

Benjamin Jepson Magnet School

"A diverse, multi-cultural community of life-long learners."

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Jepson Families-

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year!!! We are excited to start the school year **IN PERSON** and look forward to meeting our students and kicking off what I hope will be a productive and fun year for us all!

We realize that the last 18 months have been anything but normal and many have struggled with the fallout from this pandemic. However, it has become apparent that, as a society, we will continue to persevere and overcome. We are also reconnecting. Our community outreach programs, teachers and staff, neighbors, etc. are working together to ensure that everyone has what they need and that everyone remains safe.

Here at Jepson, we have implemented programming and protocols to support our students and families socially, emotionally, and academically as we move forward together. We look forward to seeing everyone soon! Be safe and have a wonderful rest of the summer!

Lesley Stancarone

Principal

AUGUST 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25 IN PERSON ORIENTATION 11:00 & 5:00	26 VIRTUAL ORIENTATION 11:00 & 5:00	27
30 First Day of School Kindergarten - 12 th	31			

SEPTEMBER 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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6 No School Labor Day	7 No School Rosh Hashanah	8 First ½ day for Pre-K/Head Start A-L 9:00 - 1:00	9 First ½ day for Pre-K/Head Start M-Z 9:00 - 1:00	10 First FULL day for ALL PRE-K
13	14	15	16 No School Yom Kippur	17
20	21	22 Open House	23	24
25	26	27	28	29



SCAN ME

Please scan or click the QR code to visit the Benjamin Jepson School website.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

- All students arriving at school with a parent or family member in the morning, will proceed around the back of the building and doors will open at **9:00 a.m. sharp**. Please "kiss and go" as we expect many students to be in line and waiting for the signal to come in. Social distancing will be enforced. Please be patient, this will take time for the first few days.
- Dismissal for students being PICKED UP will also be around back. Each car should have a tag visible to staff but all adults (18 and over) picking up students **MUST be on the emergency forms and have a valid photo ID**. NO student will be released to any person without both pieces of information present.
- Busses will drop off and pick up at the front of the building. Students may **NOT** be dropped off at the front of the building unless arriving after 9:30am.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Our first priority is always safety. Please be aware and familiar of the following as it applies to the school and will be adhered to closely:

Where feasible:

- Maximum distancing will be used
- Cohorts will be maintained
- Bathroom occupancy limitations
- No use of lockers
- No rugs
- Students must engage in frequent hand washing or sanitizing upon arrival, before and after meals, after bathroom use, and after coughing or sneezing.
- Safety Precautions will limit unnecessary entrance of parents, guardians and other visitors into the building.
- NHPS will continue to use video conferencing to hold meetings for convenience of participants
- If an in-person meeting is necessary, the visiting parties must wear a mask at all times in NHPS buildings regardless of vaccination status.

REGULAR ONGOING TESTING

NHPS will offer weekly testing at each school

- This testing is the same day each week and students/staff must be signed up for it.
- Using the lower nasal swab PCR. (This test does NOT push deep into the nose, it is not painful)
- Results in 24 hours to parents and health department
- Families will receive information on how to sign up.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND A STUDENT TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE EXHIBITING SYMPTOMS!

DEVICES AND QUARANTINING

- All students will receive devices at the start of the school year.
- All teachers will maintain a Google Classroom. Assignments will be posted ONLY if a student is quarantine.
- If a student is quarantined, they will be required to log on each day to receive and complete their classwork.

BUSSING

- Students **will be required** to wear a facemask.
- If a student does not have a mask, the bus driver will provide a mask to the student.
- Students should keep 6 feet apart while waiting at the bus stop.
- If a student is accompanied by an attendant, they must comply with face masks and bus stop requirements.
- School bus drivers will wear masks, and enforce safety, boarding and exiting.
- Bus disinfecting 2x per day
- Ventilation: Drivers will keep windows open unless safety dictates otherwise

SOCIAL / EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

With safety precautions firmly in place, there will be a heavy focus on social/emotional support and development for all students. Many of our students are familiar with our daily CREW and morning meetings. These lessons and activities will address many areas intended to move our kids forward successfully. Please let your child's teacher, our social worker, guidance counselor, nurse or administration know if there is anything we should be aware of or areas that can be included as topics. We are here to help and are available for you.

FOOD

- **Jepson is NUT FREE.** Please do **NOT** send in any foods that contain nuts.
- Regular hot lunch with cold options will be served daily
- Students can bring a labeled water bottle. Water bottles can be refilled at sinks or the bottle filler station, there are **NO** water fountains available.

EMERGENCY FORMS

All students **MUST** have an updated emergency form on file before they return to in person learning. Forms are available on the NHPS and Jepson websites.

PHONES

Please read carefully and thoroughly. This document will require a signature and need to be returned from all students in grades 3-8. You can scan the QR codes below to find the documents.



Scan or click this code to see a guide for school safe snacks



Scan or click on this code for the Jepson cell phone policy - English



Scan or click on this code for the Jepson cell phone policy - Spanish

