

Jaguar Journal

John A. Johnson Achievement Plus
February 2021



Check-In With Cherek:

Happy 1st day of school...again!

We are excited to have our Jaguars back in-person on Feb 1 and Feb 16th! We know it's been a hard 10 months for everyone, but we are prepared for the students to return. As I mentioned last month, it will take the **WHOLE JAJ COMMUNITY** to keep each other safe and healthy! Mask wearing, hand washing, and social distancing will be our main safety messages at school and we ask that you do your part at home, too! We ALL will have to work together to keep each other safe. **As always, if you have questions or concerns, please call/text me at 651-249-6422.**

We know that this first day of school will be just like September for many of us! Some of our Jaguars have never been to our school before, so know that we have helpers ready to support our youngest Jaguars get used to being in the building together. There have been changes in teachers and in grade levels. Due to the demand for online classrooms at JAJ, many of our Jaguars will have a new teacher—both in person and online. They may also have new students in their classroom and in some cases, we have multi-age classrooms now. This is an exciting learning opportunity! And while we know moving classrooms and teachers mid-year is not ideal, JAJ has so many great teachers that we KNOW your student(s) will have a great rest of the school year!

Last, we know that COVID-19 can cause quick changes in plans. If there was an outbreak at school, **it is CRITICAL that you are monitoring your phone, email, and US Mail AND that JAJ has your most current contact information.** This is the way we will contact you and communicate important information regarding any changes in our schedule and potentially, in-person school. We hope that we don't have to adjust again, but it is a possibility. If you have had a change in contact information, please call Shannon in the Main Office at 651-793-7300.

We will get through this TOGETHER, Jaguars!
Ms. Cherek

If you have questions about anything in the newsletter or need translations, please call the office at 651.793.7300.

Yog koj muaj lus nug txog abtsi hauv daim ntawv xovxwm no los yog xav tau kev pab txais lus, thov hu rau Mai Neng Lee ntawm tus xov tooj 651.793.7300.

Si usted tiene preguntas sobre cualquier tema en el boletín, llame a la oficina al 651.793.7319 y comuníquese con Yamibell Ayala. Gracias.

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 and In Person Learning plans. Join a meeting on the JAJ Website. 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.



Calendar

Return To In Person Learning Grades PK-2nd

Monday February 1st

Lunar New Year

February 12th

NO SCHOOL for ALL STUDENTS

Monday February 15th

Return To In Person Learning Grades 3rd-5th

Tuesday February 16th

Parent Leadership Team (PLT)

(PBIS and Behavior at JAJ)
Wednesday February 17th
9AM - 10AM

Winter Open House for Perspective Families

Tuesday February 16th
10AM - 12PM

ROAR Rally and SPIRIT DAY!

Friday February 26th
1:00PM - 1:45PM

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SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Want to learn more about the return to in person learning? Please visit spps.org for more information. Please visit the MDH website to learn how to get a free COVID test in the mail.

NEED MORE BOOKS TO READ AT HOME IF YOU'RE IN VLS? Students can request library books through our drive-up library checkout on their tablets.

VIRTUAL SCHOOL CHOICE ENROLLMENT WORKSHOPS: 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.

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

NEED MORE RESOURCES? Go to the JAJ website 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.

February is **Black History Month**, chosen because February includes the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

We work hard to make sure that all of our students feel seen for who they are and to help inspire them to be whatever they want to be. Please reach out to your student's teacher to find out more about how they are celebrating Black History in the classroom.

