



September 2019

Our Jefferson Falcons are AMAZING!
Mrs. Evans, Principal and Ms. Pfeifer, Assistant Principal

September

2	Labor Day-No School
18	3:30pm August & September Birthday Celebration Day!
20	*8:15 am Donuts with Grown-Ups on blacktop by soccer field. *Official Enrollment- Enrollment today is very important! Please have your child at school and on time!
24	Picture Day
27	Evacuation Drill-We will be practicing our school evacuation drill and walking to our evacuation sight. Please make sure your student is wearing comfortable walking shoes.

Jefferson Welcomes New Staff Members!

Kindergarten: Emma Owenson
1st Grade: Catherine Schmidt & Katy Henderson
5th Grade: Kelsey Prince
ESOL: Cindy Louthan **Newcomer:** Heather Wiens & Danica Scharenberg
Interrelated: Bailey Thode
PE-Part Time: Lauren Haney **Music:** Abigail Bryant
Art: Terra Morgan **Library:** Nancy Henderson
School Psychologist: Karin Cernik **School Nurse:** Chelcie Haase



Parents we want to take time to welcome you back to what is sure to be another great school year. We have many new families joining us, and we hope your student has adjusted to their new school home. Just a few reminders to keep your student safe, please be sure to follow all directions given by the crossing guards after school. This is usually a job done by our 5th graders, but we will be holding off for a while until the flow of traffic is safer for our students to take over. You can help us by driving slowly and by parking in approved spaces only.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 973-3000.
 Mrs. Evans, Principal

"A HUGE thank you to East Heights United Methodist Church for having a school supply drive for Jefferson again this year and for assembling hygiene kits for us. Their generosity helps our students and teachers start the school year on the right foot!"

Thank you to NewSpring Church for their donation to help support our newcomer and refugee students! Thank you to the Kansas Surgery and Recovery Center. They donated backpacks filled with school supplies for Jefferson students!

We appreciate all of you!



News From Nurse Chelcie

Medication

Parents must have a completed Request for Administration of Medication form for each medication (prescription & over-the-counter) a student takes at school. Parent fills out part A including date & signature. The prescriber will fill out part B. The nurse cannot give any medications without this form (Copies are available in the Health Room or can be downloaded from the Wichita Public Schools, Health Services website).

- If possible, medication needs to be given before or after school under parent supervision.
- Parents are responsible for making sure medication is brought in the original container with student's name on it and that the dose & time are correct.

Immunizations

Our immunization exclusion date, October 17th, is coming up fast. Please make sure that your child's immunizations are up to date and a copy of immunization records is on file at Jefferson.

If you have any questions regarding your child's immunization records or any health related questions including your child receiving medication at school, please call Nurse Chelcie at 973-3013.


Food Allergies

We have several students with food allergies in the building. Signs are posted on classroom doors for those students. Please check with your teacher if you have any questions when sending treats or snacks. Parents of students with food allergies: please send some snacks/treats to keep in class for those times when food being served is food they can't have.

Volunteers at School

Do you have an hour to spare? We are looking for parent volunteers to help in or out of our classrooms. Parent volunteers are a great asset to the classroom dynamic. The students, staff, and I invite you to come to school to volunteer your time and talents. We will value your time and appreciate your dedication to the students as a supportive helper, role model and guide. I understand how hectic life may be, and if you would rather help with projects at home, that too would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Abby Martinez, Pando/Volunteer Site Contact at 973-3023 or her email amartinez@pandokids.org.

Parents, please check your child's agenda to see what days they have PE class. All students should wear tennis shoes on PE day to ensure all students stay safe.






Hello Parents from Safety Patrol,

Mrs. Louthan and Mrs. Sanborn, are in charge of the safety patrol this year and would like to welcome everyone to Jefferson Elementary. For morning drop off please drop your students off in front of the school on the SOUTH side of Orme Street. Please do not park in front. This is a drop and go area and will help keep traffic flowing. If your child is having breakfast you will drop them off back by the gym. The after school safety patrol consists of Fifth Grade students that are helping parents and students cross our streets safely at our crosswalks. There is one crosswalk at Orme and Dellrose and the other crosswalk is at Orme and Pershing. Parking after school for student pickup is across the street on Dellrose and Pershing Streets, along with parking on the SOUTH side of Orme where there are designated parking spots. To help with safety for all students, we are not allowing parents to park in the parking lot by the office due to students walking in this location when school is dismissed. We want to continue to have a safe year. We want to let everyone know how to ensure we are crossing safely. We need everyone to use the crosswalks in front of the building when crossing the streets. There will be students and/or staff with stop signs and reflective vests at the designated crosswalks after school.

We need you to wait to cross until safety patrol: 1. Has their stop sign out. (The adult will blow the whistle one time) 2. All traffic has stopped. 3. The adult blowing the whistle will blow 2 times and this gives you the ok to cross.

Please make sure if you or older siblings are walking with your child home that you follow these safety tips to help everyone get home safely.

Thank you-Mrs. Sanborn & Mrs. Louthan



Jefferson Tardy Policy

Arriving to school late causes students to lose instructional time. **Students should arrive to school between 8:50-9:00 am. Students arriving after 9:00 are considered tardy.** Parents will need to sign their children in when they are tardy. The following Tardy Policy is now in effect at Jefferson:

3 tardies in a 9 week period—Phone call from classroom teacher

5 tardies in a 9 week period—Phone call from the social worker

We have set a goal for the year that every student will attend regularly which means nine or less absences during the school year.

Please help us by having your child to school by 8:50 each morning for school. If your student has a Doctor's appointment, please bring them to school both before and after the appointment and get a written note from the Doctor for a medical excuse. Good communication between home and school is important and key to your student(s) success. Breakfast starts at 8:25 each morning. If your child is eating breakfast please have them to school between 8:25-8:45 am. Breakfast is not served after 8:45 am.

Some tips for encouraging good attendance:

Make sure your child understands why school is important

Show your child that you are interested in what they have done at school

Get everything ready the night before school

Arrange appointments before or after school or during the schools holidays

Set your alarm and your child's alarm clock. See who can beat the clock!

Breakfast is served from 8:25-8:45am daily. **Please have your child here at 8:25 if you plan for your child to eat breakfast here at school. They will enter the school at Door 15 off of Pershing.** The expectation is for all students NOT eating breakfast to come to school at 8:50am and go to their grade level assigned door. Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades enter Door 17. 3rd, 4th and 5th grades enter Door 16. PreK enters Door 2. Please do not drop off your child before 8:50 if they are not eating breakfast at school. There is no adult supervision outside until 8:50! **School hours are 8:50am—4:10pm.** Students exit grade level assigned doors at the 4:10 bell. PreK Door 2, Kindergarten Door 3, 1st Door 2, 2nd Door 5, 3rd Door 16, 4th Door 15, & 5th Door 17. **All Students should be picked up from school no later than 4:20pm.**

Just Around the Corner...

October 3rd-Parent Tech Summit Night 5:30-6:30pm

October 7th-11th-Kindness Week/United Way Week

October 8th-4th & 5th Grade Music Program 6:30pm

October 9th-3:30pm October Birthday Day Celebration!

October 14th-17th-Book Fair Week

October 15th & 16th- Parent Teacher Conferences 1:30-7:50pm. **School Dismisses at 1:00pm. No PreK on these days.**

October 17th-Parent Teacher Conferences 1:30-4:20pm. **School Dismisses at 1:00pm. No Prek On these days.**

October 18th-NO SCHOOL-End of 1st 9 Weeks! Non-Teaching Duty Day. Chuck E Cheese Family Night 3:00-8:00pm

October 21st-NO SCHOOL-Inservice Day

October 22nd-Picture Re-Take Day

October 25th-Trunk or Treat Night 6:00-7:30pm

October 31st-Fall Parties 3:30pm

No Tardy Party for students who aren't tardy or picked up early (before 4:10) the entire month of September-October 5th