August 2, 2021

Dear JBES Parent(s)/Guardian:

First, thank you for your outstanding support during last year’s COVID-19 pandemic. I’m forever grateful. Despite last year’s pandemic, our staff and community worked together to continue to educate and provide meals to our students with a goal towards excellence. We would like to welcome our new students and say hello to our returning students and families. Get ready for an exciting, successful, and educationally rewarding school year. Following is important Back to School information for School Year 2022. Please read the entire letter carefully. It contains important information to ensure the first days and weeks of school get off to a great start.

**Important Dates To Remember**

- **Wednesday, September 1, 2021**
  - Teacher Assignments sent via ClassDojo; Passwords reset

- **Friday, September 3, 2021**
  - All White Open House/Student Orientation *(Hybrid)*

- **Monday, September 6, 2021**
  - Labor Day, Schools and Office Closed

- **Wednesday, September 8, 2021**
  - First Day of School for All Students

- **Wednesday, September 15, 2021**
  - Back To School Night *(Virtual)*

- **Thursday, September 16, 2021**
  - Yom Kippur Holiday, Schools and Offices Closed

**➢ All White Open House:** This year’s student orientation will be a hybrid model. At 8:00 a.m. families will log into Zoom to meet teachers and receive important information for the 1st day of school. Following the virtual meeting, students will see their teachers in person and pick up school supplies during our drive-through school supply and book distribution.

  - **PK-1st Grade**: 9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
  - **2nd Grade**: 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
  - **3rd Grade**: 10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
  - **4th grade**: 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
  - **5th Grade**: 12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

**➢ Arrival & Dismissal Procedures:** We will continue to prevent large gatherings during arrival and dismissal. Students will follow last year’s procedure by entering through the rear of the building upon arrival. They will be dismissed directly from their classrooms each day. Parents are asked to meet students in the Kiss & Ride areas before and after school to maintain student safety.

**➢ Attendance:** School attendance plays a major part in student academic success. Too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school and makes it harder to learn how to read and master foundational math skills. Building good habits in elementary helps children learn early that going to school on time, every day is important. Daily attendance will be closely monitored. The County attendance procedure will be fully implemented. Students who miss more than one day per month are at risk of not meeting the State attendance requirement. To ensure students arrive everyday on time, set a regular bedtime and morning routine. Be sure to lay out uniforms and backpacks the night before. Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments or extended trips during school days. Remember to make back-up plans for getting your child to school if something comes up.

**➢ Back to School Night:** Our Virtual Back to School Night will take place Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Join us to learn about the 2021-2022 parent school plan, classroom expectations, and what students will be learning during the first quarter.
➢ **Building Visits:** Visitors to the building continue to be required to make an appointment prior to visiting the building. Appointments must be made by clicking the link: [https://calendly.com/jbayne/appointments](https://calendly.com/jbayne/appointments). At the time of visit, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- ★ Only visitors with a scheduled appointment may enter the building.
- ★ Wear a mask.
- ★ Bring a government-issued, photo ID.
- ★ Be prepared to have your temperature checked.

➢ **Computer & Log-in:** Student user names remain the same. In most cases the user name is the student’s first name, hyphen, then last name. All passwords will be reset to jbes followed by the student’s two digit birth month and two digit birth date by September 1, 2021. For example, Kevin Jones’ birthday is June 25th. In most cases the log in would be *kevin-jones*; his password is *jbes0625*. Be sure to practice logging on prior to the student orientation on September 3, 2021. If this basic formula does not work, please contact your child’s teacher for assistance. Students will continue using Chromebooks and digital tools for instructions. All students will be required to bring their school device daily.

➢ **First Day of School:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 is the first day of school for students. We will return to in-person instruction, Monday through Friday.

➢ **Homeroom Teacher Assignments:** Teachers will introduce themselves through Class Dojo to notify families of classroom assignments and provide the Zoom links to the virtual All White Open House meeting by September 1, 2021. If you have not done so already, be sure to join Class Dojo by downloading the app and selecting John Bayne Elementary School.

➢ **Masks:** All staff, students, and school visitors must continue to wear masks while on the school premises. Students must arrive at school wearing their masks and keep them on throughout the school day. Be sure to send extra masks with students daily in the event the mask they are wearing is broken or lost anytime during the day.

➢ **Meals:** Breakfast and lunch continue to be free for all students. There is no charge to students for meals served while at school. If you have not done so already, please complete the school lunch application to avoid being charged for meals.

➢ **School Hours:** Our school hours continue to be 7:30 a.m. - 1:40 p.m. for students. Doors open at 7:20 a.m. Students not in their classroom seats by 7:30 a.m. will be marked tardy. Students who leave prior to dismissal at 1:40 p.m. will also be marked with a p.m. tardy in the SchoolMax system.

➢ **School Supplies:** School supply packs have been purchased for all enrolled students. Supply lists have been placed on the school-website for families who would like to purchase extra school supplies. School supply packs will be distributed at the All White Open House.

➢ **Uniforms:** We will return to mandatory uniforms this fall. All students are required to wear white or light blue polo style uniform tops with navy blue bottoms. Sweaters or jackets must match the uniform shirt.

Your Partner in Education,

**Erica K. Bennett**
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Principal