



# September 2020

## THE PRIMARY SOURCE

(for all the Primary News)

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### A Note from the Principal...

Welcome to JDPS! It is a pleasure for me and my staff to serve the great Children and Parents of this community. We offer your children the finest education one can receive anywhere. We have a Highly Qualified Staff of teachers that are excited to work with your children each and every day. Welcome to new Teachers Courtney Hansen and Shelby Angle First grade, we also welcome Amber Mullenau as Kindergarten Aide, Vinette Summers, Ashtynn Wright, and Brailey Stahl as inclusion aides.

I wish to express to you parents that your support is key to your child's success especially during these very difficult and strange times. Please develop a relationship with your child's teacher and put your support behind them. In doing this you will find a team effort that will bring success and happiness to your child. We also have the very difficult task of keeping masks on students, disinfecting heavy use areas, and making sure students are washing and sanitizing their hands. This is a daunting task added to a teacher's plate so I ask that you please be understanding and patient with your child's teacher.

Parents we are asking for 100% cooperation when dropping off and picking up your children. Please do not crossover when pulling into your parking spot. When dropping off 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders please approach from the North moving to the South. After drop off please back out and continue south to the highway. When dropping off your kindergarten please approach from the South moving to the North. Once again back out and continue going North to Second or First streets. When picking your child up please use the crosswalk and not jay walk as this is against the law but more importantly it is unsafe. Safety for our children is vital and we would not want any of our precious children hurt or worse taken away from us because the rules were not followed. Parents please review the new JDPS behavior plan with your student. We are striving to be better citizens that respect others as well as show responsibility for our actions.

Remember we love your children and will work hard each day to make their time at school and their learning experience one they will love and remember. We appreciate you good parents and thank you for your support. Always make it a habit to read with your children, if you do, I can promise you they will not only develop a love of reading but it will help them improve in all their academics. JDPS is a "Champion of Children" and we believe all children is capable of learning. Questions or concerns call 928-348-7242 or 928-348-7241.

Thanks,

Mr. Tracy Allred, Principal, JDPS  
928-348-7242

### September Events

Tues. 1<sup>st</sup>  
Fri. 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>

-Individual School Pictures  
-Labor Day Weekend – **NO SCHOOL**



### October Events

Fri. 9<sup>th</sup> - Mon. 12<sup>th</sup> -Fair-Day Weekend – **NO SCHOOL**  
Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> - Thurs. 15<sup>th</sup> -Parent Teacher Conferences(**Early Release**)

**Note from Office:** Remember to check your **child's backpack** for **homework and information** sent home from the school daily. ☺ Please do not drop your child off by the bus lane and *do not* drive into or park in the bus lane. This is for the safety of all of the children! In addition, if you have changes for afternoon **bus or pick up** schedule, that need to be called in to the office **before 12:00** to guarantee the information is passed along before the school day ends.

FYI, The Student Handbook has a new Absence Policy. **Excused Absence (ie: illness, covid-19, funeral, dentist or doctor appt.).** When a student is absent, the parent of student should call the school office that morning or report an absent through ParentVue and If you are unable to call the school, send a note with the student upon their return to school. The school may call and check on students any time we feel there is a need. Excusive absences without good reason may warrant a Truancy Officer being called. **Unexcused Absence:** Those absences in which the student and parent had a choice. (Examples are: shopping, pleasure trips, vacations, hunting, etc. )

**In addition, we are selling our own JDPS eagle shirts in the office this year. We have two kinds of shirts. Please come in and take a look! The cost is \$15.00 a shirt.**

SEPTEMBER 2020				
THATCHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LUNCH MENU				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Meatball Hoagie Veggie Blend Fruit Choice Milk	2 Beef Taco Spanish Rice Fruit Choice Milk	3 Roasted Turkey W/Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy Corn Fruit Choice Milk	4
7 <b>No School</b>	8 Spaghetti w/Dinner Roll Green beans Fruit Choice Milk	9 Sweet & Sour Chicken Oriental Rice Veggie Blend Milk	10 Crunchy Chicken Wrap Vegetables Fruit Choice Milk	11
14 Baked Ziti Garden Salad Fruit Choice Milk	15 Chicken Patty on a Bun Butter Carrots Fruit Choice Milk	16 Walking Taco Spanish Rice Fruit Choice Milk	17 Corndog Waffle Cut French Fries Fruit Choice Milk	18
21 French Toast Eggs Tater Tots Fruit Choice Milk	22 Chicken Parmesan w/Roll Pasta Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk	23 Beef Fried Rice Vegetable Fruit Choice Milk	24 Sloppy Joe French Fries Fruit Choice Milk	25
28 Meatball Hoagie Salad w/Ranch Fruit Choice Milk	29 Chicken Bowl Roasted Squash Fruit Choice Milk	30 Crunchy Chicken Wrap w/Ranch Veggies Fruit Choice Milk	 	

Link to online menu: [thatcherud.nutrislice.com](http://thatcherud.nutrislice.com)





At Thatcher Unified School District, we strive to maintain a safe and secure environment for each student that attends our schools. At Thatcher, we are seeing an increase in the enrollment of students that have life threatening allergies. In our efforts to keep these students healthy we are making you aware that balloons are **NOT** to be brought onto any Thatcher campus. Please **DO NOT** bring balloons for PE activities, birthdays or use them as part of an art project.

**PTO Info...** The PTO has a FaceBook and Instagram@thatcherpto page, like us to get updates and connect to our blog. We will be starting our Cookie Dough Fundraiser soon. Look for information in your child's backpack. Thanks again for all your support. If you would like to volunteer to help PTO, please give your phone number to the Primary School or Elementary school. We would love any help we can get. PTO also selling shirts in the Primary School office. You can pick up an order form in the JDPS Office.

**KINDERGARTEN...** Kindergarten is off to a FANTASTIC start! We are learning routines, establishing rules and practicing procedures as we make new friendships and embrace learning! In Math, we have been exploring math manipulatives such as teddy bear counters, snap cubes and dot cubes. We are making sets to five, counting and writing numbers to five and learning how to work with partners. In language arts, we are preparing to read by learning our capital and lower case letters along with the sounds each makes. We are currently working on beginning sounds in words. Talk with your child about things in their environment and what letters make the beginning sound. Thank you for helping your child memorize their phone number, address, and how to count to 100 as well as how to tie their shoes. We hope every kindergarten child will get all six of their certificates, which also includes upper and lower case letter names, and the sounds of each letter. Parents are the "Rock Stars" in the home and when we work together, FABULOUS things will happen! Please be sure to send back the paper work from Open House if you have not already. Also the supply money, if applicable. Thank you for your support and help, together Kindergarten will be a huge success!



Mrs. Griffin, Ms. Stone, Mrs. Mleynek, Ms. Claridge, Mrs. Vining, Mrs. Hatch

**FIRST GRADE...** Welcome to the first grade! We are excited to teach your fantastic first graders this year. We are well into the new school year and the children are settling into the routine. We have been reviewing Kindergarten skills and Mrs. Conrad, our Title 1 instructor, has been doing DIBELS screening (reading assessments) to find your child's reading level. You should start seeing reading books coming home in either a paper format or digital format. Please read with your student every day and sign their reading log. Thank you to all who attended the meet and greet. We always appreciate your help and support especially during these unprecedented times.

Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Rubalcava, Mrs. Hansen, Miss Roderick, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Angle and Mrs. Barney

**SECOND GRADE...** Can you believe that 2 weeks have already gone by? We are well on our way to a great year! Right now, we are working on understanding place value of Tens and Ones. We are also learning sentence structure and correct parts of a letter. We will be studying about Families and what makes up a family. We had our first reading test, which requires writing some answers in sentence form. This test was just practice so the students would understand what is required. We will be writing personal narratives this quarter. Second graders always have many great things to share in their writing. Thanks to all you parents who have shown such great support already this year. We look forward to working with you and your children. We will get through this together!!

Ms. Fox, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Scoggin, Mrs. Stacy, Mrs. Bryce, Mrs. Cooper

**MUSIC...** It is so good to be back in the classroom with all of the little masked musicians and they are already making music! After learning to sing *Tideo*, the students have been able to perform some of the rhythms on their own body percussion and then transfer those rhythms to the tambourines and the rhythm sticks. We love to perform the song with the words on our "magic lips" while playing the instruments. This takes such concentration and really works our brains. Another brain workout is our speech piece called *Wash Your Hands*. It goes like this.

Wash your hands. Wash your hands. Wash them really good.

Wash your hands. Wash 'em like you know you should.

Wash your hands, wash your hands, wash them all day long. Rub and scrub, while you sing this song.

Wash the fronts, wash the backs, wash the bits between.

Wash them well, wash them 'til they're squeaky clean.

Wash your hands, wash your hands, wash 'em all day long. Rub and scrub, while you sing this song.

Our second graders and many of our first grade students are almost ready to put the words with the melody and then we will try to sing them in 20 seconds, the perfect amount of time it should take for us to wash our hands.

One of the students' favorite songs that I brought back to review from last year is *Teaching Peace*. The Kindergarteners and new students get to learn the entire song but the rest of the students are loving to sing a familiar favorite. I encourage you to play the song in the car or at home and listen to them sing aloud. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tYtFDQLazX8>