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WELCOME BACK TO FULL DAY LEARNING

After Fall Break, we will be returning to full day learning, Monday thru Friday. 8 am – 2:30 PM. Early Release will be **WEDNESDAYS** at 1 PM.

FALL BREAK

October 5th –9th

A reminder that our Fall Break will begin next week. There will be **NO SCHOOL** on Friday, October 2th.

SCHOOL PICTURES

Friday, October 16th

Smile! Picture day is Friday, October 16th! Please be sure to send your student in picture dress that is school appropriate

Spirit Days

We will have Storybook Character/Literary Hero day on October 30th for grades K-3. Students in these grades will be allowed to dress up as their favorite literary character. Grades 4-6 will be allowed to dress in orange and black in honor of our fall harvest time.

*****GAME DAYS:** We will also recognize our LHHS game days by allowing students to wear “Game Day” shirts or any purple shirt that is school appropriate in support of our Fighting Knights.



SAFETY AND SECURITY

At Jamaica, we take safety of our students, staff, and guests seriously; therefore we are a closed campus.

1. Please refrain from coming into the school to wait for your child at pick up time by the classroom door. Students will meet you outside after the 2:30pm bell. Thank you for everyone’s help with this.
2. It is critical for safety that all guests, including parents and guardians, check in at the front office and sign in for a visitor’s badge. All those needing to come into the office must wear a face covering on campus per our governor’s mandate. We are not allowing community visitors at this time.
3. The gates are staying locked in the mornings until 7:45am. This is for the safety and security of our students in the mornings. Students will be reporting **DIRECTLY** to their classroom lines upon arriving to school to ensure appropriate safety measures and social distancing. Please ensure you **DO NOT** drop them off any earlier than 15 minutes before their start time of school.
4. In the parking lot, please use the cross walk and **do not get out of your vehicle.** Thank you to our many parents who follow this rule to help model for our students.

HEALTH OFFICE

Our nurse, Olivia Sandoval, will be on campus from 7:30am-3pm daily to help serve our students and monitor our needs during this time. She will be monitoring any student’s needs, and assess students or staff as needed for any injury or potential signs of illness. We ask that ALL parents do their due diligence in screening your children for any signs of illness before reporting to school. Students who show any COVID related signs of illness will be monitored by our nurse. Parents will be contacted, and students may be sent home as necessary until their symptoms have passed.

NURSE UPDATE

If you would like information about family assistance for the holidays, please see the nurse.



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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PTSO in October</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Butter Braid Fundraiser • Burgers by the Bridge Fundraiser (Oct 1st) • Boo Bags (Oct 12th-30th) • Door Decorating Contest (Oct 14th-29th) • Spirit Days (See info below) • Scarecrow Decorating Contest 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CITIZENSHIP</u></p> <p>We believe that it is important for the school to teach and evaluate citizenship as they would teach and evaluate academic work. In order to help students be successful, we must support them in both citizenship and academic performance. Therefore, students receive a citizenship grade on their quarterly report card. In general, a student with good citizenship:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attends school regularly and is seldom tardy-<u>no more than 4 absences and/or tardies per quarter (a student can have four absences AND four tardies and earn an "S")</u> 2. Respects school property and observes classroom rules consistently. 3. Works diligently and uses time effectively-turns in assignments on time. <p>Displays courtesy and respect-complies with guidelines of the school handbook.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ARRIVAL</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are NOT to arrive to campus before 7:45am unless coming for breakfast or scheduled by a teacher for clubs or assistance. • Arrival - If your child is eating breakfast, arrive at 7:30. Breakfast will be served until 7:45. • If your child is not eating breakfast, then please arrive between 7:45 - 8:00. There is no supervision outside before 7:45am. • At 7:45am students arriving will be sent to their lines to be greeted by their teachers. <p>At this time, we are still asking parents NOT to escort your students on campus for daily dropoff/pickup. This is to reinforce social distancing.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DISMISSAL</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers will escort classes out to pickup area at 2:30pm. Students being picked up will need to be picked up at the lower parking lot in the drive through model. Please do not exit your cars. • Students will be asked to stay with their teachers until their vehicles have been identified and pull through the pickup line. Teachers will send students out as cars pull up (using the name cards provided by the office). • Students walking or riding will be dismissed at the front of the building at 2:30pm. • Students attending Parks and Rec will be escorted or sent to the gym at 2:30pm



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<p><u>DRESS CODE</u></p> <p>Start the year out right by making sure you have your shirts. Don't forget there is a Web Store found at: www.jamaica.lhusd.org</p> <p>Shorts and skirts must be fingertip length. This means long enough so that when standing straight, hands at sides, the hem is at the edge of the fingertips. Any rips, frays, holes, and tears must be below the fingertip length as well.</p> <p>Students (5 years and above) and staff are also required to wear face coverings on campus until the governor removes the required mandate.</p> <p>**Dress code will be enforced, and students will be required to change if they do not follow dress code. There will be NO exceptions.</p>	<p><u>DISTRICT BOARD MEETING</u> 10-20-20</p> <p>The October District Office board meeting will take place on October 20, 2020 at 6pm. This will be held in our LHHS PAC. The public is invited to attend with a limit of up to 50 persons in attendance.</p> <hr/> <p><u>PARKS AND REC</u></p> <p>Registration for the After School Program is done on our city website – www.lhcaz.gov The website has a Recreation After School Program with all the updated dates, times and registration costs. Maybe just sharing the website.</p> <p>I will not be opening up the Jamaica sites maximum (currently 60) until we see if it fills and how the squads are doing.</p> <hr/> <p><u>PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES</u> Sept. 30th – Oct. 3rd</p> <p>* Please contact your homeroom teacher to schedule a conference. Parents are encouraged to take our parent survey during your conferences to help provide us with your valuable feedback!</p>	<p><u>SYNERGY</u></p> <p>Please be sure to check in with the office if you still do not have a parent login to see your student's grades in Synergy. All grades (except Kindergarten) update their grading weekly in Synergy to ensure that parents can keep track of their students' progress. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your teachers or the office staff.</p>	<p><u>TARDIES</u></p> <p>Every minute counts at Jamaica towards high level, quality instruction. When a child comes in late, not only do they miss out on the lesson, but it causes a distraction to the rest of the class. Each quarter the students are allotted 3 tardies without penalty. On the 5th tardy and every tardy thereafter, students will be asked to conference with Mrs. Helart and parents will be contacted to follow up on any issues. The 5th tardy will result in referral as parent contact. If a student does have a total of 10 or more tardies within a quarter, tardies will prevent students from earning the perfect attendance award and potentially their citizenship as well. So, if you are having difficulty getting your students to school, please contact the office to communicate.. Thank you to all of our parents who have their students here on time each day. We appreciate you!</p>
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Dear LHUSD Families,

As we prepare to fully open our elementary schools in a few short weeks, we are working on how to best meet the needs of all students. Our in-person learning students will return to a full schedule including specials classes, lunch, and recess. We will continue to focus on the mitigation strategies that reduce the transmission of COVID19 such as handwashing, extra sanitizing and social distancing to the greatest extent possible. Students and staff will continue to be required to wear a face covering until the Arizona Health Department removes this requirement (please see Executive Order 2020-51).

Teachers have worked above and beyond to meet the needs of both in-person and distance learning students, but this is not a sustainable model as we fully open our schools. It is important for all students to have access to quality instruction as well as support throughout the day when needed. We have worked together to determine the best option at this time. We will be transitioning any student who wishes to remain in distance learning after fall break to our Schools PLP platform, which will be available for the entire school year. Distance Learning parents and students will continue to have access to a LHUSD teacher and our Program Coordinator, Tracy Pressley. We will be offering an orientation over Zoom later this week.

Over the first quarter, some of our students have successfully used the Schools PLP platform. We have worked to customize the content available in order to ensure students are accessing rigorous curriculum. Schools PLP includes interactive videos, assignments, quizzes, and assessments that can be accessed anytime throughout the day or week. Parents can log in and see how much time their child has spent in the program per day as well as any grades he/she has earned. This platform allows families to set the schedule that best meets their needs. Students can access and work on their classes during the traditional school day, in the evenings or over the weekend.

Our Program Coordinator is available throughout the day, Monday-Friday, to assist students and parents with accessing and navigating the program, as well as, addressing immediate concerns with assignments. In addition, an LHUSD teacher will be checking in to monitor messages, grading assignments, and setting office hours for parents and students.

Prior to the orientation meeting, you may locate additional information on our website at lhUSD.org and watch the [student orientation video](#). Schools will be reaching out to distance learning families soon in order to discuss the learning options available and ensure students are enrolled in our Schools PLP platform after fall break. Distance Learning students may transition back to in-person learning at any time.

Thank you for your continued flexibility and support during this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Stone".

Rebecca Stone, Ed.D.
Superintendent