



JONES BLACKHURST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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2021 - 2022 School Year Information: UPDATED 8/2/2021

Good afternoon Jaguars,

We are looking forward to the first day of school on Monday, August 9, 2021. We wanted to inform you that we are planning to move forward with an in-person Meet and Greet, this Friday (8/6/2021), between 5 and 6 pm. If you decide to attend, all family members must wear a face mask at all times and maintain social distancing. The number of people in each classroom is limited, so we ask that you wait in the hallway until space opens in the classroom. Please do not linger in the classroom to provide all families an opportunity to meet the teacher and drop off supplies. Open House presentations will be pre-recorded and sent to families by the teacher on Friday at 3:30 pm. This change was made to limit connectivity issues within the school or at home.

If needed, here is an updated copy of the letter that was sent home with additional information regarding the beginning of the school year:

Welcome to Jan Jones Blackhurst Elementary School. As principal and assistant principal, we look forward to working with all of you and watching our "Jaguars" grow and achieve. We have a great staff assembled and have planned an outstanding instructional program for your child. We are eager to begin the 2021-2022 school year!

Please note, all students are required to wear a face mask indoors.

The first day of school for the 2021-22 school year will be **Monday, August 9, 2021**, for all students. Students in grades 1 through 5 will enter the playground through the Kiss-and-Drop gates (please see map for additional arrival/dismissal procedures), no earlier than 8:55 a.m. Kindergarten students will enter the playground in the front of the school. For safety reasons, parents/guardians are not permitted to enter the playground. Parents may enter the playground to assist their child with finding his/her yellow classroom dot on the first day of school only, August 9, 2021. Beginning August 10, 2021, all students will report directly to their classrooms upon arrival. At the end of the day, classes will line-up at their yellow classroom dot. Parents will have the option to pick up their child from the dot, allow students to meet them at the Kiss and Drop, be released to Safekey/bike rack, or to walk home. It is extremely important for parents to communicate the procedure students will follow to the classroom teacher. **Kindergarten students can be picked up from their classroom door.**

For safety reasons, students are not allowed to be on the school campus prior to 8:55 a.m. Grades 1-5 and Kindergarten will be in session from 9:10 a.m. to 3:27 p.m. **Clark County Parks and Recreation will sponsor the Safekey Program** before and after school for child care. For information, please call **(702) 455-8251**. In the mornings, parents/legal guardians must physically go into Safekey and sign their child in with them. Breakfast is available daily beginning at 8:55 a.m. in the multi-purpose room. Lunch will also be available to purchase or students may choose to bring a sack lunch.

Due to the unknown of COVID and the restrictions that may be in place, Open House presentations will be pre-recorded and emailed to parents at 3:30 pm, on Friday, August 6th. We are planning an in-person meet and greet on August 6th, between 5:00 and 6:00 pm. This will allow families to meet the teacher, drop off school supplies, and see the classroom. Presentations will not take place during the meet and greet.

The staff at Jan Jones Blackhurst Elementary School is dedicated to providing our students with a quality education. We cannot accomplish this alone. We encourage parents to be actively involved in the school. However, we ask that parents/guardians make prior arrangements with the classroom teacher should a parent/guardian wish to speak to the classroom teacher in order to minimize the number of classroom disruptions. Office staff will not deliver messages to students, as messages also involve classroom disruptions and a possible violation of the FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) law. If you have an emergency, please come to the office with a valid ID and the office will locate your child for you. For security reasons, all visitors must check in at the school office with **proper identification** and receive a visitor's badge through our IDENT-A-KID computer at the front counter. Parents and school staff need to work together in a partnership to assure that student learning takes place. Good communication between us is essential. If you have questions or concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to call the school at (702) 799-1252, to set up an appointment to discuss your concerns with your child's teacher.

We look forward to seeing you at Open House on August 6, 2021. Please feel free to bring supplies at that time. With your support and continued involvement, we look forward to a successful and productive school year.

Sincerely,

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