



OCTOBER
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JESSUP ELEMENTARY



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Upcoming Events

October

- 7...Interim Reports to be sent home
- 8...Early Dismissal
- 9... School Closed-Yom Kippur
- 15-16...No School-Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 23...Unity Day-Wear Orange/Anti Bullying

November

- 7-8...Early Dismissal
- 8...End of 1st Marking Period
- 20...Report Cards to be sent home
- 27-29...Schools Closed-Thanksgiving

December

- 5...Early Dismissal
- 13...Interim Reports to be sent home
- 23-1/1...Christmas/Winter Break (All schools closed for students & teachers)

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

Happy October and Fall!

As always, your students make us all so very proud every day. They come to school to learn each day with their agenda signed, homework completed, and willing to try their very best.

October is a busy month. October 15th, Tuesday and October 16th, Wednesday are Parent/Teacher Conferences. We want all parents to attend. Much information will be shared regarding your child's performance in class, their grades thus far, as well as any updated assessments that have been given. Your unwavering support helps us to achieve our goal of moving all students forward to the next higher level of work.

UNITY DAY is October 23, Wednesday. Students are encouraged to wear Orange shirts to demonstrate we are all ONE, learning and growing together!

Our Character Parade will be on 10/31, Thursday at 9:30 AM. The parade will be outside around the building and will be held in the gym and cafeteria if it rains.

Have a great Fall enjoying the weather and making fond memories with your children that will last a lifetime!!

Ms. Dempsey,
Principal



Jessup Jaguars are growing into Global Leaders, through Academic Excellence meeting High Expectations, Wellness, and Service.

Jessup Elementary School is equipped with a video camera system. It covers selected interior and exterior public portions of the building and grounds. It is NOT monitored constantly, but it is monitored during emergency situations. During certain events, when the safety or security of students may be in question, authorized personnel from local, state, or federal police or fire emergency units may be given access to view images projected on the camera system. If you have any questions about the system, you should call the supervisor of school security at 410-222-5083.



Attendance/Absences



“There are lawful reasons for absence from school. **Whenever your child is absent, you must provide a note of explanation to the school within three days of your child’s return to school.** Absences due to illness in excess of five consecutive days require a physician’s note. School counselors and pupil personnel workers are available to assist families in situations where students are having difficulty with school attendance.” (AACPS Parent Handbook 2019-20)



Parent-Teacher
Conferences
October 15th and 16th

Parent-Teacher Conference time is approaching quickly. Here are some helpful tips to think about when attending your conference.

The purpose of a Parent-Teacher Conference is to:

- get to know your child’s teacher or teachers.
- learn about the school and the curriculum.
- discuss your child’s strengths and weaknesses.
- work with the school in setting goals and plans for your child.
- learn from you what the school can do to improve your child’s success.
- learn ways you can support your child at home.
- Communicate you concerns to the teacher.

Before the Conference

- Talk to your child about his/her classroom experiences.
- Brainstorm your child’s strengths and weaknesses.
- Go into the conference with a cooperative attitude.

During the Conference

- Bring your list of concerns and questions to discuss with the teacher.
- Listen intently to the information the teacher shares with you.
- If needed, set up a plan for future communication with the teacher.

After the Conference

- Discuss with your child the outcomes of the conference.
- Discuss your expectations of schoolwork and academic achievement with your child.
- Express your love, support and willingness to work with your child to achieve academic and personal goals.
- If needed, put a plan in place for improvement and follow up with the teacher regularly.
- Continue communication with school.

On Tuesday, October 1, 2019, your child brought home a **Federal Impact Aid Survey form**. Please assist us by filling out the information requested on the form and:

Elementary Schools – **return it to your child’s school (Jessup Elementary School)**.

The U.S. Department of Education allows a multiple child form. AACPS has designed a form that will allow two children’s names for your convenience. Should you have more than two children, please utilize a second form that you can either obtain from the school or download from the AACPS website at www.aacps.org. Also, please note that the **complete address of the Parent/Guardian’s Employer if they work on Federal Property**, the **complete address of the Federal Property on which they work**, and **each survey form must be signed and dated by the Parent/Guardian**. The Federal Impact Aid Survey form for 2019-2020 will be available to download on October 1, 2019. We will also be using our Connect-Ed Automated Telephone Notification System to remind everyone about the significance of completing and returning this survey. The school system receives approximately \$2 million in funding from the Federal government in support of our children after the forms are processed.

Thank you in advance for your support and assistance. Should you have any questions regarding this information, please call Angie Smack in the Finance Office at 410-222-5200.



SCHOOL SECURITY—All visitors to the building are expected to ring the doorbell and state their reason for visiting. Please refrain from letting others inside as you enter. Prepare to show your Photo ID to office staff. We thank you for your continued support in providing a safe environment for our students and utilizing the V•Soft system here at Jessup Elementary School.

Don’t forget to **sign in and out with the office** when visiting the school so we know your whereabouts.



Uniform Program

The Jessup Elementary School uniform Program was adopted to create an environment that focuses on school performance, not individual attire. Parents and students are responsible for following the guidelines of the school uniform policy(AACPS Policy 902.04/JCDA).

Tops: Tops must be light blue, white, navy blue, or black long or short-sleeved polo style with collar and two or three buttons at the neck.

Pants: (Elastic or optional belt) Navy blue, black, or khaki full-length standard pants are to be worn securely around your waist with a belt.

Shoes: Shoes must be safe and enclose the foot. Shoes may not expose students to safety hazards nor should they impede a student from moving quickly during an evacuation. Athletic shoes are permitted. Wheelies shoes are not permitted.

Shirts/Skirts/Skorts/Jumpers: Navy blue, black, or khaki; must be longer than fingertips when standing at attention (Shorts may be worn between April 1st through Oct. 31).



Additional information can be found - Mandatory Uniform Policy Attachment "A". (copies at the school front office)



PowerSchool Parent Portal is a powerful, easy-to-use, secure communication tool connecting parents/guardians and schools. Using the PowerSchool student information system, the Parent Portal allows collaboration to improve student achievement. Online access to grades, attendance, and assignments makes it easier for parents to monitor, identify, and accelerate students in grades 1 through 12 progress in **real time**.

PowerSchool Parent Portal will allow parents/guardians with more than one child to access all their children at one time with one user name and password. Parents are highly encouraged to keep log-in information private.

Have you considered **MyPaymentsPlus™** for your child's lunch account?

Even if you don't make payments online, all parents are encouraged to create a **MyPaymentsPlus™** account in order to:

- View cafeteria balances anytime, from anywhere
- See what your child is purchasing in the cafeteria
- Set up alerts so you know when the balance is low
- Make payments to your child's cafeteria account, online or with the **MyPaymentsPlus™** mobile app
- Visit www.mypaymentsplus.com *Signing up is FREE and easy!*