



Dear Joseph E. Johnson Elementary Families,

As the summer days quickly pass us by, our professional learning community hopes you and your family have had a safe and relaxing summer. Please note the following school updates for the start of the new school year:

- August 22nd: Join the Johnson staff for the annual “Meet Your Teacher Open House”. This event is held on campus from 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm.
- It is important that your child’s teacher is informed how your child will be dismissed on the first student day and any changes to how he/she should be dismissed for the remainder of the year. Please note that daily changes to how a student is dismissed can be disruptive to procedures and can confuse the student.
- August 26th: First Student Day for Grades 1st - 5th.
- Kindergarten **ONLY** has a Staggered Start:
  - August 26th & 27th: Students with last names beginning in (A-L) attend
  - August 28th & 29th: Students with the last names beginning in (M-Z) attend
- NO SCHOOL for ALL students on August 30th and September 2nd
- The Academic Calendar can be found on the district webpage:  
<https://www.redclayschools.com/Page/2#calendar1/20231102/month>
- The elementary school day will begin at **8:45 am when doors will open for students to enter the building**. Students should not be left unsupervised before 8:45 am. Students should stay inside their vehicles with an adult. We will need your continued cooperation in making sure that your child is in the classroom before **9:05 am when homeroom will begin**. The instructional **day will end at 3:50 pm and dismissal will begin at that time**. Please make arrangements to have your student picked up by 3:55 pm.
- Closed Campus: Student early dismissals will not be honored after 3:15 pm daily.
- You may be wondering about what school supplies your student will need. *Just send your student to school with a backpack and pencil case and we will do the rest!* Johnson

Elementary will provide the necessary school supplies to be used while at school. Families are not obligated to purchase school supplies. However, if you choose to purchase supplies, please click on the [Johnson 24-25 Supply Wish List](#).

- Students in grades K-2 are encouraged to have/wear a name tag the first two weeks of school. Include your child's name, emergency contact information and transportation to and from school.
- Closed Campus: Student early dismissals will not be honored after 3:15 pm daily.
- Please trust that the Johnson staff will escort students to their classroom during the first week of school. We always have EXTRA staff the first few weeks to assist our students as they get accustomed to routines. Parents/Guardians will not be permitted to enter the school to walk your child to their classroom in the morning.
- Daycare information needs to be updated every year. Any daycare information should be sent to the school secretary, Coren Johnson. She can be reached at 302-651-2715 or email [coren.johnson@redclay.k12.de.us](mailto:coren.johnson@redclay.k12.de.us)
- The Red Clay Consolidated School District offers a voluntary low cost accident insurance for your student. Families can choose either during the school day or 24-hour coverage. The brochure is attached. Applications and fees should be sent directly to the Philadelphia Insurance Companies. There is no obligation to purchase this insurance. [English brochure](#) / [Spanish brochure](#)

Thank you for supporting the Joseph E. Johnson Elementary School Community.

*Maribeth Courtney*

Miss Maribeth Courtney- Principal

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