

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.

Dates to Remember

Sept 1st - Student Holiday
Sept. 2nd - Lunch Visitors Begin
Sept. 4th - PTA meeting at 6pm
Sept. 8th - Last day to order PTA shirts
Sept. 8th - Chick Fil A Spirit Night
Sept. 8th -12th - Grandparents lunch
Sept. 9th - PTA Fundraiser Kickoff

FRONT OFFICE STAFF

Principal: LaShonda Pernetter
Asst Principal: Suzann Whitlow
Counselor: Yesenia Raggianti
Nurse: Diana Vorady
Secretary: Angela Adams
Registrar: LeShan Shepard
Receptionist: Jovita Bugarin

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Mascot: S.T.A.R.S.
Colors: Blue and Maroon

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Lunch Visitors are
welcome starting
September 2nd.



All Stars will be reiveiwng
cafeteria routines, procedures
and expectations.

Follow us on
Social Media



Celebrating Grandparents

Grandparents are invited to eat lunch with their All Stars the week of Sept. 8th - 12th during their regular lunch time.

**** Visiting Grandparents must be listed in Skyward under Family or Emergency Contacts.**



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.

CJ HARRIS ELEMENTARY

Grade Level Shirts plus
Spirit wear IS HERE!



**STORE CLOSSES
SEPT. 8TH AT MIDNIGHT**

- *NO PURCHASES CAN BE MADE AFTER SEPTEMBER 8TH.
- *ALL SALES ARE FINAL. NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES.
- *ORDERS ARE PROCESSED AFTER THE STORE CLOSURES.
- *DELIVERY WILL BE 2-3 WEEKS AFTER STORE CLOSURES.

Become a Mentor

SEPT. 15-18

START WITH HELLO!

OUR STARS WILL PARTICIPATE IN WEEK-LONG ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE KINDNESS AT CJ HARRIS. THEY WILL LEARN TO NOTICE SOMEONE WHO MIGHT FEEL ISOLATED THEN REACH OUT AND CONNECT WITH THAT PERSON BY SAYING "HELLO!" AND STARTING A CONVERSATION.

9/15 MONDAY

WEAR GREEN TO KICK OFF

START WITH HELLO WEEK!



9/16 Tuesday

WE ARE ONE ALL-STAR TEAM!

WEAR SOMETHING THAT CONNECTS YOU TO SOMEONE ELSE. (FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM, CHARACTER, BOOKS, MOVIES, ETC) HATS ARE ALLOWED.

9/17 Wednesday

MIX IT UP DAY!

WEAR MISMATCHED CLOTHES AND INVITE A STAR YOU DON'T KNOW TO PLAY WITH YOU AT RECESS.

9/18 THURSDAY

DREAM OF FRIENDSHIP!

WEAR YOUR PA-JAMAS TO SCHOOL TO MAKE KINDNESS A DREAM COME TRUE AT CJ HARRIS!



SEE SOMEONE ALONE

REACH OUT + HELP

START with Hello



CJ HARRIS ELEMENTARY

PTA HOSPITALITY EVENTS
SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER

PANTRY DONATIONS

SCAN THE QR CODE

click here!

CJ HARRIS ELEMENTARY PTA NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2025

FROM YOUR PTA...

We're excited to kick off a fantastic new school year with our amazing STAR families, teachers, and staff! The year is already off to a great start, and we have many exciting events and programs planned.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

The Hospitality Committee is off to a great start! Teachers enjoyed a delicious Meet the Teacher dinner (thank you, Central Texas BBO!) and a fun popcorn treat to wrap up their first week. Coming up: we're celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with Mexican Sweet Bread on 9/15! We're still in need of pantry donations—if you're able to help, please click the link below!

[Stock the Pantry Donations Link](#)

SPIRIT SHOP OPEN FOR PRE-ORDERS!

Get ready to show your school spirit! The Spirit Shop is officially open from August 15 - September 8 for pre-orders. Don't miss out on this year's school-wide theme shirt and grade-level color shirts—perfect for Hoopla Day & Field Trips! Orders will be delivered directly to teacher classrooms 2-3 weeks after the shop closes.



JOIN PTA

Support your child, stay informed, and strengthen our school community. No time commitment—just your voice and support to help make a difference!

**YOU'RE INVITED!
PTA MEETING**

Thursday, September 4th 6PM



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS...

- 9/4 - PTA Meeting @ 6pm, Harris Library
- 9/8 - Chick Fil A Pearlrand Pkwy. Spirit Night
CODE: stars
- 9/9 - BOOSTERTHON FUN-RUN KICKOFF - Raising money for campus enhancements!
9/18 - FUN-RUN!!!!
- 9/25 - Dads on Duty Dodgeball Night (6-7:30 PM, CJ Harris Gym)

CONTACT US!



STAR DUDES DADS ON DUTY

VOLUNTEER ASSIST IN CLASSROOM HELP WITH CAR RIDER PROVIDE ENCOURAGEMENT BE A ROLE MODEL

JOIN TODAY!



DADS/FATHER FIGURES WELCOME

DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

CALLING ALL DADS, GRANDPAS, UNCLES & FATHER FIGURES!

Step up and show up for a night of fun, food, and friendly dodgeball battles with our DADS ON DUTY.



DUCK | DODGE | DOMINATE

THURSDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER | 6-7:30PM |

CJ HARRIS GYM

OR SCAN TO REGISTER!

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW!



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DADS/FATHER FIGURES WELCOME



Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

DID YOU KNOW?

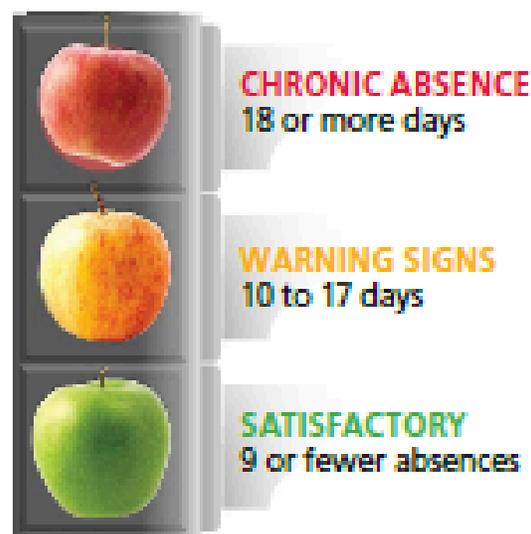
- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-urgent related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have a contagious illness, call your school or health care provider for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

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.dhs.texas.gov/2022 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 DHS 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 precision 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!

Main: 281-485-4024 Email: voradyd@pearlandisd.org

August 2025

September CJ HARRIS SCHOOL 2025 COUNSELOR newsletter



Monthly Focus:

In August I introduced myself to your child during PE in the first week of school and completed quick minute meetings with students in grades 2-4. In September we focus on RESPECT. When I visit your child's classroom I will be teaching about being a respectful friend and respectful friendships.

RESPECT

is seeing value in all people and things & treating them with care



Calm & Strong Kids Tip: breathe

Be a STAR! Stop and Smile, Take a deep breath in through your nose, And (pause), Relax exhale slowly through your mouth. Deep breaths are powerful coping skills your child can use anywhere, anytime to help them feel calm and strong.

Upcoming Events

9/15-9/18

Start with Hello Week

9/19 Student Holiday



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RESPECT Family Newsletter

PurposeFULL
People

Respect Overview

This month's focus is Respect. One way to think about Respect is "seeing value in all people and things & treating them with care." Many people feel Respected in different ways. We hope this month inspires discussions with your family about what Respect means to you and how you can practice it together!

Respect is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students Be Kind. Across grade levels, students will be developing skills like perspective-taking, conflict resolution, and leadership.

Conversation Starters

- Can you share or show what Respect means?
- What is 1 way you have practiced Respect lately?

PurposeFull Pursuits

Have some fun connecting as a family this month while practicing Respect. Here are 2 "PurposeFull Pursuits" you can complete together!

#1 A fun way to remind students to show Respect to others is to create a non-verbal cue. As a family, come up with a non-verbal way to cue your student to remember to show Respect to others. An example of this would be anytime you raise the "Respect Rooster" on your hand by closing the middle 2 fingers and bringing your pointer finger and pinky finger up, your student would be reminded to practice living out Respect.

#2 Review Respect as a family! In our lessons we are teaching that Respect means to see value in people and things and treat them with care. Agree as a family to set aside a certain time each day this week to unplug from devices and plug into family time. It shows Respect to practice being present in the moment without the distractions that can come from technology. Debrief and discuss this challenge afterward. Consider embracing this practice at least 1 day each week!



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.