

HARRIS HERALD



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.

Welcome to CJ Harris Elementary and the 2025-2026 school year! We are excited to have you and your child(ren) as a part of our Star family. By working together, we will ensure that every student has a safe and successful year at CJ Harris. We welcome you to visit our school, and we want you to contact us with any questions you may have.

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



VISITORS & SAFETY

ALL visitors must check in with a current Driver's License and receive a Visitor Tag at the Front Office before going to any other areas of the building. The Visitor Tag must always be worn the entire time you are on campus.

Classroom visits will be permitted with the principal's and teacher's prior approval. Teacher conferences will need to be scheduled during the teacher's conference time.

We appreciate your time and understanding when you visit CJ Harris and are required to show identification. The process takes only a few seconds and is well worth the safety of all our children.

Follow us on Social Media

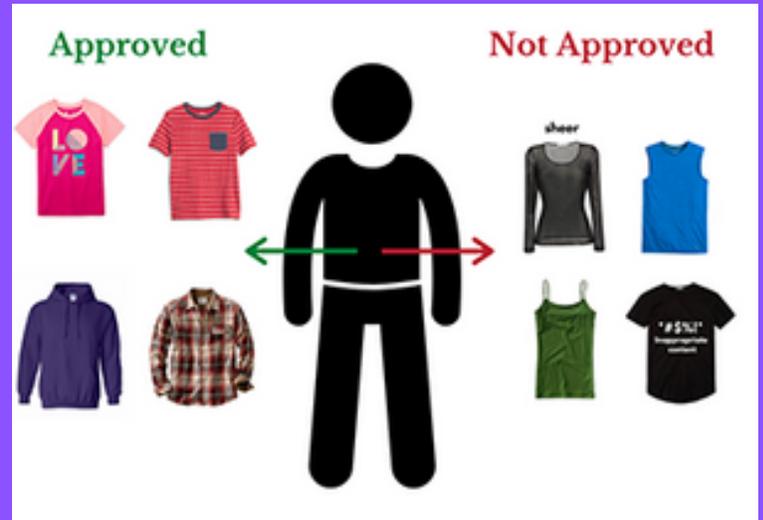


FRIDAY FOLDERS

Friday has been designated as the day that all student work, campus and district level information, and other important messages will be sent home. Please check and read over the material and sign and return all necessary items to school. Your prompt attention will be greatly appreciated.



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SAFETY DRILL WEEK AUGUST 18-22

This week we will be conducting our first round of required safety drills. Our goal in teaching and practicing the procedures for these drills early, is to ensure that our students and staff know what to do in the event of an emergency. Teachers will spend time discussing and practicing what to do for each drill with their students prior to our practice drill.

Visit our [Pearland ISD Safe & Secure Schools website](#) for more information.

Monday
August 18th



Fire Drill: EVACUATE! To the designated location.
Why: Evacuate is called to move students and staff from one location to another. (Ex. Fire alarm has sounded.)

Tuesday
August 19th



SECURE: Secure! Get inside. Lock outside doors
Why: Lockout is called when there is a threat or hazard outside of the school building. Whether it's due to violence or criminal activity in the immediate neighborhood, or a dangerous animal in the playground, Lockout uses the security of the physical facility to act as protection.



SHELTER: SHELTER! Hazard
Why: Shelter is called when the need for personal protection is necessary. Training should also include spontaneous events such as hazmat.

Wednesday
August 20th



EVACUATION: EVACUATE! To announced location.
Why: Evacuate is called to move students and staff from one location to another. (Ex. Fire alarm has sounded.)

Thursday
August 21st



SHELTER: SHELTER! Safety strategy.
Why: Shelter is called when the need for personal protection is necessary. Training should also include spontaneous events such as weather.



HOLD! In your room or area. Clear the halls.
Why: Hold is called when the need when hallways and common areas need to be kept clear of occupants. Sometimes called when dealing with a medical emergency.

Friday
August 22nd



LOCKDOWN: LOCKDOWN! Locks, lights, out of sight.
Why: Lockdown is called when there is a threat or hazard inside the school building. From parental custody disputes to intruders to a weapon on campus, Lockdown uses classroom security to protect students and staff from threat.

Lunch Menu

School Cafe

Become a

Volunteer

Chaperone

PISD Calendar

Absence Reporting

Dress Code

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 students 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.

CAFETERIA INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES



Breakfast \$1.45 (\$0.00 Reduced)
Lunch \$2.50 (\$0.40 Reduced)

- Money can be easily added to your child's account for additional items they wish to purchase at www.schoolcafe.com.
- We welcome lunch visitors at CJ Harris beginning Tuesday, September 2nd. (We are closed to lunch visitors the first few weeks of school. This time is used for teaching routines, procedures, and expectations for the cafeteria.)
 - All visitors will check in at the front reception desk with a photo ID.
 - We suggest that you arrive early to ensure that you are ready at your child's lunch time.
 - Visitors are welcome to bring in lunch for themselves and their CJ Harris Star, however students can still purchase a meal from the cafeteria when they have guests. If a cafeteria lunch is needed, the student will get their lunch from the cafeteria line and meet their lunch guest in the old gym.
 - We ask that lunch visitors refrain from taking additional students to the old gym.
 - Please say your goodbyes in the old gym at the end of your child's lunch time. Visitors should not walk back to the classroom with the class but should report directly to the front office to check out.
 - Closed Campus Days: There will be a limited number of days when we will be closed to lunch visitors due to testing, etc...These days will be communicated well in advance through the Star Statement.
 - If you are dropping off a lunch for your child, please make sure you have it here early so that we have time to get the lunch to your child.

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

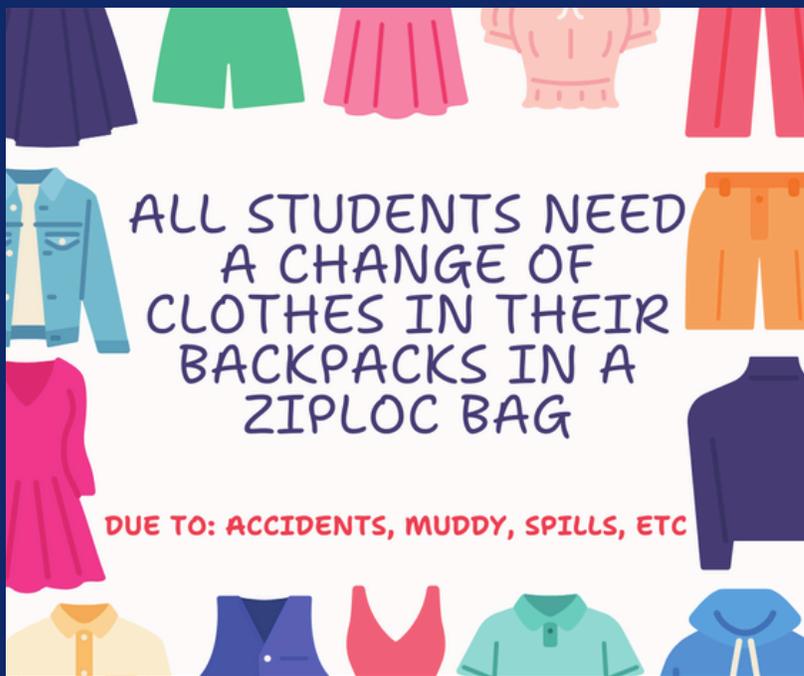
It is extremely important to our staff that all students are dismissed safely every day. Frequently changing modes of dismissal transportation can cause confusion for children. Emergency situations do arise which may require a change in how students go home. If there is a change in how your child will 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/guardian 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.



At CJ Harris, we use PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Support) to teach and encourage students to be **SAFE, RESPECTFUL, & RESPONSIBLE** in all areas of the school. At the beginning of the school year, teachers and students discuss what this looks like in each area of the school.

Teachers and staff award individuals and classes with positive acknowledgements or Classdojo points for being safe, respectful, and/or responsible. Each time classes earn 100 acknowledgements/points, their class receives a reward.

STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

Your child may bring in store bought birthday treats with a full ingredient list 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.

CJ Harris MISSION

We, the staff of CJ Harris Elementary, seek to create a safe environment that encourages the development of happy, healthy, respectful, and responsible life-long learners.

CJ Harris MASCOT

S.T.A.R.S. (Super Teachers And Radiant Students)



*If your child's birthday is anytime between August 5th and November 30th, due date for your child's birthday message is Aug. 30th.

[Click Here for more info.](#)

CJ HARRIS ELEMENTARY CLINIC QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

STAYING HEALTHY

- Sleeping 8-10 hours
- Eating healthy meals
- Drinking plenty of water
- Bathing/Showering
- Brushing your teeth
- Limit screen time
- Physical activity
- Washing your hands often

MEDICATIONS

When possible, all medication should be given at home.

- A physician's authorization form must be signed by the physician or dentist licensed in the state of Texas AND parent or legal guardian for all prescription medications OR for any non-prescription (OTC) medication to be administered or kept at school for more than 10 days in one school year.
- Parent or legal guardian authorization is required for administration of all non-prescription (OTC) medications administered 10 days or less, once per school year.
- All over-the-counter medication must be unexpired and in the original, properly labeled container.
- All prescription medication must be unexpired and in a prescription bottle/box accompanied by a U.S. pharmacy label.
- All medication must be brought to the clinic by the parent or designated adult.
- If the medication is new to the student, the first dose of the medication **must** be given at home.

IMMUNIZATIONS

According to state law and school board policy, all students must be fully immunized.

- Immunization requirements are determined by State Law. Students without proper documentation of the REQUIRED immunizations WILL NOT be allowed to start school.
- For information regarding medical or conscience exemptions, visit www.dshs.texas.gov or call your campus school nurse. Medical or conscience exemptions are accepted in lieu of vaccinations and must be valid and unexpired in order to attend school.

WHEN TO STAY HOME...

To comply with guidelines from the Texas Administrative Code and the Department of State Health Services, a student must stay home or be sent home from school for:

- Conjunctivitis (pink eye)
- Diarrhea: A student must stay home until diarrhea-free for 24 hours without use of diarrhea-suppressing medications.
- Fever: A student with a temperature of 100 F (37.8 C) or higher must stay home until fever-free for 24 hours without use of fever-reducing medication.

[Texas DSHS Communicable Disease Chart and Notes for Schools with Exclusion Criteria](#)

In the best interest of your child and his/her classmates, your child shall also remain at home for the following conditions:

- Uncontrolled asthma or diabetes
- Undiagnosed rash
- Vomiting: ...students must stay home until free from vomiting for 24 hours without use of vomiting-suppressing medications.

*Your child may be sent home for other reasons, as determined by the clinic staff at your child's school.

HEALTH CONDITIONS

Limited first aid can be provided in the school clinic. Clinic Staff will notify you if your child is ill or injured and requires medical attention beyond our resources.

If unable to reach you or other emergency contacts, school personnel may call an ambulance. Parents are responsible for associated emergency costs.

You should provide information about your child's current health concerns at the beginning of every school year and update as necessary throughout the school year. Please contact clinic staff with questions or changes to your child's medical history.

If your child has a chronic condition that will be managed in the school setting, school health service staff must be provided with physician and parent guidelines for individualized health care of the student. These forms are available for you to take to your child's medical provider on our district website under **Health Services, Student Health Conditions**. The form(s) should be filled out by the medical provider and signed and dated by both the physician and the parent every new school year and as your child's condition changes.

We kindly request documentation from a healthcare provider if your student requires specific accommodations or has restrictions related to the use of medical devices and/or equipment.

*The school/district does not provide medical devices or equipment for students following an acute injury or surgery.

TOILETING GUIDELINES AND RESOURCES

- All physically and developmentally able students are expected to handle their own toileting and hygiene (wiping properly, washing hands) on their own or with verbal cues/reminders.
- Please keep a complete set of clothing, including underwear and socks, in a zip lock bag with the student's name, grade, and teacher on the bag in their backpack. It is recommended that extra shoes be provided, if possible.
- Parents should ensure students have extra clothing in their backpacks daily.
- Parents will be contacted to pick up their student for a more thorough cleaning if they cannot be cleaned well enough after one soiling or for two urinary accidents in a day. The student may return to school to finish the rest of the day once completed.

For more information and to [access all forms](#), please visit the [Health Services](#) section under the [Departments](#) tab on our district website:

<https://www.pearlandisd.org/departments/health-services/school-health-services>

Please feel free to call the School Nurse with any questions or concerns. Thank You!



CJ Harris PTA

August 2025



PTA Message

Hello Families! We are thrilled to welcome you to a new school year and can't wait to get things started! As we embark on this journey together, we encourage you to join the PTA if you haven't already done so. Your involvement is crucial in helping us foster a vibrant and supportive community.

Important Updates

- School Spirit Wear information will be available and ready to order at meet the teacher!
- First PTA meeting is Sept. 4th -6pm
- Boosterthon FUN RUN event will launch Sept.9th and the run will be Sept. 18th.



Join the PTA



Scan QR Code to Join

Spirit Night Info:

August 28th: Marcos Pizza

Order online at marcos.com or through the app. Use Code: **Harris**

Flyer will also be posted.



[Join PTA](#)

Upcoming Events

- 8/7 : Popsicles with Principals @ 7 p.m.
- 8/21: Meet the Teacher
- 8/28: Marcos Pizza
- Spirit Night



Contact Us

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