

# BULLDOG BULLETIN

## Welcome Back!

### August/September Edition 2024

#### Calendar of Events

August 15- Belair Open House

August 19- First day of school

September 2- No School

September 6- Running of the Bulldogs

Sept 9- National Arts in Education Week

September 9- PTA Meeting 6:00

Sept 12- Eye Screenings

September 17- Wendy's Night

September 20- No School

September 26- Belair Picture Day

October 1- School Family Assembly

It is a great time to be a Bulldog! Belair has been completely renovated from top to bottom. These renovations bring our school up to date!

Belair is excited to welcome our Bulldogs back on Aug 19th. Belair staff have been working diligently to put our building back together so we are ready to receive students and families.

This newsletter is filled with information to help you navigate the beginning of school at Belair. There are also important procedural changes you will want to be aware of due to the renovation updates. If you have questions about anything Belair please contact the school office at 573-659-3155 or you can email [belair@jcschools.us](mailto:belair@jcschools.us).

I am excited to start my third year as the principal at Belair. Amazing things are going to happen for our school community. This IS the place to be and Belair Awesomeness is updated and everywhere!

See you soon,  
Todd Shalz (principal)  
[todd.shalz@jcschools.us](mailto:todd.shalz@jcschools.us)

MEET OUR NEW BULLDOGS  
ON THE NEXT PAGE



## MANTRA

I am **POWERFUL**  
I am **IMPORTANT**  
I am **DETERMINED**  
I am **RESILIENT**

You were born for a **REASON**

Your life has **MEANING**

You are in this world for a **PURPOSE**

And it will be your goal to **FIND IT**

Because one day in this world you will **MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Point to the most important person in this room and tell yourself

**I BELIEVE IN ME**

And I will not let anyone **TELL ME OTHERWISE**



**Hadassa Doolin (classroom teacher)**

Hello! My name is Hadassah (Haddey) Doolin. I graduated from Missouri State University in May 2023. I wrapped up my first year of teaching at Matthews Elementary in Grain Valley, Missouri. Aside from teaching, I enjoy spending time outside, binge watching a show, or reading a good book! My husband Thad and I are super excited as we move to the Jefferson City/Columbia area! I couldn't be more delighted to start my journey at Belair Elementary! I am looking forward to meeting you, and go Bulldogs!

**Maddie Wilkinson (school psychologist)**

Hello! My name is Madison Wilkinson and I am excited to be joining the Belair team! I completed my internship in school psychology with Jefferson City School District during the 2023-2024 school year. I attended Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, KS for undergraduate and postgraduate studies. I hope to utilize this year to build school and family relationships.

**Kellie Summers - Paraprofessional**

My Name is Kelli Summers, I moved here from a little town of Star, Idaho just outside of Boise. I have been a Paraprofessional for 4 years. Before kids and marriage I attended North Idaho college on a Softball scholarship, after my first year I transferred to Big Bend Community College to pursue my softball career. After that I attended Idaho State University. I started working as a substitute teacher at Star Middle School 2020 and then moved to being a paraprofessional in the behavior program. Seeing the progress students make is very rewarding.





**Rebecca Profest (administrative assistant)**

I have earned an AAS in Early Childhood Education and a Call Center Management certification. I transitioned from contact center director to work at home, office management for our companies - we buy, sell and transport shipping containers. After a few years of work at home (and Covid), I was starving for more *meaningful* human interaction; I felt like I was misaligned from my calling. I worked the 23-24 school year at East Elementary and I loved it! It moved me to tears!



**James Tulipana (classroom teacher)**

My name is Jim Tulipana, but my students call me Mr. T. I taught in Stockton, California for 33 years. I taught elementary school. I moved back to Missouri in 2022. I was raised in Kansas City, Missouri. I am married to my second wife, Rosie, my first wife passed away in 2011. I look forward to being in the classroom again and I have been involved with coaching sports for most of my teaching years. I help at the Linc in Jefferson City when needed. I am excited to be joining the Belair team.



**Amy Adams (classroom teacher)**

Hello, my name is Amy Adams and I will be teaching 5th grade this year. This is my 24th year in education. I have taught middle school, 2nd grade and 5th grade during those 24 years. My husband and I are big Mizzou football fans and we love to travel. We live here in Jefferson City with our cat and dog. I am very excited to join the amazing Belair family this year and look forward to a wonderful school year.



### **Paige Deppe (counselor)**

Hello, I am Paige Deppe, the Counselor at Belair Elementary! This is my 7th year in Jefferson City School District, previously taught 5th grade and was a School Counselor at Lawson Elementary. I graduated from Lincoln University with my Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education and a Masters in K-12 School Counseling and Certificate in School Psych Examiner. I have been married to my husband Jake for 3 years, we have a 1 year old daughter and are expecting our second child in November! I love spending time on our farm, being outdoors with my family, and watching sports! I am excited to be joining the Belair Family!



### **Rosie Richardson (paraprofessional)**

Hi my name is Rosemarie Richardson-Tulipana and I will be working as a paraprofessional at Belair this year. I am a naturalized citizen having been born in Alberta, Canada. I was born in a small town close to the Northern Territories Border. When I was a child my family moved to California. I had most of my schooling up to college in the bay area. I also attending several four-year Colleges in other areas and have a BA in nursing. I have several advanced certificates in Nursing. In 2022 my husband and I moved to Jefferson City because he had retired and wanted to return to Missouri.



### **Aubire Becker (English as a second Language)**

Hello! My name is Aubrie Becker and I am the new ESL teacher at Belair Elementary! I grew up in Bentonville, Arkansas and I went to college at BYU-Idaho. I love to read, go for hikes, watch basketball, and eat ice cream. I am thrilled to be working in the Jefferson City Public Schools!



### **Dana Gerke (classroom teacher)**

My name is Dana Gerke. My husband John and I have two young adult sons. This will be my 30th as a classroom teacher. I have taught grade K-4th, but I have spent most of my career in Kindergarten (18 years) and 2nd grade (7 years). I am excited to this next chapter in Jefferson City, at Belair.







# back to school



Belair Elementary  
open house

Thursday, Aug. 15, 2024

4:00 -6:00 pm



See our building updates!

701 Belair Dr  
573-659-3155

## **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

The first day of school is a special occasion. We encourage parents to take pictures outside of the building, or even at home before the school day starts. We ask that parents not enter the school on the first day to avoid congestion in the hallways and parking lots. Please plan to attend Open House so your child knows where to report on the first day.

Kindergarten students may be dropped off in the gym. Teachers will be waiting for students there from 7:15-7:30am. Teachers will take students to their classrooms at 7:35am. Students who arrive after 7:35am will be escorted to their room by school staff.

Staff will be present to ensure students get to their correct classroom for the first week of school.

## **Meals at Belair Elementary**

Cost of Student Breakfast \$1.25

Cost of Student Lunch \$3.00

Cost of Adult Lunch \$4.00

Free and Reduced Lunch Form Link Please fill this out if you haven't already.

Reduced price Breakfast - no charge

Reduced price Lunch - \$.40

## **Bus Riders**

All bus riders will receive routing information from First Student.

## **Parent Contact Information/Signing Students Out**

We want to keep in contact! Anytime you have a phone number, email address, or mailing address change, please let the office know so you continue receiving important information. Please ensure you have opted in to our district notification system to receive important information from JCSD and Belair Elementary.

When coming into the building to pick up a student, adults must be able to provide photo ID. It is possible that someone behind the window may not recognize you. If that is the case, we will require picture ID before we are able to release a student. Only adults listed with permission in our system will be allowed to pick up students. If you need to make changes please contact Mrs. Profest or Mrs. Meyer in the office @ 573-659-3155.



## **ELEMENTARY STUDENT HANDBOOK 2024-2025**



## **Belair Elementary Parent/Student Procedures 2024-2025**

**[School Parent and Family  
Engagement Policy  
Click Here](#)**

***BELAIR PTA MEETING***  
**WE WANT YOU**



**Monday September 9th at  
6pm in the Library**

**COME SEE THE TITLE I  
PRESENTATION**

**Childcare will be provided**



# JEFFERSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2024-2025 STUDENT CALENDAR

AUGUST 2024 (10)						
M	T	W	TR	F		
			1	2		
5	6	7	8	9		
12	13	14	15	16		
19	20	21	22	23		
26	27	28	29	30		

**AUGUST 19: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

SEPTEMBER 2024 (19)						
M	T	W	TR	F		
2	3	4	5	6		
9	10	11	12	13		
16	17	18	19	20		
23	24	25	26	27		
30						

**SEPTEMBER 2: LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL**

**SEPTEMBER 20: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

OCTOBER 2024 (22)						
M	T	W	TR	F		
	1	2	3	4		
7	8	9	10	11		
14	15	16	17	18		
21	22	23	24	25		
28	29	30	31			

**OCTOBER 14: STAFF EARNED DAY OFF - NO SCHOOL**

NOVEMBER 2024 (15)						
M	T	W	TR	F		
				1		
4	5	6	7	8		
11	12	13	14	15		
18	19	20	21	22		
25	26	27	28	29		

**NOVEMBER 11: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

**NOVEMBER 25 & 26: STAFF EARNED DAYS OFF - NO SCHOOL**

**NOVEMBER 27-29: THANKSGIVING BREAK - NO SCHOOL**

DECEMBER 2024 (15)						
M	T	W	TR	F		
2	3	4	5	6		
9	10	11	12	13		
16	17	18	19	20		
23	24	25	26	27		
30	31					

**DECEMBER 20: 3 HOUR EARLY RELEASE FOR STUDENTS**

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 1: WINTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL**

JANUARY 2025 (21)						
M	T	W	TR	F		
		1	2	3		
6	7	8	9	10		
13	14	15	16	17		
20	21	22	23	24		
27	28	29	30	31		

**JANUARY 1: WINTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL**

**JANUARY 20: MLK, JR DAY - NO SCHOOL**

FEBRUARY 2025 (18)						
M	T	W	TR	F		
3	4	5	6	7		
10	11	12	13	14		
17	18	19	20	21		
24	25	26	27	28		

**FEBRUARY 10: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

**FEBRUARY 17: PRESIDENTS DAY - NO SCHOOL**

MARCH 2025 (16)						
M	T	W	TR	F		
3	4	5	6	7		
10	11	12	13	14		
17	18	19	20	21		
24	25	26	27	28		
31						

**MARCH 24-27: SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL**

**MARCH 28: STAFF EARNED DAY OFF - NO SCHOOL**

APRIL 2025 (21)						
M	T	W	TR	F		
	1	2	3	4		
7	8	9	10	11		
14	15	16	17	18		
21	22	23	24	25		
28	29	30				

**APRIL 18: GOOD FRIDAY - 3 HOUR EARLY RELEASE FOR STUDENTS**

**APRIL 21: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

MAY 2025 (12)						
M	T	W	TR	F		
			1	2		
5	6	7	8	9		
12	13	14	15	16		
19	20	21	22	23		
26	27	28	29	30		

**MAY 16: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - 3 HOUR EARLY RELEASE FOR STUDENTS; STAFF WORK REMAINDER OF DAY**

**MAY 23 & 30: STATE TRACK**

**MAY 19-22, 27-28: WEATHER MAKE UP DAYS**

**CALENDAR BOARD APPROVED 6/20/2024**





## Arrival: 7:15-7:42 (Gate Open 7:15 Shuts at 7:42)

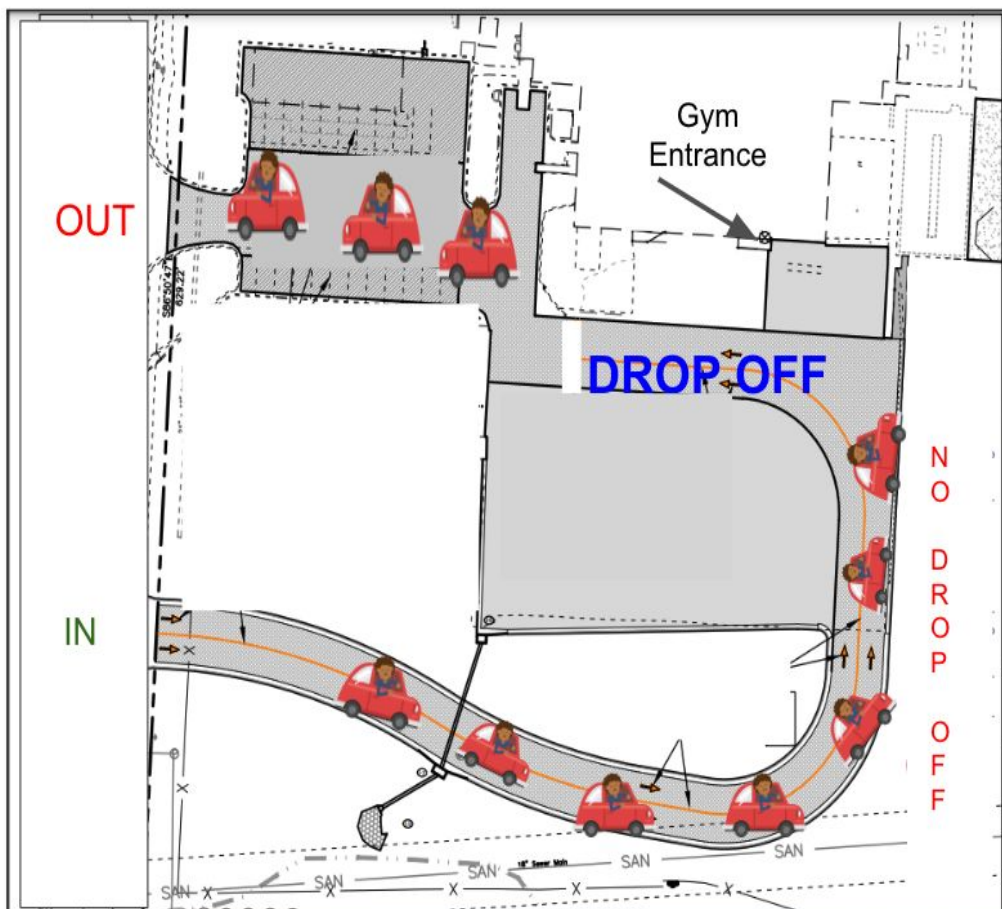
\*\*Arrivals 7:42 or later need to go to the front office. An adult should walk the student inside and sign them in.

Cars will enter single file through the bottom driveway (farthest away from the building).

Cars will drive single file through the drive and stop at the thick white line. This will allow around 5-6 cars to drop off at one time. Adults will be present at the drop off line. Do not pass cars in line.

Parents/Caregivers should remain in their car while dropping off their student. If your child is in a car seat please teach them how to unbuckle. Have backpacks ready. Give an I love you have a great day. Students should exit the vehicle on the passengers side as much as possible. Please have students open the car door from the inside and exit.

Cars will exit single file through the parking lot driveway.



## Dismissal: 2:45

\*\*Arrivals after car rider line is complete need to go to the front office for pick with identification.

Parents/Caregivers will double stack both lanes of the driveway for dismissal. Please line up closely so as not to leave cars on the street if possible. First arrivals stop at the gate.

Before dismissal begins the gate will be open by staff. Give your student(s) transportation card at the gate. Both lanes will proceed to the thick white line.

Students will come out in two lines as identified in blue (1) and pink (2). Once all students are loaded into cars line 1 will be released to the exit while new cars pull forward. Then line 2 will exit and new cars pull forward.

Please put your car in park and do NOT exit your car when students arrive at the vehicle.

As we run our new procedure please understand adjustments may need to be made as we reflect and refine. All updates will be communicated. We will have extra staff to help during the first week of school.



# 24-25 Belair Upper Level 200s



# 24-25 Belair Lower Level 100s







Show your support for  
***Belair Elementary School***

Stop into **Wendy's® Jeff City - Missouri Blvd.** anytime  
on **09-17-2024** and 30% of qualifying sales as a result  
of your participation will be donated to  
***Belair Elementary School***

DATE: **Tuesday, 09-17-2024**

TIME: **All Day (Breakfast until Close)**

LOCATION: **2108 Missouri Blvd, Jefferson City**

Present this flyer when ordering. Paper flyer or electronic image of flyer (on a phone/tablet) is required when order is placed. Only valid on date at location specified above. Wendy's gift cards and other retail purchases are excluded from the event. Drive-thru, carry-out (place inside the dining room at the counter) and dine-in orders when and where available qualify.

# GREAT FUTURES START **HERE.**



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
OF JEFFERSON CITY

***The Boys & Girls Club provides after school programming on site at four locations in Jefferson City & Holts Summit.***

**Railton Center—1105 Lafayette Street JC, MO 65101**

Serves: Thorpe Gordon, East, Moreau Heights, South & Cedar Hill Elementary Schools Students grades K-5

Hours of Operations: M-F, 2:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Transportation provided from schools by First Student.

Cost of Program: \$135/month; \$75/month partial scholarship; \$50/year membership fee for those on free/reduced lunch.

After School snack and hot dinner provided onsite

**Teen Center (Located in Railton Center)**

Serves: Lewis & Clark and Thomas Jefferson Middle schools, Capital City High School, JCAC and Jefferson City High School (grades 6-12)

Transportation provided from schools by Boys & Girls Club.

Hours of Operations: 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Cost of Program: \$50/Year Membership Fee

After school snack and hot dinner provided onsite

**Sadowski Center - 1123 Charm Villa Drive JC, MO 65109**

Serves: Pioneer Trail School, Belair, West and Lawson Elementary school students grades K-5

Hours of Operations: M-F, 2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Transportation: Provided by First Student for Pioneer Trail & Lawson members. Provided by Boys & Girls Club for West and Belair members.

Cost of Program: \$135/month; \$75/month partial scholarship; \$50/year membership fee for those on free/reduced lunch. (SITE IS UNDERGOING MO LICENSING PROCESS, \$135 & \$75 monthly fees are waived until licensing is complete. Monthly fees will begin the 1st of the month following licensing approval)

After School snack and hot dinner provided onsite

**Callaway Hills Elementary School - 2715 State Road AA Holts Summit, MO 65043**

Services: Callaway Hills grades K-5

Hours of Operation: M-F, 2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Cost of Program: \$50/Year Membership Fee

After school snack provided onsite

**FOR ENROLLMENT QUESTIONS:**

Shelby Wankum, Membership Coordinator/Executive Assistant

swankum@bgcjc.com

(573) 634-2582 Ext. 102

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