

Jaguar Journal

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John A. Johnson Achievement Plus
January 2021



Check-In With Cherek:

Happy New Year to all of our JAJ Jaguars!

We hope you had a warm and family-filled winter break! We are excited to be back together online in January AND we are busy preparing for the safe return to in-person instruction beginning in February. Please know that we will be following all of the MN Dept. of Health & SPPS health/safety guidelines to keep our JAJ Community safe and healthy! Not only are we updating procedures at school for students and staff, but we are also updating policies and procedures for families! **We are all in this together and we need ALL adults to help out!** Please be on the lookout for informational emails, videos, texts, and other messages coming from your child's teacher AND from John A. Johnson on what this means for all of us!

I will also be holding a few informational sessions to answer any questions you may have about our return to in-person instruction! Information will be coming soon!

Here are the options for our return to school in January/February:

Continue with Virtual Learning (no in-person instruction):

If you prefer to keep your children in an online learning environment, **SPPS Virtual Learning School** is still an option for any family in SPPS. The **JAJ Virtual Learning School (VLS)** Classrooms will be taught by JAJ Teachers in multi-age, online classrooms. **You must register for VLS by Jan 8th** by calling the SPPS Student Placement at (651) 632-3760.

If you are already registered for VLS, no further action is needed. Your child will continue using all of the online learning tools they have been using all year! Please note, there may be some teacher & schedule changes for your children due to enrollment. Please watch for information from JAJ and your child's teacher!

Return to in-person instruction:

Monday, February 1st: ECSE, PK, 1st, and 2nd grade students (ONLY) return to in person learning.

Tuesday, February 16th: 3rd-5th graders return to in person learning

(*NOTE: There is NO SCHOOL on Monday, Feb 15th in celebration of President's Day).

Please watch your mail and email for bussing and other important information regarding the return to in-person instruction in February!

This year has been a test in flexibility and creativity and you have all done the BEST you can to support your children! We know this has been hard for everyone! And...this next transition will be another adjustment for our community, but TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT!!

As always, please call or text me directly at 651-249-6422 with any questions or concerns!

Ms. Cherek

Calendar

Return To School

January 4th

Parent Leadership Team (PLT)

(Discuss the return to school on Feb. 1st, get all your questions answered!)

Wednesday January 13th
2PM - 3PM

NO SCHOOL for ALL STUDENTS

MLK Day, Monday Jan. 18th

ROAR Rally

Friday January 22nd
1:00 PM - 1:45 PM

PBIS Celebration

Thursday January 28th
1:00 PM - 1:20 PM

NO SCHOOL for ALL STUDENTS

Friday January 29th



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School Announcements

Want to learn more about the return to in person learning planned for Feb. 1st? A great place to start is by watching [this video](#). You can also find more information [here](#). Click [Here](#) to receive a free at home COVID-19 test by mail

NEED MORE BOOKS TO READ AT HOME? Click [here](#) to request library books and learn more about our drive-up library book checkout system.

VIRTUAL SCHOOL CHOICE ENROLLMENT WORKSHOPS: Jan. 9th @ 10am and 11am // Jan. 14th @ 6:30pm // Jan. 28th @ 10am // Feb. 11th @ 6:30pm // Feb. 25th @ 6:30pm.

Resources:

NEED HELP PAYING RENT? To register for a \$300/monthly rent assistance with Families First: call (651) 789-3602 or reach out to our Community Liaison JT Harney at jtharney-wil@spps.org.

FREE PARENT ED CLASS: Coping with Kids During the Pandemic Jan 14th 6-7pm and Jan 21st 6-7pm. [Click here](#).

MN BLACK COMMUNITY COVID-19 HOTLINE: call (612) 245-1145 for assistance with anything about COVID.

STAYING ACTIVE OUTSIDE IN WINTER DURING COVID-19: [Click Here!](#) for info, activities, and ideas.

NEED MORE RESOURCES? Click [Here](#) for information on housing, childcare, transit, mental health, food, and more, or contact J.T. Harney, Community Liaison at jtharney-wil@spps.org | call/txt (651) 419-0986.

PLT (Parent Leadership Team)

The input of all parents and families and working together to put ideas into practice at our school. Is very important at JAJ. We want to know what you think about your needs at this time and our current Distance Learning plan. Join a meeting by clicking [HERE](#) (Dec. 9th 9am and January 13th 2pm) to give input and get questions answered. Email jtharney-wil@spps.org or call (651) 744-1647 with questions or to suggest topics for the meetings.

