



GEORGE COX 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR! October FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Our School Vision: At George Cox Elementary, students will be empowered to reach their greatest potential of becoming lifelong learners and purposeful citizens in a supportive and nurturing environment.

Message from the Principal: We had a great turnout for our Family Literacy Night! Our thanks go out to all families who were able to attend. We will be having more family events throughout the school year. We will have our Fall Fest student event at the end of this month. This event is for our students only; however, parents can volunteer to help. Students will receive their first quarter report cards this month. Please make sure to review the report card with your child and discuss any grade concerns and comments with them. Also, please reach out to your child's teacher for any additional information regarding concerns you may have.

Important Information Regarding Student Attendance and Changes Made to Attendance Policies:

Attendance:

Students are expected to attend school Monday through Friday from 7:45 AM- 2:35 PM. Please refer to the JPS school calendar for student holidays. **Students cannot be promoted to the next grade if they have 15 or more unexcused absences.**

Changes: Parent notes for unexcused absences will no longer excuse days for promotional purposes. If a student is absent from school, a doctor's note is needed to excuse the absence. A parent note is now classified as Non-Exempt/Excused which will allow the student to make up for the missed school work but will NOT excuse the day.

School Times:

- Breakfast In the Classroom: 7:15 - 7:45 AM
- Instructional Time: 7:45 AM - 2:35 PM dismissal
- Students are tardy beginning at 7: 45 AM. **Parents MUST come to the office to sign in their child/children.**
- No student check-out after 1:45 PM.
- Office hours: 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Uniforms:

- PreK/Kindergarten: Purple Shirts with George Cox emblem and khaki pants
- 1st - 5th grade: Green Shirts with George Cox emblem and khaki pants
- **NO hooded sweatshirts, sweaters, or coats allowed**
- **Clear or mesh school bags for ALL grade levels**
- Athletic shoes only, any color. Shoes cannot have lights or wheels

School arrival and dismissal:

- Car rider students will be greeted/released by the teacher on duty. Please do not let your student out of the car until the teacher opens the car door. Parents cannot park in the parking lot and walk students to the building for safety reasons.
- **Cars cannot block the front gates at any time.** Buses need to enter the school grounds through the gates. If the parking lot is full, cars must wait in the carpool line on Belle Chasse Hwy until there is room on campus.

Information regarding student birthday parties at school:

- Student birthdays are not celebrated at school with classroom parties. **Please do not bring or send any food items to school to celebrate your student's birthday.** Teachers recognize student birthdays in their classes. However, parties are not allowed during the instructional day.

Upcoming Events:

- October 10th: end of 1st nine weeks of school
- Fall Break: October 11th and 14th
- First 9 weeks report cards go home October 23rd
- Fall Fest Event: October 31st
- Student Holidays: Nov. 1st and Nov. 4th (Teacher Professional Development)
- Student and Faculty Holiday: Nov. 5th (Election Day)
- Thanksgiving Holidays: Nov. 25th - 29th

Parents, Thank you for supporting our school. As always, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher to discuss any questions or concerns that you may have. Parent/Teacher communication is extremely important for your child's success!