

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.

FRONT OFFICE STAFF

Principal:	LaShonda Pernetter
Asst Principal:	Suzann Whitlow
Counselor:	Yesenia Ragghianti
Nurse:	Shay Roberts
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

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Dates to Remember

Sept 7th - Student Holiday

Sept. 8th - Lunch Visitors Begin

Sept. 9th - Wear Gold

Sept. 10th - PTA meeting at 6pm

Sept. 13th - Last day to order shirts

Sept. 15th - Gringos Spirit Day -PTA



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.

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.

Lunch Visitors are
welcome starting
September 8th.



All Stars have been reviewing
cafeteria routines, procedures
and expectations.

Lunch Menu

School Cafe

Become a

Volunteer

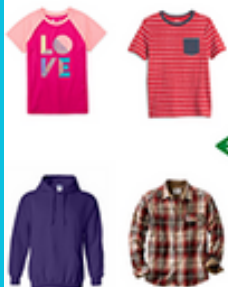
Chaperone

PISD Calendar

Absence Reporting

Dress Code

Approved



Not Approved



ALL STUDENTS NEED
A CHANGE OF
CLOTHES IN THEIR
BACKPACKS IN A
ZIPLOC BAG

DUE TO: ACCIDENTS, MUDDY, SPILLS, ETC

AWARENESS MONTH
CHILDHOOD CANCER
SEPTEMBER

Students are invited to wear gold on
Wednesday, Sept. 9th

ONLINE STORE
CJ HARRIS



**** Make sure to select the correct grade level color**

STORE CLOSSES SEPTEMBER 13
NO REFUNDS OR RETURNS

ALL SALES ARE FINAL

**ORDERS ARE PROCESSED
AFTER THE STORE CLOSSES**

DELIVERY WILL BE 3 WEEKS AFTER STORE CLOSSES

ENTER TO WIN A YEARBOOK



**JOIN THE PTA BY 9/4
AND BE ENTERED TO
WIN A YEARBOOK**

[HTTPS://WWW.JOINPTA.ORG/](https://www.joinpta.org/)



STAR DUDES DADS ON DUTY

JOIN TODAY!

VOLUNTEER

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



DADS/FATHER FIGURES WELCOME

PTA



CLICK HERE

Join PTA

SCAN ME



**C.J. Harris Elementary
PTA Newsletter**

September 2026 - Back to School Edition



Welcome Back, Families!

We are thrilled to welcome everyone back for an exciting new school year! Whether you're a returning family or joining us for the first time, the PTA is here to support our students, teachers, and community. We have a wonderful year of events, programs, and volunteer opportunities planned.

Important Dates

- Sep 10 PTA General Meeting, 6 - 7 PM
- Sep 15 Gringo's Spirit Night, Online Ordering Coupon Code 768-575-051
- Sep 16 Boosterthon Fundraiser KICK OFF!
- Sep 25 Boosterthon Fun Run! (Volunteer opportunity!)
- Sep 25 Pearland ISD Football Concessions (Volunteer opportunity!)



Get Involved!

Our PTA runs on parent, family & community volunteers. Here are some ways you can help this year:

- JOIN! Joining strengthens family engagement, community support, and program quality.
- Hospitality (Monthly Teacher Appreciation & Teacher Appreciation Week)
- Event planning & Volunteer Opportunities (PISD Football Concessions, Trunk or Treat, Red Ribbon Week, Winter Wonderland, Elf Shop, Hoopla Day, 4th Grade Send off)
- Fundraising & sponsorship outreach

Fundraising Goal 2026-2027

This year, we hope to raise \$20,000 to support meaningful enhancements across our campus. These funds will help us create a brighter, more welcoming, and engaging environment for our students by supporting projects such as painting both sides of the stage in the cafeteria, refreshing our playgrounds with new mulch, and completing additional campus improvements throughout the year. Every contribution makes a difference!

C.J. Harris Elementary PTA - cjharrispta@gmail.com - Follow us @CJHarrisPTA

Kroger Community Rewards

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CJ HARRIS ELEMENTARY PTA!

Kroger has modified their community rewards program. Please follow these steps to link your Kroger card to earn money for CJ Harris every time you shop!

Register your Kroger card online at <https://www.kroger.com/communitary/community-rewards-for-cj-harris> to earn money!

SETUP STEPS

- 1 You must have a registered Kroger Plus card account to link to our organization.
- 2 If you do not have a Kroger Plus Card, please pick one up at the customer service desk at any Kroger.
- 3 If you are a new online customer, click on SIGN UP TODAY in the "New Customer?" box.
- 4 Sign up for a Kroger Community Rewards Account by entering your zip code, clicking on favorite store, enter your email address, create a password, and agree to the terms and conditions.
- 5 Check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- 6 Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- 7 Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards Information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- 8 Update or confirm your information.
- 9 Enter our NPD Number (849553) or name of organization (CJ HARRIS ELEMENTARY PTA), or select organization from list and click on confirm.
- 10 To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.

REMEMBER, purchases will not count for us until after you register your card(s).

Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 800-576-4277, select option 4 to get your Plus Card number (if using your Alt ID online doesn't work).

FRIDAY NIGHT CONCESSIONS

@ THE RIG 5-9pm

September 25th
October 23rd

VOLUNTEERS WANTED



★ SPIRIT DAY ★



DINE-IN | TAKE-OUT | ALL DAY

Show this flyer or mention the organization to your server.

**CJ Harris Elementary
Tuesday - September 15, 2026
Pearland - The Original**

For online ordering on our website, enter
768-575-051 in the "Coupon Code" area at checkout.

Tex-Mex Insider rewards cannot be used in conjunction with redemption of a Spirit Day code.

Guidelines

- Flyers may not be distributed inside, in the parking lot or near the vicinity of the restaurant on the day of your event.
- 20% donation, up to \$500, is calculated on the subtotal (excluding tax, gift cards) of any check that is mentioned/accompanies an official Spirit Day flyer for your organization on your specific date.
- "Final bill" does not include tax, gratuity, gift cards or DoorDash purchases.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY!
GRINGOSTEXMEX.COM



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses **2** days a month...

They will miss **20 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **30 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **1 YEAR** of school by graduation.

When a student misses **4** days a month...

They will miss **40 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **120 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **2 YEARS** of school by graduation.



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.

When to Keep Your Child Home

- Conjunctivitis (pink eye)
- Uncontrolled asthma
- Uncontrolled diabetes
- Undiagnosed rash
- Diarrhea: diarrhea-free for 24 hours
- Fever: a temperature of 100 F (37.8 C) or higher must stay home until fever-free for 24 hours
- Vomiting: If vomiting two or more times in 24 hours, students must stay home until free from vomiting for 24 hours



Attending school whenever medically appropriate helps minimize disruptions to learning and reduces unnecessary absences. If a student is ill and the school nurse determines that it is in the student's best interest to be sent home, you will be contacted. In many cases, students are able to return to class and continue learning after receiving appropriate care.

STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

Your child may bring in store bought birthday treats 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.



*If your child's birthday is in October - December, the due date for your child's birthday message is Sept. 25th.

[Click Here for more info.](#)

CAFETERIA INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES



Breakfast \$1.50 (\$0.00 Reduced)

Lunch \$2.75 (\$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 8th. (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 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.