



JES NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL JONES

Parents,

Happy New Year to each of you!!! I truly hope you were all able to enjoy the holiday season, recoup, rest, and recover. With that said the 3rd quarter has now begun. This is the most important quarter of the school year in regards to student growth and achievement. As a reminder our goals for this school year are: 44.5% mastery on TN Ready Math and 33.5% mastery on TN Ready ELA. We are only 13 weeks away from taking the state test. This means that every precious moment we have with your student will be spent preparing them for this assessment.

We need your help to accomplish our goals. First, please help your students as much as you can with their homework. If you have trouble, don't forget the homework hotline is available for you and your students at night. This is a free service Monday-Thursday from 4pm-8pm. It has real teachers to help your students be successful at home. Please utilize this great tool. 901-416-1234.

The other way you can help us and help your students is to make sure they are here at school every single day. Our attendance rate is down from last year and is still dropping. We are currently at a 94.6%. We've had many students out with sickness prior to Winter Break and attendance has been low on the scheduled ½ days. Our goal is to have an attendance rate of 96%. Our Chronic Absenteeism rate is currently at 16.4%. Last school year we had a rate of 6.6% which is much lower than where we are right now. Chronic Absenteeism is when your student misses 10% or more of the school year. Studies have shown that students who miss 10% or more of school fall behind students that don't, so please bring your students to school unless they have fever or are truly sick. If you have a question about this or are unsure if your child should come to school, please call us at 901-416-4222. We will be happy to speak and consult with you if needed. Also, if you schedule a Doctor's appointment in the morning or afternoon, it's okay to still bring your child to school before or after the appointment and don't forget to bring in or write an excusal note. We don't want any parents getting into trouble with Truancy. Don't forget we can't teach them if they aren't here. We thank you for helping us with this.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 6	Students return to school. Quarter 3 begins
Jan. 13-Jan. 31	State Mandated RTI2 Screener Testing Window
Jan. 17	Quarter 2 Honor Program 9:00 AM in JES Cafeteria
Jan. 17	½ day for students. Dismissal at 12:15
Jan. 20	Dr. Martin Luther King Day (No School)
Jan. 30	JES Student/Parent data night. Dinner will be provided. 4:30-6:00

Phone Numbers: Please call or come into the office to update phone numbers. If you have a new phone number, it's very important for the school to have the most updated contact information in case of an emergency. Many of the phone numbers we have are not current.

Perfect Attendance Incentives:

We will continue with perfect attendance incentives for students. We hope your child is letting you know of these parties but if not here are the time frames below for the rest of December and some for next semester. Each date is a 20-day reporting period as noted by SCS.

5th Reporting Period: Dec. 18-Jan. 29 Celebration: Jan. 31 (No Uniform Passes and No Homework Passes)

6th Reporting Period: Jan. 30-Feb. 27. Celebration: Feb. 28 (Hot Chocolate and Movie)

7th Reporting Period: Feb. 28-April 2. Celebration: April 3 (Sock Hop)

8th Reporting Period: April 3- May 1. Celebration: May 8 (Popsicles on Playground)

9th Reporting Period: May 4-May22. Celebration: May 22 (Popsicles on Playground)



Counselor's Corner

The Character Trait word for the month of January is SELF -DISCIPLINE. Self-Discipline is the ability you have to control and motivate yourself, stay on track and do what is right. Please encourage your child to HAVE control, BE motivated, STAY on track and DO the right thing as we go through this final semester.

Ms. Todd