

New Information

Happy Friday! It has been such a joy to see some of our little jaguars in the building again 😊.

The HARD Hat by Jon Gordon #WeCanDoHARDthings



Lesson #2 from the book: *Remember WD > WS*

(Well Done > Well Said) There's nothing wrong with words. Sometimes we need to be challenged and encouraged. It is my job as a leader to tell us to "pick it up" when I feel we aren't giving our best effort. But, as a teammate you speak most powerfully through your actions. Well said (WS) is important, but done (WD) is always better, hence: WD > WS. Set the example in all that you do, so when you speak, people will listen because you have earned their respect by what you have communicated with your actions.

I always say that I am going to do a better job of checking on people (family and friends) but I struggle to follow through. Sometimes I can get into my bubble and isolate myself without communicating with my loved ones. With the recent events in our country, specifically the death of Breonna Taylor, it has made me think about how precious life is and

how it can be taken away in a moment. Instead of continuing to promise myself to reach out to family and friends, I am actually doing it. I spent the past week connecting and it felt great! Life is too short. Moving forward I will make more of an effort to let my actions speak louder than words. **WD > WS.**

Action: What does **WD > WS** mean to you? I would love to hear an example of how this has resonated in your life or how you are encouraging your students to have their actions speak louder than words.

Transitioning to Face to Face

If you have NOT indicated your preference for remote vs. face to face learning in the survey below, please do so as soon as possible. This will help us plan effectively for students when full face to face instruction begins on Oct. 14. Please note that this information will drive our staffing and class placement. We may have to make adjustments to teachers based upon enrollment, so this information is vital to our decision making.

https://fultonschools.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9tN1i9yUujA57rn

Check list to complete the survey:

- **Please have your student's ID number (this is the same as their lunch number)**
- You will have a choice for in-person or remote learning for each phase
- If you have multiple students, you will need to enter your choice for each child separately

Staffing Changes

Our staffing allocation changed as a result of our enrollment numbers. We had to collapse a Kindergarten class due to low numbers. Ms. Ashley Endicott was surplus to another Fulton County Elementary School and we wish her the best of luck in her new school and position. Ms. Morgan Wylie moved from Kindergarten and has taken over Ms. Endicott's class.

Book Baggies and Learning Bundles

Learning bundles for grades K-2 are available in bins in the carpool lane on Wednesdays from 11-1 and Thursdays and Fridays from 9-1. If it is raining, bundles will be available at the office. Learning bundles are no longer being created for grades 3-5, as all grade 3-5 students have access to a device and receive assignments from their teachers.

Book baggies are available for pick up at the office Wednesday, September 30, through Friday, October 2, for students who are attending virtually only. Please fill out this [survey link](#) or scan the QR code by Tuesday at 8 am to have a bag ready for pick up.



Carpool

For safety reasons, we will no longer open/close doors at carpool this year. It will be important that students have masks on and are ready to get out of the car in order to keep carpool flowing in the morning. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Esther Jackson Foundation

Our Esther Jackson Community Foundation has devices to approximately 10 students this year. We are so thankful for their efforts to support our community. If you would like to get involved with the foundation, please reach out to Jennifer Holle at jennifer@ejcommunity.org.

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found is overflowing! If your child is attending school face to face, please encourage him/her to visit the lost and found when they are here to see if any lost items belong to them. We are planning to donate all items to charity soon but would like to give students the opportunity to claim items first. If you would like to check the lost and found, please contact Neidalyn at the front office to schedule a time to come. Remember, to wear your mask 😊.

Teacher and Staff Recognition

If you would like to recognize an EJ staff member, please complete this short form: <https://tinyurl.com/StaffRecognitionEJ> We would love to hear from you!

Dates to Remember

October 9 – End of Quarter 1

October 12 – Columbus Day – NO SCHOOL

October 13 – Teacher Work Day – NO SCHOOL for students

October 14 – Full Face to Face Instruction begins

October 16 – Report Cards Go Home

October 21 – College Day (students wear clothes to represent their favorite college)

October 22 – Math/Literacy Parent University

Recurring School and Community News

Meal Distribution

FREE Meal kits are available every Wednesday for all families; however, you must pre-order by Tuesday at 11:59 p.m. Bus stop delivery continues Wednesdays from 10:45 – noon. For more information:

<http://fcsnutrition.com>.

Microsoft TEAMS Support

Fulton County has a Universal Remote Learning (URL) resource page on their website. If you would like assistance with navigating TEAMS and supporting your student, please refer to

www.fultonschools.org/backtoschool.

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

In Partnership,

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