



JAMESTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Families:

On behalf of the Jamestown School District staff, I am pleased to welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year! We look forward to continuing our partnership with you to ensure your children can achieve their highest potential in a safe, respectful learning environment.

We are so happy to announce that our educational program is returning to a traditional school day. We are expecting that ALL students will return to school for in-person instruction with a regular school day, 8:18 AM- 2:40 PM schedule. We will no longer be offering distance learning as an educational option. However, if there are extenuating circumstances that do not allow for your child to participate in in-person instruction for this school year, you must contact the district office at 984-4058, no later than August 16th, in order to set up a conference to discuss and apply for Independent Study. Independent Study has changed from the traditional model, and there are strict requirements attached to this exception.

Jamestown School District is continuing to follow CDPH school guidance for our health and safety protocols. Our COVID Safety Plan is reviewed and updated regularly and is posted on our website www.jespanthers.org under required postings. Under current guidance, we will no longer be requiring temperature screening in the morning, cohorts, social distancing or masking outdoors. We are required under CDPH guidelines to mandate masking indoors, and we will expect all students to adhere to masking rules. We will have regular outside recesses; however, we cannot use the cafeteria at this time. We are still required to have breakfast and lunch in classrooms or designated classroom outdoor space. Finally, I am sorry to say, that we still are required to limit non-essential gatherings and activities, as well as enforcing no visitors or non-essential volunteers on campus at this time.

It is very important for the health and safety of all students and staff that you continue to health screen your children at home before sending them to school, and if your child is sick or has any COVID-like symptoms, please keep them home. We will continue to monitor student illness at school, and we will follow the guidance for quarantine and isolation times which have been modified (shortened) for those staff members and students 12 years and older who have been vaccinated.

In other school news, we are sorry to see several members of our staff members move on to other positions or retire; however, we have some outstanding new additions to our team! We welcome Lauren Scholl and Elaine Sloop, both first grade teachers. Katrina McGeogh who will teach third grade, and Destanie Smith who will teach 7th and 8th grade. In our special education department, we welcome Richard Gurule who will teach the primary SDC students and Tammy Quick who will teach upper grade SDC/Resource students. We also have several new paraprofessional staff members.

Many of our dedicated staff members have spent their summer taking advantage of a variety of professional learning opportunities, and all have been working diligently to prepare their classrooms for an engaging and meaningful school year. The emphasis for instruction will be on essential standards and learning acceleration

to address academic gaps due to COVID. It is our commitment to you that we keep our focus on a cycle of continuous improvement in order to increase the academic achievement of all students.

The Jamestown After School Program (JASP) plans to reopen it's no cost enrichment activities this coming school year for TK-3rd grades. A 4th/5th grade class may be added as we confirm funding and an additional instructor. If you would like your child to be enrolled in JASP, please email Daniel Harrison at dharrison@jespanthers.org. Final confirmation and enrollment paperwork will be filled out during Arena Registration on August 16th and 17th.

When compiling the results of our family involvement survey and your input on our Extended Learning Plan/LCAP, we heard you say that you would like to see more intervention services in reading and math. We have extended our reading intervention opportunities to serve more students and have added a math intervention specialist. Your input also stated that there is a strong need for afterschool clubs and enrichment opportunities. We will continue to offer academic support through PATHWAYS and will be adding both clubs and enrichment opportunities for 5-8th grade student participation.

We are excited to announce that we are the recipient of a \$1,000,000 three-year California Community School Partnership Grant from the California Department of Education. This grant will support and expand the services of Jamestown Family Resource Center, increase counseling support, allow for the addition of a half-time School Resource Officer and continue the work of Trauma Informed Practices. If you need any additional services or supports, do not hesitate to reach out to us. Our Jamestown Family Resource Center is a resource for all of our families in a variety of areas. For further information, please contact Dan Harrison at 984-4704 ext. 113.

School program and policy information, as well as announcements for upcoming activities and events, can be found on our website www.jespanthers.org. We will also use our auto dialer system for both phone and email messaging.

My door is always open to you to discuss concerns, suggestions, or ideas in order to help make this a successful school year!

In Partnership,



Contessa Pelfrey
Superintendent