JACKSON NEWS

AUGUST 2026

A note from the Principal:

Click here for the 26-27 School Supply list!



Dear Jackson Families,

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the final days of summer! As we prepare to kick off another exciting school year, I want to extend a heartfelt **welcome back** to all of our returning families—and a special **welcome** to those joining the Jackson community for the first time. We're thrilled to have you with us!

At Jackson Elementary, we are committed to creating a safe, inclusive, and engaging learning environment where every child can thrive. Our dedicated staff has been working hard to prepare classrooms, plan meaningful instruction, and ensure that your child's experience is both joyful and enriching.

👋 Meet Our New Staff Members!
We're excited to welcome several new faces to our Jackson team this year:

- **Mrs. Sarah Yonts** – 2nd Grade Teacher
- **Mrs. Cassandra Hautala** – 2nd Grade Teacher
- **Mrs. Jamie Cooper** – 3rd Grade Bilingual Teacher
- **Mrs. Tammy Staat** – 4th Grade Bilingual Teacher
- **Mr. Johan Muriel Valencia** – 5th Grade Bilingual Teacher
- **Mrs. Amanda Burmeister** – Special Education Teacher KG Collab
- **Mrs. See Vang** – Literacy Coach
- **Mrs. Morgan Mikolajewski** – Literacy Intervenionist
- **Mr. Dave Ostanek** – Phy Ed Teacher
- **Mrs. Carla Nguyen** – ELL Teacher
- **Mrs. Michelle Charles** – School Social Worker
- **Mrs. Joselyn Torbenson** – Building Paraprofessional
- **Mrs. Yuri Vasquez Antonio** – Art Teacher
- **Mrs. Cassandra Betz** – Art Teacher
- **Mrs. Kim Young** – Art Teacher
- **Mrs. Terri Zahorik** – School Nurse
- **TBD** – Early Childhood Bilingual Paraprofessional

Each of these educators brings unique talents, energy, and passion to our school, and we're confident they will make a positive impact on our students and community.

Please review the contents of this newsletter to learn more about upcoming Back to School events and other important pertinent information.

As always, communication and partnership with families are key to student success. Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions, concerns, or ideas. We're here to support you and your child every step of the way.

Let's make this school year one to remember!

Sincerely,

Gina Cornu-Zacharias
Principal
Jackson Elementary

Important Dates

8/27:
Open House & Picture Day
3-5 PM

8/31:
First Day of School!
(4K - 5th grade)

9/7:
No School

Jackson Elementary

1306 S. Ridge Rd
Green Bay, WI 54304

(920) 492-2620

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

School Hours

EC/4K AM 7:40AM - 10:45AM
4K PM 11:30AM - 2:35PM
K-5th 7:45AM - 2:35PM

Class Lists

Class Lists will be posted at Open House on 8/27!



Annual Update - Parent Portal

Please visit the Parent Portal to complete your annual update to ensure we have current contact and health information on file. The Parent Portal also allows families to monitor their child's attendance, food service fees, payments, grades, and much more!

If you need assistance with the Parent Portal, please call the Help Desk at (920) 448-2148.

Attendance

Attendance plays a leading role in a student's school success. Parents/guardians are asked to call the school at (920) 492-2620 as soon as possible if a student will be absent. If you are calling before or after school hours, you may leave a voicemail with the following information:

- Name & relationship to student
- Student's name, grade & teacher
- Reason for absence

Per District policy, ALL absences exceeding 10 days will be marked unexcused unless a medical excuse is provided.

Tardy Students

We understand that unforeseen circumstances occur, however we ask that you do your best to be on time for drop off and pick up of your students daily. Tardy students disrupt the general routine of the entire classroom and staff members are routinely expected to attend meetings following dismissal time.

Students who are late to school or picked up early must be signed in/out by an adult in the office.

MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Medication at School

If your child needs to take medication during the school day:

- ALL medications (including over the counter items like cough drops, ointments & pain medications) require a parent signed Medication Authorization Form. Prescription medications require signatures from the parent/guardian AND the prescribing doctor.
  - Medications cannot be given at school without a completed med form on file.
- ALL medications must be in the original container/packaging. Prescription meds must be in the pharmacy labeled container.
- Medications should be dropped off in the office by an adult. Please do not send your child to school with medication.

Please contact our School Nurse Terri Zahorik @ (920) 272-7652 or tczahorik@gbaps.org

Before/After School Care

YMCA	Located at Calvary Lutheran Church (across the street from Jackson) 6:30AM - 6:00PM	To register: Call (920) 436-9675 OR Visit www.greenbayymca.org/beforeafter-school
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB	After School Care for children 7+ years Transportation from Jackson	Membership info: https://bgcblr.org/green-bay/school-year-membership/
DAYCARE	Offer before & after school care and transportation	Just 4 Kids 1445 North Rd #2 (920) 499-1053 Care for All Ages 1306 S Norwood Ave (920) 432-3993

MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Bus Information

Student bus information can be found on the transportation tab of the Parent Portal. Please continue to monitor bus times as routes are subject to change (especially at the start of the school year!)
All things transportation, including frequently asked questions and forms can be found here.
For further questions please email transportation@gbaps.org or call (920) 448-2130 to speak with our transportation department.



Field Trip Chaperones

If you are interested in volunteering or chaperoning a future field trip, please complete a Volunteer Application.

Due to processing times, it is recommended to complete this application at the beginning of the school year.

Breakfast & Lunch

Food Service Forms

All families are encouraged to fill out and return the application. Even if your child attends a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school and receives breakfast and lunch at no cost, **it is critical that you fill out the Free & Reduced Price School Meals application. **NEW: SNAP benefits have been greatly reduced - if you have qualified for automatic free meals in the past and did not this year, please apply on this application immediately.** Students who qualify for free meal benefits can request to have school fees waived. Free & Reduced-Price Meal information is used to determine funding from various programs for schools. Completing this form, even if you opt not to have your child receive free or reduced-price meals, can make a significant difference in the amount of available funding for your child's classroom. The information in this application is kept confidential and private. You may fill out the enclosed form or the online application through the Campus Portal: https://greenbaywi.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/greenbay.jsp.

- **Jackson is a CEP school!**
  - CEP or Community Eligibility Provision is a non-pricing meal option for schools in low income areas. CEP allows us to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to ALL enrolled students.
- Breakfast is served at 7:45AM daily.
- Lunch times vary by grade.
- Students may bring their own cold lunch if they wish.
  - Cold lunch students have the option to purchase a milk carton for $.50.

Breakfast & Lunch Menus

Paper menus will be sent home upon request.
Menus are subject to change based on supply.



To view the most current breakfast and lunch menus at Jackson:
Click here or download the Nutrislice app on the App Store!

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Traffic & Parking Guidelines

The safety of our students is of utmost importance! Please adhere to the guidelines below when dropping off and picking up your children:

- Use the North side of Langlade Ave. (school side of the road) to drop off. This is intended to be a DROP ZONE ONLY. Traffic MUST keep moving. Vehicles should NOT be left unattended.
- Parents who would like to walk their children to the blacktop should park on Briquelet St., the South side of Langlade Ave. OR the Calvary Lutheran Church parking lot. Students MUST cross the street at a crosswalk with an adult.
- PLEASE do NOT pick up or drop off on Ridge Rd. This space is for buses & daycare vehicles ONLY.
- The parking lot behind the school is for Jackson Staff members ONLY. Please refrain from picking up and dropping off in the cul de sac on Russell Street. In the past this area has become too congested and is not safe for our walking students.

We truly appreciate your cooperation in this matter!!!



Arrival & Dismissal

EC/4K AM: 7:40 AM - 10:45 AM **4K PM**: 11:30 AM - 2:35 PM	Drop off and pick up for 4K students takes place at Door #11 on Ninth Street.
K-5th Graders: 7:45 AM - 2:35 PM	Drop off & pick up for K - 5th grade students is on the blacktop between the school & playground. **7:35 AM**: Drop off begins. Students should not be dropped off any earlier. Supervision begins at 7:35 AM! **7:45 AM**: Breakfast bell - students will enter the building through their designated doors **After 7:45 - 7:57 AM** - students enter through door #4 on the blacktop. This door will be monitored until 7:57 AM. **7:57 AM**: Late bell - students arriving after this time should enter through the main office. **2:35 PM**: Dismissal - students will exit through their designated doors onto the blacktop.