

Jeffrey Clark

Hornet Family Updates

“A new school year is a fresh chapter in your child's story-- together, we will fill it with curiosity, growth, and joy.”

September 2026

Welcome Back to School!

We look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Thursday, September 3rd. September 3rd is an early dismissal day. Friday, September 4th is the first full day of school for our students.

Early Dismissal School Hours

Preschool-Grade 2
8:25am-12:55pm

Regular School Hours

Preschool
8:25am-2:40pm

Beginner-Grade 2
8:25am-3:20pm

Arrival Information

On the first day of school, please send your student into school wearing their name tag. This will help us get your students to where they need to be as stress-free and smooth as possible.

Students may enter the building at 8:25am when the bell rings.

Preschool Drop-Off

Preschool families are asked to park in the parking lot along the tree line to the left of the dumpster and walk their student to door 4 (Beyond the Bell Entrance).

B-2 Drop-Off

B-2 students who are able to independently get out of the car can exit from the passenger side of the car and enter the building through the first grade hallway. If students are unable to exit independently, please park in the preschool parking spots and walk your child to Door 2.



School Information

A monthly newsletter is shared electronically prior to the start of each new month. Most school correspondence is also sent electronically. If you find you are not receiving messages, please contact the main office for assistance.

A paper copy of the monthly calendar and the lunch menu will be sent home on green paper in student folders at the start of each new month. Links for the lunch menus and calendar are listed below.



[September Calendar](#)



[Preschool Lunch Menu](#)



[B-2 Lunch Menu](#)

Snack/Lunch Information



Classrooms are tree nut and peanut free. Preschool snacks and lunch should be free from tree-nuts and peanuts. B-2 snacks should not contain tree-nut or peanuts as they are consumed in classrooms.



All of our students eat snack during the day. Please plan on sending a nut-free snack each day with your child.



School lunch can be purchased for \$3.60. Feel free to set up your [My School Bucks account](#) to pay for your lunch online!

Dismissal Information

If you have not completed the Daily Dismissal Form, please do so by September 1st. The Daily Dismissal Form helps us know where to send your student each day for dismissal.

Change of Dismissal

If there is a change to the regular dismissal entered on the daily dismissal form, please complete the Change of Dismissal form and turn it in on the day of the change in order to ensure your student is dismissed correctly.

Preschool Dismissal

Preschool students will be dismissed at 2:40pm. Parent pick-up students will be dismissed out of door 4 (Beyond the Bell entrance). Please bring your ID with you. Students will not be released until parent/guardian identification has been verified by a staff member.

B-2 Student Pick-Up

Parents/guardians will need to park and wait outside their student's designated exit door until they are dismissed. Non-transported students will be dismissed out of door 2. Parent pick-up students will be dismissed out of door 18 (library doors). Students will not be released without parent/guardian Identification has been verified by a staff member.

Bus Students

Preschool bus students will be dismissed to a designated classroom. When the bus arrives, students will be walked to their bus. B-2 students will be dismissed from their homeroom and will be walked down to the Clark Gym. The teacher assigned to supervise the bus will escort students to their bus to ensure they load safely on the bus.

Beyond the Bell

Beyond the Bell students will be dismissed to the cafeteria.



School Supplies

School supply lists can be found on the district website or by [clicking here](#).

Breakfast

We are pleased to offer breakfast this school year. The cost of breakfast is \$2.25 and includes a protein, grain, fruit, and 1% white milk. Students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals may receive breakfast at no cost or at the applicable reduced price. All other students may purchase breakfast. The monthly breakfast menu is posted on the district website. This year, we are introducing a new online ordering system, Meal Orders, for breakfast only.

Please note: Breakfast orders must be placed no later than 11:00 a.m. on the day before breakfast is needed. You may order breakfast for multiple days in advance.

At Jeffrey Clark, breakfast will be brought to classrooms and served during Homeroom.



Jeffrey Clark Back to School Night

September 14th
6:00pm-8:00pm

Attendance

Regular school attendance is essential for student success. Being in school every day helps children build routines, stay connected with classmates, and make steady progress in their learning.

Reporting an Absence

If your child is sick or you know they will be out, please call our main office attendance line by 9:00am at (856)423-0613. You can call anytime and our office staff will receive the message!

Routines Build Strong Learners

Reading and Language Focus: Establish a Daily Reading Routine

- Read or look at books together for 10–15 minutes.
- Let your child choose the book.
- Talk about the cover, pictures, characters, and events.
- Preschool: Ask your child to name or point to familiar objects.
- K–2: Ask your child to retell the beginning, middle, and end.

Math Focus: Counting During Everyday Routines.

- Count steps, toys, snacks, socks, or items going into a backpack.
- Ask, “How many?” and have your child touch each object while counting.
- Compare groups using more, fewer, and the same.

Attendance Connection:

September routines establish the expectation that school is important. Arriving on time helps children participate in morning routines, build relationships, and hear the introduction to the day’s learning. The beginning of the year is an important time of year for students to be able to build connections with classmates and build a sense of community with their peers. This is also when most benchmark assessment is conducted to establish where your child is at academically and where to start instructionally.

Why It Matters?

- With regular reading and conversation, children build vocabulary, comprehension, and confidence.
- When children have fewer opportunities to hear stories and engage in conversation, they may need more support understanding directions, expressing ideas, and learning new vocabulary.
- Frequent absences can make it difficult to learn classroom routines and form connections with classmates and teachers.