull Up & Be Patient" as your child prepares to exit the vehicle safely.

Cooperate with Our Community!

Please be mindful of the **NEIGHBORS** who live near our school. It is important to operate your car legally and respectfully, staying aware of grass and driveways.

WE LEARN WE LOVE WE LEAD
Interested 5th graders have accepted responsibilities as school wide Student Leaders. These exceptional students will be invited to act as morning meeting motivators and leaders, provide care to our younger PreK & Kindergarten students in and out of the classroom, act as administrative assistants, and support our students in dismissal as a member of the safety patrol OR as a carpool caller!



SPIRIT SHIRTS

Orders for 2024-2025 Shirts will be open beginning September 3 until September 23. We **ONLY** order what is requested & paid. Students may wear this shirt (& any other school T-shirt) on Fridays.

Everyone should know Miss Honey (pictured right) who braves the outdoors each day to assist our safe dismissal. Typically, Miss Honey asks for your child's name (prior to 2:00 pm) and reminds you of our carpool procedures. Take a moment to appreciate her efforts and dedication to our community!



Any help is HELPFUL!
We appreciate anytime you are available to support our school, although in person may not be possible at this time! Teachers invite the support of families who have offered to collate papers, record student information, and/or tear out workbook pages. Thank you for sharing your talents (and muscle) in and out of the classroom.

**YUMMY!
YUMMY!**

Encourage your child to enjoy breakfast and lunch

It is FREE of charge, Families!

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Meals are available for adults and second student meals at cost. The cost of breakfast is \$3.25 and the cost of lunch is \$5.00. Individual food items (i.e. milk, extra entrees, extra bread) may be purchased as well. The cafeteria uses My Payments Plus for electronic payments. Cafeteria payments cannot be made using School Cash Online. Teachers/school staff who wish to pre-pay for meals using My Payments Plus will need to be set up in Horizon OneSource before creating a My Payments Plus account. To be set up, please provide your name and employee ID number to your school's Cafeteria Manager.



**Friday, September 30
@ 12:30 PM
All Grades!**

CHEERS!
to
20
YEARS

Celebrating 20 years of success
at Metairie Academy
9/20/2024
11:00 AM

Celebrating 20 years of success! Metairie Academy for Advanced Studies, in partnership with Jefferson Parish Schools, welcomes you and your family to this exciting milestone celebration! Are you an alumni, past staff member or have a special connection to MAAS? Please join us for the celebration on September 20th at 11:00 AM.

We hope to see you there!