

New Information

I hope that all our families have a wonderful Thanksgiving Break. I continue to be grateful for the opportunity to lead this community of scholars and to serve our families. Enjoy this time with your loved ones 😊.



“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child’s success is the positive involvement of parents.”

-Jane D. Hull

Parents, thank you for working hand in hand with us to ensure that our students have the optimal school experience.

Staffing Update

Ms. Wagner (PreK) and Ms. Kendrick (DHH) will be leaving Esther Jackson to pursue other opportunities. We will miss both of them, but we wish them well in all future endeavors.

Parent University

Last week we sent home backpacks filled with books and instructional resources with all students who had a parent attend Parent University. If you attended and your child did not bring home a backpack, please email me directly.

Carpool

Parents when you are dropping students off in the morning or picking them up in the afternoon, we ask that you please pack your patience. We have noticed an increase of cars speeding into the carpool line and/or drivers not being attentive while moving through the line. We are working on putting more signs up to remind visitors that children are present. For the safety of our students, it is important that everyone drives carefully and are aware of your surroundings. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Murder Mystery – Emily Merkle

Our own Emily Merkle is an amazing actress! She is starring in a comedic murder mystery titled, *Bootleg Bedlum*, at *Petite Violette*, Atlanta’s Original French Restaurant. The dinner theater takes place on Friday at Saturday Nights. A few staff members went to the show last week and had a great time. It was great food, company, and entertainment and Ms. Merkle was fantastic!



Backpacks and Supplies

We have a large number of backpacks filled with school supplies that were donated by Northbrook Church UMC. If your student needs a new backpack and/or school supplies, please send me an email directly at boydn@fultonschools.org/.

Book Donation



The grandmother of one of our 5th grade students recently published a children's book titled, *The Day the Birds Came Calling*. The student is in Christopher Roberts and his grandmother is Linda Roberts-Betsch. We were excited to have her visit last week to donate her new book to our Media Center. We have invited her to come back after the new year to read it to some of our students. We would like to thank Ms. Roberts-Betsch for her support of Esther Jackson!

EJ Dad's Club

We are still looking for dads to be part of our 2021-2022 EJ Dad's Club.

No experience necessary (other than being an awesome role model). One of our first duties will be to help out at carpool on Friday mornings, but the hope is to do even more around EJ throughout the school year (i.e.gardening/landscaping/beautifying EJ, reading in classrooms, assisting PTA, etc.).

We are hoping to begin in January when we return from Winter Break. If you are interested, please email Erin Shurbutt (shurbutt@fultonschools.org) AND me (boydn@fultonschools.org).

School Events

The building will open back up to school events second semester. Our PTA is planning a BINGO Night and a Family Dance. Our SGC and PTA are partnering to host our Spring Carnival in April as well. Parents, we need your help and support to make these events possible and successful for our students. It's been too long since we have been able to get together as a community, and I'm excited! If you are able to help with any of these events, please reach out to our PTA President, Margaret Gunter at Margaret.g.gunter@gmail.com. Let's help make second semester even more amazing for our jaguars. #BetterTogether

Esther Jackson Spirit Wear

The PTA is ready to begin selling EJ spirit wear. If you are interested in purchasing some for yourself or your students, please use the link below. Hard copies of the order form will be in your student's backpack today.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe1FcADJ6igcTILBzUxCDLI34DU6Q2WXoq7ILAozDcxEq-LA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Principal Feedback

Parents, please use this link to provide feedback on how we can better serve you. I welcome questions, suggestions, concerns, and of course positive messages about EJ or any staff member. Please do not include questions about your student(s) performance. Instead, contact your student's teacher.

<https://forms.office.com/r/ybLvBC5J2J>

Dates to Remember

- **November 22-26 – Thanksgiving Break (NO SCHOOL!)**
- November 30 – Election Run-off (School will be OPEN)

- December 6 – Mass Vision Screenings for 1st, 3rd, and 5th graders
- December 16 – Q2 House Party
- December 17 – End of Q2
- **December 18-January 3 – Winter Break**
- **January 3 – Teacher Work Day (NO SCHOOL)**
- January 4 – First Day of Second Semester (Welcome Back!)
- January 10 – Report Cards Visible in Parent Portal
- January 17 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (NO SCHOOL)
- January 24 – 100th Day of School!

Recurring School and Community News

Join the PTA

Parents, WE NEED YOU! It's never too late to sign up for the PTA! Use this link to choose the membership option that works best for your family. Every member is important and we appreciate your support.

<https://estherjackson.memberhub.com/store>

We appreciate any amount you are able to give.

Late Start Days – please add these to your calendar

This year, Fulton County added the following **6 Late Start Days** to the District calendar. On these dates, we will begin school exactly one hour late. This will allow schools to collaborate in Professional Learning Communities and receive Professional Development.

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| ✓ September 20 th , 2021 | January 24 th , 2022 |
| ✓ October 25 th , 2021 | February 28th, 2022 (update) |
| ✓ November 15 th , 2021 | March 21 st , 2022 |

School buses will continue to run at the normal time. Students who ride the school bus will be picked up at normal times and we will have staff available to supervise and complete instructional activities with them. Parents who drive students to school can either drop students off at the normal time (7:10 – 7:40), or one hour late (8:10 – 8:40).

My door is always open, and I welcome your feedback.

In Partnership,

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