

New Information

We have had two more great weeks at Esther Jackson! I am so proud of our students and how well they are handling this unique school year. As you may have seen, COVID numbers are steadily increasing. If your student isn't feeling well, remember not to send them to school. If you are unsure, please err on the side of caution. Also, if your child or someone in your household tests positive for COVID, report to the portal ASAP using the link below and email the school to let us know. Let's work together to keep schools open and everyone safe 😊.

<https://www.fultonschools.org/ReportCOVID>



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TOGETHER**

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.
-Helen Keller

Enrollment

We now have an enrollment of 515 students, and we were projected for 598. Because of our numbers, we had to make adjustments to a few classes in short amount of time. I am hoping that we are done with changes and that our enrollment will remain stable for the remainder of the year. Thank you for your patience and understanding through this unavoidable process.

Front Desk

I am happy to let you know that we have hired someone for our front desk! We are excited to welcome Clio Ake to Esther Jackson. Clio is bilingual and currently works at another Fulton County School. Her first day at EJ will be on Thursday, 9/9.

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. This meeting will be virtual. Please use the provided link to attend at 5:00 p.m. on 9/9. I am attaching our Parent and Family Engagement Plan and our School Compact for this year. Please review it prior to the meeting so that you can provide feedback. Parents will be able to switch over and join grade level curriculum nights directly after this meeting.

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Or call in (audio only)

[+1 470-705-1712,,253080112#](tel:+14707051712253080112)

Phone Conference ID: 253 080 112#

Curriculum Night, September 9, 2021

Curriculum Night for students will take place virtually on 9/9 at the following times:

- 5:45 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (PreK – 2)
- 6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. (3-5)

This is the time where you will hear from grade level teachers about student schedules, routines, and instructional expectations.

Please use the following links to join:

Grade Level/Teacher(s)	Link to Live Session
Pre-Kindergarten	Click here to join Pre-K for Curriculum Night
Kindergarten	Click here to join Kindergarten for Curriculum Night
1 st Grade	Click here to join 1st grade for Curriculum Night
2 nd Grade	Click here to join 2nd grade for Curriculum Night
3 rd Grade	Click here to join 3rd grade for Curriculum Night
4 th Grade	Click here to join 4th grade for Curriculum Night
5 th Grade	Click here to join 5th grade for Curriculum Night
KSE, Ms. Thomas	Click here to join Ms. Thomas for Curriculum Night
PSE, Ms. Cutler, Ms. Vielmas, and Ms. Pearson	Click here to join Ms. Cutler, Ms. Vielmas, and Ms. Pearson for Curriculum Night

Teacher and Staff Recognition

We will continue with our Strategic Plan Goal ***Increase the opportunities for positive recognition for teachers and staff.***

Entire EJ Staff – I want to personally thank our staff for all their hard work and dedication. They come to work each day because they love our jaguars and our community. I could not lead this amazing school without them. *Nikol Boyd, EJ Principal* 😊

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

- **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
- **Progress Reports visible in parent portal** – September 17th
- **Late Start Day** – September 20th
- ~~**Donuts With Dads** – September 24th~~
- **Fall Pictures** – October 1st

Recurring School and Community News

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.

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!**

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.

September 20 th , 2021	January 24 th , 2022
October 25 th , 2021	February 25 th , 2022
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,

Nikol