Welcome back, Stockton! I trust that everyone had a restful and fun summer but that you all are just as excited as I am to start off this school year! Let me start by introducing our new Assistant Principal, Ms. Angie Doss! She is going to be a great addition to our Stockton family and we’re thrilled to welcome her on board. Now let’s jump in and go over some extremely important items/issues to help this year soar to proficiency and beyond!!

We will be tightening our security procedures even more so due to strict guidelines from the district. Students will continue to wait outside in the courtyards however, parents will need to remain within the confines of the cafeteria and not go beyond, unless you have a scheduled conference. We know this is a shift in how things have been done but we appreciate your support as we work extra hard in keeping JSE a safe learning place for our students.

Because this is the first newsletter for the 2019-2020 school year, it is packed with reminders, housekeeping issues and important information for all. Please take the time to read thoroughly and keep handy to refer back to throughout the year. Complying with District as well as Stockton policies makes for a smooth sailing year so please be mindful to support them.

I want to also ask you to join us on August 29th at 6:00 pm for Open House. This will be a time where the teachers can provide you with pertinent information to assist you with supporting your child through another successful year. We will have sign-up sheets as well so that you may sign up to schedule a conference with your child’s teacher in the near future.

Once again, welcome back!!

Yours in Education,
Mrs. Brannan, principal

For safety and security reasons, students not enrolled in Extended Day may not arrive before 8:00 am.

Visitors on campus must check in at the Front Office. Please obtain a visitor’s badge.

Please complete ALL paperwork sent home on the first day of school and return it to your child’s teacher ASAP. Be sure to keep us informed of any address/phone number changes.

A written, dated note must be sent to your child’s teacher to excuse any absence, tardy, or early check-outs from school.

Be sure your teacher knows how your child will get home each day. If there will be a change, please notify the teacher in writing.

Transportation changes WILL NOT be taken over the phone due to safety reasons.

Please do not go to your child’s classroom during the instructional day or during dismissal. Teachers cannot interrupt instruction time to converse with parents nor can they release students before the bell rings.

Each day is full of instruction. When your child is tardy or checked out early, they are missing valuable instruction, which will affect their success. Please try to schedule appointments around school hours so your child does not fall behind. Thank you!!

The name of the person signing students out of school must appear on the student’s info card for school year 2019 - 2020 (white card and/or blue emergency card).

A picture ID must be presented before the student will be called from class.

Persons listed as authorized to pick up your child must be at least 18 years of age.

These procedures are in place to protect our students. Thank you for helping us as we strive to keep our students safe.
PTA Rocks!
Let me encourage you to join the PTA and become involved in your child’s school. Our PTA is vital to the success of our school. Joining PTA does not mean you must become a volunteer, so please join today. (However, volunteers are always welcome!) The cost is $10.00!!! Let’s strive for 100% participation!! ☺

BIRTHDAY POLICY
Children are special gifts, and a great reason for celebration! You are permitted to share store bought treats with their class for their birthday. Please let the teacher know what day you will be sending something in, and be sure to have enough to share with all of the students in the class.

The treat will be served during lunch. Balloons, flowers, toys, cookie grams, etc. cannot be sent to the room due to the distraction they present to the class. Please refrain from sending such items to school. Thank you for helping us help our students remain focused!!

DISMISSAL
As you know, parent pick up is an extensive process at John Stockton. Please know it is our primary concern to ensure every child is kept safe and we expedite the process as quickly as possible. We ask that you please remain patient and understanding as we work to ensure a smooth process.

Dismissal Times are as follows:
- Car Riders 2:50 (1:35 on Early Dismissal (ERD days))
- Walkers & Bike riders 3:00 (1:45 on ERD days)
- Buses 3:05 (1:45 on ERD days)
- Extended Day 3:10 (1:50 on ERD days)

**Please remember it is the district’s policy that students are not to be checked out 45 minutes prior to dismissal (2:15pm).

EARLY DISMISSAL DATES
Please make sure to note the following Early Dismissal dates for the year, as they may NOT follow an every 2-week pattern.

| August 28 | September 25 |
| October 30 | November 13 |
| December 11 | January 29 |
| February 26 | March 25 |
| April 29 | May 20 |

MEDICATION INFORMATION
Medication of any kind (prescription or over-the-counter) cannot be administered to a child unless a medication form is completed in the Front Office by a parent or guardian and the child’s physician. Each medication must have a separate medication form filled out, be in the original container, and must have a current label. This includes inhalers, pain relievers (i.e., Tylenol), cough drops, etc. A new form must be completed each year and signed by a parent/guardian AND physician. Children may not carry medication in their book bag or purse.

DRESS CODE: THE SHORT LIST
A detailed dress code is provided in the Code of Conduct booklet. If a child does not adhere to the dress code, a parent will be called to bring proper clothing attire to school. Below are the most common violations seen each day:
- Pants must fit properly and be worn at the waist. (no saggy britches)
- Girl’s shorts and skirts must meet fingertips even if she has leggings underneath.
- Shoes must have a back (no flip flops, etc.).
- Spaghetti straps/tank tops must have a shirt underneath.
- No head coverings are allowed (hats, bandanas, stocking caps, etc.)
- Also, sneakers or similar shoes that enclose the feet are recommended to prevent injury.
- Girls may not wear makeup...they are all beautiful already! ☺

SUCCESSFUL COMMUNICATION
Please remember to review and sign your child’s planner each night. FOCUS is the student information system which allows parents to access grades, progress reports and attendance. Parents/Guardians must register for a new Focus account at [www.duvalschools.org](http://www.duvalschools.org) under the Parent Resources heading. If you already have a Focus account, log in information will be the same.

AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS
12  First day of school for students/Boo Hoo Breakfast
19  1st Flag Raising
26  Flag Raising
27  FOS Mtg 6pm @ Lillian’s
28  1st ERD (Early Release Day)
29  Open House 6pm

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2  Labor Day- No SCHOOL!