



MONDAY MEMO

AUGUST 28, 2023

BACK TO SCHOOL WEEK

First Day Preparation for Families

Transportation:

On the first day of school, it is very important that students arrive at school in the same manner as they go home. Please be sure that your child is aware of how they are going home daily, and if they ride a bus, they should know their bus number. We are tagging students as they arrive, and that is how they will be sent home unless we are told otherwise (by contacting the main office). Parents that will be transporting their child via car, please make sure you remain in your vehicle when dropping off (AM) and picking up (PM). We will have staff that can assist when needed but want to teach students to be independent, and to keep the car rider line flowing to prevent any back-ups. We appreciate your understanding!

Student Absences:

Regular school attendance is critical to your child's success. Please make every effort to ensure that your child is in school on time and ready for instruction. We understand that sometimes illness and other unavoidable circumstances prevent a student from attending school. Whenever your child is absent, please submit an absence form through your Parent Portal account ([instructions here](#)) or provide an emailed/written note to the teacher and office staff (Carol Alderman, calderman@aacps.org and Mindy Hand, mhand@aacps.org).

Technology:

Chromebooks will be distributed to all students new to AACPS, which includes kindergarten. Parents will receive an email with the AACPS Student Technology Device User Agreement Form. Once we receive notification that you have electronically signed the form, the Chromebook will be provided to your child. Emails for new students in grades 1-5 were sent out on Thursday, August 24. We will be sending emails to parents of kindergarten students during the first few weeks of school. We appreciate your support in discussing "technology care" with your child. Birthday Celebrations: (in Parent Handbook) Birthdays are fun to celebrate and are announced during morning announcements at school (along with all summer birthdays). Edible birthdays treats are discouraged during school hours! You may deliver small non-edible treats for the entire class (if you truly feel inclined to do so). Additionally, birthday invitations may only be distributed at school when the entire class is invited (to eliminate teachers/staff dealing with upset feelings because of external factors).

School Hours and More below:

[More Here](#)

FROYO TODAY



Please join us at Froyo in Severna Park after-school **TODAY** Monday, August 28th! 20% of the net sales will benefit our Jones' students and staff. Proceeds raised support student and staff initiatives such as assemblies, staff appreciation events, etc. **You must mention Jones Elementary when ordering** and you can place your order at any time after school on August 28th until Froyo closes (at 10pm). We can't wait to see you there!

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AND our WINNER for our August 28th drawing is Megan Jupiter-Cavanaugh! You will receive a \$25 Amazon gift card AND a free yearbook! Congratulations and Thank you for joining the PTA!

School Meal Prices 2023-2024

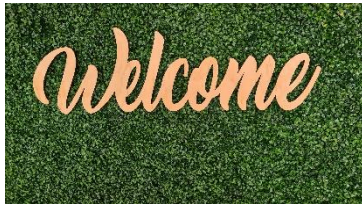
Student:

- Breakfast, (Full Price, All Schools) \$1.50
- Breakfast, (Reduced Price, All Schools) \$.00
- Lunch, (Full Price, Elementary Schools) \$2.75
- Lunch, (Reduced-Price, All Schools) \$.00

Meal Benefit Applications are available for SY 2023-2024! Log onto <https://www.aacps.org/site/www.aacps.org/mealapplication>. It's About More Than Lunch.

If you have any questions regarding the school meals program, please email iris@aacps.org or call 410-222-5900.

Principal Whisman Message



A warm welcome back and special staffing note from our Principal Whisman.

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Important Dates



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- September 7 **ONLY Mrs. Leblac** Back to School 4:00pm
- **September 14 Back to School Night 5:45pm-7:00pm**
- **September 20 Parent Teacher Association Meeting 6:30pm** (all are encouraged to attend)

FOX SHOUT OUTS



Thank you to everyone who donated and supported stocking the teachers lounge last week. There will be more opportunities to help in the future.

Also a **BIG FOX SHOUT OUT** to our own **Kristy Patterson** founder and owner of **A Home's Journey** <https://www.ahomesjourney.com/> for all of her hours, hard work and creativity spent this past summer in our Staff Lounge. We appreciate your hard work and talent!!! Check out her link.

Want to help our school and community too? Not sure how or when you can help? No problem! Please simply email our volunteer coordinator, Ashley Bryne-Rice, volunteer@jonespta.com.

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PTA Meeting Special Guest Announcement



Come out September 20th 6:30pm in our Library. Hear about the EEE teacher and program new to Jones.

My name is Harmony Kleskovic and I will be your Triple E Global Studies teacher next year! It will be my 10th year of teaching. I graduated from Towson University in 2004 with my elementary education degree.

Years later, I attended Loyola for my graduate degree in educational technology. My position at Jones is a 0.8, which means that I will be there every day except Wednesdays. Students will have an opportunity to learn more about project-based learning using Global Studies as the theme during my classes which will be during cultural arts block.

I'm a Maryland girl; I have lived here my whole life! I live in Pasadena with my husband and two children (and the cat and dog). Annabel is 5 and will be starting K at Bodkin this year. My son Arlan is 3 and will be returning to Galilee Lutheran for nursery school.

You can chime remotely using our Google Meet Link: <http://meet.google.com/bbo-zxut-tpn> during our upcoming September PTA meeting.

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AACPS Safety and Drawstrings

An important message from AACPS about the safety risks on buses with drawstrings. Please click the link for risks and recommendations.

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Whats Cooking for Lunch?

[August Menu](#)

[September Menu](#)

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Tuesday, August 29

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Wednesday, August 30

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Thursday, August 31

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Friday, September 1

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Saturday, September 2

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- access to all of the information on the site.
- the capability to learn about our school events like dances, field day, book fair... the list goes on!
- the capability to register for clubs, volunteer, make purchases for spirit wear and events, etc...
- communication from room parents and the PTA, including our weekly Monday Memo.

This keeps our school community and information safe. Please **do not wait to sign up**. You don't want to miss our upcoming events. Stop by the PTA table during Peek at Your Seat on **August 24th** to pick up a welcome packet and say Hello!

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Important Information from our Front Office

Please Read Me

This is a busy time of year. Please take a moment and read the link below. Many of your questions will be answered. [Click here to read](#)

- Attendance
- Absences
- Arrival and Dismissal Instructions
- Front Office Contacts Information
- And More!

Peek at Your Seat & Dates



Peek at Your Seat is AUGUST 24 3:00 PM- 4:00 PM:

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