

New Information

Parents, THANK YOU for trusting us to take care of your scholars/jaguars during these unusual times!

The first two weeks of school have been great. Our jaguars are already learning procedures and developing relationships with staff and other students. I am extremely proud of our students and staff for following all protocols and making the best of uncertain times. I continue to be grateful that I get to do something that I absolutely love – leading this amazing school 😊.



Great leaders don't set out to be a leader... they set out to make a difference. Its never about the role-always about the goal.

-Lisa Haisha

It is my goal to help make a difference in the lives of every jaguar scholar at Esther Jackson.

Enrollment

Our current enrollment is extremely low in some grade levels. Because of this, we will most likely have some changes to class placement soon. We understand that this isn't ideal and will make every attempt to limit the disruption to learning.

Curriculum Night, September 9, 2021

Due to the rising number of COVID cases in our area and the directive from the District to limit in person gatherings, we have changed our curriculum night to virtual. Although I really wanted to have this event in person, I also want to do everything possible to keep our students in the face-to-face setting for learning. More specific details and a TEAMS link will be sent to parents closer to the date. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Title I Annual Parent Meeting – September 9, 2021

All parents and families are welcome to attend our virtual Title I Annual Parent Meeting on Thursday, September 9th at 5:00. This meeting will review information about Title I and how our school benefits from this National program.

Student Agendas, Grades 1-5

Home-School communication is one of the most important factors in the success of students. Please help us by checking your student's agenda daily and signing to acknowledge that you have reviewed it daily with your student. Teachers are expected to initial agendas daily as well. Agendas are also a great way to ask questions and/or have two-way communication with your student's teacher. Remember, we are **#Better Together!**

Device Care

We have had an overwhelming number of students with broken and/or damaged devices. We are unable to sustain replenishing them at this rate and need your help. Please speak with your student about the importance of taking care of the device that has been loaned to them. If your student damages his/her device, they will be charged a fine of \$100 or \$50 to fix/replace it. Thank you in advance for helping us keep a device in the possession of all students in grades 3-5.

Drop Off Cart

Parents – if you are dropping off items for your student, please follow our drop off system procedure. There will be a cart in the entrance area between the 2 sets of doors. Once you indicate the reason for your visit, you will enter the front door and follow the instructions on the cart to drop off item(s). NOTE: Please be reminded that due to safety and wellness reasons, we are not accepting any group treats at this time. **All items (lunches, snacks, jackets, water bottles, etc.) must be labeled and dropped off by 10:00 a.m.**

COVID Reminders

Remember that masks are required on all Fulton County Buses and in all Fulton County Schools. Students should come to school each day wearing a mask and are expected to wear it at all times indoors, with the exception of eating and strenuous physical activity.

All In One Form

Please complete this form for EACH of your students. It includes discipline, transportation, and other permissions.

Spanish: <https://forms.office.com/r/GdYedMphMH>

English: <https://forms.office.com/r/YWzeCHSzxF>

Teacher and Staff Recognition

I have received so many positive emails from parents this week. It means more to me than you can imagine. We will continue with our Strategic Plan Goal **Increase the opportunities for positive recognition for teachers and staff**. 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

- ~~PTA/School Community Event: August 27th, 5:30 P.M.~~ **CANCELLED**
- **Curriculum Night and Title I Meeting: September 9th**
 - 5:00 P.M. (Title I Meeting)
 - 5:45 P.M. (Grades Pre-K, K, 1, 2)
 - 6:45 P.M. (Grades 3, 4, 5)
- **Labor Day: September 6th – NO SCHOOL**
- **Hispanic Heritage Month Begins – September 15th**
- **Late Start Day – September 20th**
- **Donuts With Dads - September 24th**
- **Fall Pictures – October 1st**

Recurring School and Community News

Late Start Days

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.

September 20th, 2021
October 25th, 2021
November 15th, 2021

January 24th, 2022
February 25th, 2022
March 21st, 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).

PTA

We are so fortunate to have a PTA dedicated to supporting our school. Our current president for the 2021-2022 school year is Margaret Gunter. If you would like information about how to get involved, please review the PTA page on our school website. The PTA also has a Facebook page (<https://www.ejefamily.com/>) that is updated regularly with information.

Please consider becoming a member and contributing your time and/or talents to our wonderful school. There will be an opportunity for you to express your interest at our Open House. In addition, the PTA has provided a sign-up link for parents to volunteer throughout the school year at various events.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoE45AFA72FA5FF2-20212022>)

Additional information will be shared with parents in the coming weeks.

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

In Partnership,

Nikol