



Key to the John E Ford PK – 8 School Calendar:

2016-2017 School Year

PTA Board: Monthly meeting of PTA Board Members (members that hold a board position) that takes place on the first Tuesday of the month.

UE & 1st years Open House: Upper Elementary (4th and 5th grade) and 1st years (1st grade) open house is an evening event that allows students to show their family/guardian their classroom(s), including media, art and music. This also gives the teacher an opportunity to meet parents and parents the opportunity to meet teachers.

Middle School, P/P & LE Open House: Middle school, PrePrimary (PreKindergarten and Kindergarten) and Lower Elementary (2nd and 3rd grade) open house is an evening event that allows students to show their family/guardian their classroom(s), including media, art and music. This also gives the teachers and opportunity to meet parents and the parents an opportunity to meet the teachers.

SAC: School Advisory Council – monthly meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month open to parents, family, community members and stakeholders.

All Pro Family: All Pro Family Breakfast – breakfast sponsored by PTA (free to all students and their families) that allows students and their families to enjoy breakfast together while being updated about PTA events/happenings, and have enriching conversation meant to strengthen families.

International Day of Peace: A day to recognize peace – a major theme in the Montessori teaching method. All students are encouraged to wear a white t-shirt and families are welcomed to join that morning (and wear white) as a photo of all students and staff standing in the shape of a peace sign is taken.

Health and Fitness Night: An evening program hosted by PTA. Health, fitness, safety, and wellness vendors, community programs, businesses and more are available to show our students, families and the community what they have to offer.

Challenge Day: A national program that works to break down barriers and bring students closer. This day is exclusively for students in grades 6-8.

Fall Festival: An afternoon event hosted by PTA with bounce houses, train rides, pony rides, face painting, and activity tables. Food, snacks and drinks for sale, including sno cones, grilled burgers, hot dogs and sausages, and much much more. There is an admission fee for students (adults are free.)

Book Character Parade: All students (and staff) are encouraged to dress up as their own favorite book character. (They bring their book with them.) The classes then each parade around the school to show their costumes and show off the class pumpkin (provided by PTA) that matches the book chosen by the class. (Some classes chose matching outfits for the class book.)

Latin American Festival: Evening event where classes or groups of classes represent certain countries by decoration, with food sampling, miscellaneous items from that country and music. The event starts off with performances by some classes/class members.

Turkey Run: Annual run sponsored by the Physical Education department. Students run in different groups and distances (times to be announced) according to grade level.

Math/Science Night: Evening event hosted by math and science teachers full of fun interactive events that feature math and science.

Preprimary Performance: Evening event for PreKindergartners and Kindergartners to show off their stage skills.

Holiday Chorus Concert: Hosted by our music teacher, a performance by the school's chorus – both the school chorus and advanced chorus perform.

Art/Music Family Night: JEF's art and music teachers have lots of interactive fun musical and artistic stations for students and their family's to enjoy.

Greening of the Grounds: A Saturday morning event for students, families and the community where the grounds are cleaned up, painted, plants are planted, and gardens are started. Snacks provided by PTA.

Elementary Field Day: A day of fun-filled events for elementary students. Outside activities hosted by our physical education department make for a day of activity, smiles and good times. Classes are rotated through different stations throughout the day – exact schedule to be announced. Parents are welcomed to come and enjoy themselves along with the students.

Father/Daughter Dance: Formal evening event for fathers and their daughters. There is a charge to attend, however a full dinner is included.

Renfro's Readers: Celebration for students who read and turned in a book log for 25 books or more during the school year. Bounce houses, music, and fun activities. Each grade level has a block of time (to be announced) to come and enjoy the celebration. Parents welcomed to attend.

5th Grade transition to M/S (middle school): Event for 5th graders to tour and begin to get oriented with middle school.

Broadway in Blue Jeans: Broadway-like show performed by the school's chorus – both the school chorus and the advanced chorus perform.

Career Day: All students are provided the opportunity to learn about different careers by meeting and speaking with adults from different careers.

5th Grade Transition: Evening family celebration for 5th graders leaving elementary school and moving up into middle school.

8th Grade Graduation: Celebration for 8th graders leaving middle school and moving up into high school.