Welcome to Thomas Jefferson Elementary!

Theme for 2010-2021: “The Race for Space”

Fifth Grade: Armstrong, Bajalia, & Jones
We Are Two Schools in One!

**Brick and Mortar**
- Students report to TJ for class
- Teachers provide instructional materials in the classroom.
- All teachers are from TJ.
- Parents drop-off school supplies and all laptops, chargers, and hotspots that were checked out last year on Monday, August 17th, from 9:00-12:00.
- Most of the safety precautions mentioned in this presentation apply to this group.

**Duval HomeRoom**
- Students take class online in Microsoft Teams.
- Parents pick-up instructional materials at TJ on Monday, August 17th, from 1:00-2:00.
- All homeroom teachers for our students are from TJ, but some classes are shared by teachers at Garden City Elementary.
Meet the Teachers

Mrs. Armstrong will serve as your child’s Reading (ELA) & Social Studies teacher.

Mrs. Bajalia will serve as your child’s Math teacher.

Mrs. Jones will serve as your child’s Science & Writing teacher.
We are implementing a combination of social distancing and use of face coverings to ensure safety of the students and staff.

Safety procedures for students at TJ:

- Temperature checks
- Wearing face coverings
- Hand washing or sanitizing upon entering class, prior to transitions, and returning to class
- Separating student desks with shield in grades 3-5
Students will need to wear face coverings when...
- Boarding the bus
- Entering the building
- Being dismissed from school
- In the classroom
- Transitioning in the hallways
- In the Cafeteria line
The district will provide students with one face covering that will be kept at school.

- K-5 students will receive a face mask.
- K-2 students will receive a face shield.

We suggest that parents provide students with a 5-day supply to wear during the week.

- Masks must provide coverage of student’s mouth and nose.
- The district-provided mask will be kept in the classroom as a back-up.
★ Parents **MUST** sign into FOCUS and register their children to ride the bus.

★ After August 4, parents can sign back into FOCUS to see the specific bus number, bus stop, and bus time.
Parents will need the following apps on phone or computer to effectively communicate throughout the year:

★ FOCUS
★ Microsoft Teams
★ Class Dojo
★ You can...

☆ Check student grades and assignments
☆ Check student attendance
☆ Register for bus transportation
Teams

★ You can...

✩ Have virtual meetings with your child’s teacher

★ Students can...

✩ Participate in Duval HomeRoom
★ You can...

✩ View posts, reminders, and photos from the teacher

✩ Communicate with the teacher

Morning Arrival Procedures

- Students are allowed on campus no earlier than 8:00, unless they are enrolled in morning Extended Day, which begins at 7:00.
- Parents drop off their children at the carport (not the bus loading zone) from 8:00-8:25. After that time they must drop them off at the front office.
- Students in grades K, 1, 3, 4, and 5 will sit in the hallways in front of their classrooms, spaced apart and wearing masks. Students in grade 2 will sit in the cafeteria, spaced apart and wearing masks. Students whose classrooms are portables will sit in the hallways with their grade levels.
Temperature Checks

★ Car rider students will have temperatures checked prior to getting out of the car. Please have them sit next to a window and put on a mask prior to temperature check. If a student has a temperature of 100.4 or greater, he/she will return home with the parent.

★ Bus rider students will have temperatures checked as they get off the bus. If a student has a temperature of 100.4 or greater, he/she will be taken to the isolation room and the parent will be contacted for pick-up. It is extremely critical that parent contact information is accurate and that parents are available in case pick-up is needed.
School is dismissed at 3:00. Students may only be on campus after 3:10 if they are enrolled in an afternoon club or Extended Day. (There are no clubs or after-school activities at this time.)

Driving parents pick up their children from the carport only. If due to an emergency parents arrive after 3:10, they must pick them up at the front office.

Carport students will sit spaced as far apart as possible and will wear masks. Grades 4-5 will sit outside and grades K-3 will sit in nearby hallways.
On the first day of school, parents will have to show identification to pick-up their children from carport. Parents should be prepared to do this until the carport staff is familiar with them. The carport staff will give parents a sign to display every day while picking up their children at carport. We ask that the parent attach the sign to a pants hanger (with two clips) and hang it on the mirror. If there is a change in driver, the parent/guardian will need to provide written notification no later than 2:15 (by note, student agenda, or calling the main office). If the replacement driver is unfamiliar to the carport staff, that person will be asked to show identification. If the change in driver is not verified, the driver will be directed to the main office to resolve the issue.
Afternoon Bus/Walker Dismissal

★ Bus students will report to buses when they hear their bus called. They will wear masks while waiting and when boarding/riding the bus.

★ Bus students in grades K-1 will sit in the front hallway, spaced as far apart as possible, and will wear masks. Grades 2-5 will wait in their classrooms and will wear masks.

★ Walkers will be dismissed at 3:00 and will wear masks until they have left campus.
Parents may now register for Extended Day online only at
www.duvalschools.org/extendedday. The monthly cost is still $52 for the morning and $100 for the afternoon.
Knowing How Students Go Home

★ Please communicate to the teacher how your child will go home the first day and on a regular basis. Teachers will need to tag students to identify whether they are car riders, bus riders, walkers, or Extended Day students.

★ Bus riders will have to be registered in Focus to be allowed to ride. Parents should do that immediately.

★ Kindergarten parents will complete a specific dismissal form. Kindergarten bus riders will not be left at the bus stop if no one is there to meet them after school.
★ As of now, all students will participate in virtual learning on Early Release Days.*

★ Students will NOT report to the school.

*Subject to change by DCPS
The FSA for ELA tests:

- **Key Ideas and Details**, **Craft and Structure**, **Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**, **Language and Editing**, & **Text-Based Writing**

- Freckle blended learning program will replace i-Ready in grades 4 and 5.

- Students will be working toward a 25 book goal. Procedures for recording books will be given to students to keep in their reading folders.
★ Acaletics is taught as part of math instruction. This consists of daily Math Club time that exposes students to all standards, a monthly Scrimmage, and an incentive celebrating growth or achievement on the monthly Scrimmage.

★ FSA growth and achievement will be based on 3rd grade data, but we don’t have the details on this yet.

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★ Our first unit of study is Scientific Thinking.

★ In many ways, Science is an extension of Reading. Vocabulary building is essential to understanding Science.

★ The 5<sup>th</sup> grade state assessment is cumulative and contains information from grade K-5.
Homework

- Students will have homework assignments Mondays through Thursdays.
- Students are responsible for writing important information in their agendas. Fifth grade expects a parent’s signature nightly. 😊
- Completion of homework counts as part of the behavior grade. (Responsibility)
- Index cards are helpful for studying for tests. Please consider purchasing a set or two for home.
In January, all TJ students are assigned a Multiple Intelligences project.
Behavior is recorded on the clipboard. Each infraction lowers your conduct grade. Infractions can also result in notes home, loss of privileges, and even referrals. Any referral results in a letter grade drop.

In order to participate in the end of the year reward field trip, you must maintain an A in conduct. Likewise, the end of the year party requires an A or B in conduct.

Outstanding behavior is rewarded with positive referrals, stickers, stamps, and TJ Tiger Credits.

Criteria for Outstanding Behavior:

Study Habits Include:
✓ Bringing Proper Materials
✓ Completing Class Assignments
✓ Completing Homework Assignments
✓ Following Directions/Instructions
✓ Making Wise Use of Time
✓ Participating in Activities
✓ Working Well on Your Own
✓ Listening Attentively

Personal Development Includes:
✓ Respecting Authority
✓ Respecting Rights of Others
✓ Behaving in Class
✓ Getting Along with Classmates
✓ Observing School Rules
School Meals

★ All TJ students receive FREE breakfast and lunch.
★ Breakfast is served in the classroom.
★ Every effort will be made to provide a socially distant lunch environment.

★ PLEASE BRING A WATER BOTTLE DAILY.
★ Students will have daily recess.
★ Classes will practice social distancing while at recess.
★ Students will not be required to wear their face coverings during this time.
★ Students will be removed from the play area if safe practices are not followed.
Art, Music, and Media

Will be taught in the homeroom classes.

PE will be taught outside or in homeroom classes (during inclement weather). Please make sure your child wears the appropriate shoes.
Students will participate in daily and monthly wellness programs:

- Calm Classroom
- Sanford Harmony
- Wellness Wednesday
We will communicate with you via Class Dojo. Please understand that we may not see messages until the end of the day.

We will check emails, voicemail messages, and ClassDojo messages daily. All calls and emails will be returned within 24 hours.

Weekly conduct grades are entered into Focus at the end of the week.

Folders will be sent home every 2 weeks with your child’s graded papers.

Parent conferences will take place in Teams.

Emergency Contacts – Please list the names and numbers of any individuals they may need to rely on in the event of an emergency. We will not release students to adults not listed on the information card.
Volunteers

Thomas Jefferson is currently unable to allow any volunteers or parents in the building to ensure the safety of our students and staff. We still love our volunteers!

★ District Screening Requirements - Please visit www.duvalschools.org and click on the Volunteer link under the Parent tab. Clearance is good for 2 years and required to attend field trips.

★ School Volunteer Orientation - Required to volunteer at TJ. It will be offered virtually this year. Details will be coming soon.
Field Trips

Field trips are suspended until further notice.

- We will keep students and parents updated as we receive information from the district.
- Younger siblings, students from other grade levels and students from other schools MAY NOT attend field trips.
- Grade levels will inform parents if class shirts are being ordered this year.
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

- Seeks to strengthen the connection between school and home
- Contributes to positive school climate by providing incentives for students, teachers, and staff
- Recruits business partners that offer resources to our school
- Allows parents, teachers, and staff to collaborate on ideas for school improvement
- Serves as an organized body of volunteers for school functions
- PTA dues are $5.00 per person
- Virtual meeting dates will be announced soon
We would love to have one parent representative per class.

★ SAC is the “behind the scenes” work of school instructional improvement.
★ We value and need parent input.
★ Our first meeting will be virtual and the date will be announced soon.

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Thank you for joining us in “The Race for Space”!

Have a wonderful year at TJ!