

**Dear LJPS Families,**

I consider it an honor and privilege to serve La Junta Primary School and the La Junta community! La Junta Primary is blessed with a staff that creates positive relationships with students in order to meet their social and emotional needs. It is very evident that this staff truly cares about its students! We are excited to begin another wonderful year here at La Junta Primary. First and foremost, thank you for a great start to the school year! Although the beginning of a new school year can be an anxious time for both new and returning students (and families!), it also brings a deep, positive energy that flows through our building and community. The new year brings new friends and teachers, exciting classes and activities, and overall unlimited possibilities. We hope to maintain this energy throughout the school year so that you and your child have a wonderful experience.

Please know that we highly value home/school communication here at La Junta Primary. It is vital and plays an integral roll of each student's success at La Junta Primary. Again, we welcome you to La Junta Primary to our wonderful learning community...A place alive with *energy, enthusiasm* and *high standards* of excellence! Here's to an AWESOME new school year as we work together to make our school a great place to work and learn each day!

Lastly and most importantly, I would like to thank you for supporting your child and LJPS day in and day out. I would like to thank each family who was able to attend our Back to School, which is an excellent way for us to build meaningful relationships with our parents and guardians so that we may support our students in the classroom. Our supportive parents, guardians, and families, truly make LJPS a special place.

My door is open to you, as we work together to make your child's school experience the best one yet!

Sincerely,

**Mrs. Cindy Haberman, Principal**

## **Mission Statement**

At La Junta Primary, it is our mission and commitment to empower individuals to be successful through high expectations in a place of pride. Achievement is inspired by caring, effective instruction, and respect. We strive to have our families, staff, and community members actively engaged and involved in our students' learning.

## **School Motto**

I can... be successful today!  
I will... overcome the challenges I face today!  
I do... accept responsibility for myself today!

## **School Pledge**

I pledge today to do my best,  
in reading, math and all the rest.  
I promise to obey the rules.  
Be responsible and safe in school.  
I'll respect myself and others too.  
I'll expect the best in all I do.  
I'm here to learn all I can,  
to try my best and be all I am.



## Time to Get Cutting!



As you probably know, Box Tops and Little Caesar are an important part of La Junta Primary. Box Tops for Education assists in purchasing much needed library books for the students reading pleasure and supports the Accelerated Reading Program.

**We will be having a competition and the class who collects the most Box Tops and Little Caesar Proof of Purchase for the year will earn a pizza party.** So start gathering those Box Tops and Little Caesar Proof of Purchase and ask your neighbors, community businesses, family and friends. We ask that you neatly trim the Box Tops and Proof of Purchase and place them in an envelope for your child to give to their teacher.



### Arrival and Departure

**There will not be any supervision on the playground prior to 7:30 a.m.**



School starts at 7:50 a.m. Students are dismissed for the day at 3:40 p.m. (Monday-Thursday). We ask that you make a diligent effort to get your child to school on time.

I ask that parents/guardians please use the south drive **ONLY** for drop and go purposes. I ask that you are respectful to parents who are on their way to work and on a time schedule. It creates a dangerous situation when cars try to go around those who have gotten out of their vehicles. If you are bringing your child in late to school, after 8:00, you **MUST** bring them into the school and sign them in at the front office. Please **DO NOT** drop them off on the east side and watch them run across the field to the playground, **we do not want an accident.** If your child gets picked up, **K-Goldsberry & Hawks** students will be picked up on the **West side of the building.** All other 1st and 2nd grade classes will be picked up on the **south side of the building in front of the building.** We strive to keep your children safe and need your assistance to continue to do this. Let's all work to keep our most precious gifts, our students, safe!



**Thank you for your cooperation!**



The **Office Staff** would like to welcome all the new and returning students and their families back to the La Junta Primary School. We feel this is going to be a great year with a lot of new and exciting things planned! We are here to help anyway we can, so please feel free to stop by the office or call with any questions or concerns you may have. This is going to be a fantastic 2018-2019 school year!



**September 3, 2018 Labor Day-Off**

**September 4, 2018 Back to School/Ice-Cream Social/Cake**

**Drawing K-5:00-6:00 1st 5:30-6:30, 2nd 6:00-7:00**

**September 6, 2018 School Pictures**

**September 10, 2018 PTO 5:00-5:30, BAC 5:30-6:00**

**LJPS Rm; 27 School Board Meeting 6:30-8:30 LJIS**

**September 10-13, 2018 Homecoming Week**

**Monday-'Merica Monday**

**Tuesday-Tropical Tuesday**

**Wilderness Wednesday**

**Orange & Black Thursday -HS Pep-Assembly 9:30**

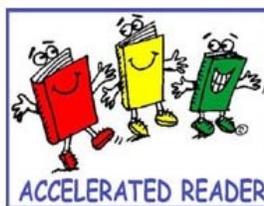
**14th Homecoming Parade 1:00 p.m.**

**September 18, 2018 District Accountability**

**September 24-28 Book Fair**

**September 27-2018 Evening 4-8:00 PM -PTC**

**September 28-2018 8-12:00 AM-PTC —PM-Staff Workday**



**Accelerated Reader™** is a guided reading intervention used to supplement regular reading instruction in K-12 classrooms. Its aim is to improve students' reading skills through reading practice and quizzes on the books students read.

The **Accelerated Reader™** program calls for students to select and read a book and then take a computerized quiz based on the book's content and vocabulary. The computer software then provides teachers with information on the students' performance on the quiz, which allows teachers to monitor student progress and identify students who may need more reading assistance.

# Welcome to Kindergarten!

Dear Families,

September is such a fun month! We will be learning about fall!! Kindergarten will be working on initial sounds, segmenting, and sight words. When working with your child at home please work on sight words and segmenting letter sounds. For example: the word cat, c-a-t. Spending time with your child at home working on fun and educational activities is essential for their growth and development and a great way to reinforce what they are learning at school. Remember it takes a village and here at La Junta Primary we want your child to be as successful as they can be! Please work on tying shoes and with the upcoming cooler weather, please send a jacket with your child and **label it with your child's name** that way it does not get lost. Thank you so much for all you do! We will be celebrating fall in each of the classrooms and parties will be at the end of the month. More information and rules will be inside the LJ Primary newsletter. Any questions or concerns, please feel free to talk with your child's teacher. Happy Fall from the Kindergarten Team!

**Miss Batterton, Ms. Kerr, Mrs. McMillan, Miss Maddox, Mrs. Ortiz, Ms. Wilson**



## WELCOME TO ART!

I am very excited to teach your primary student twice a week.

We will begin with rules and procedures for the first few weeks of class. Then we will learn about use, care, and function of supplies and materials. We will focus on line, shape, and color throughout the year.

Your student's Art days are:

### Monday & Wednesday

K - Kerr, Wilson, Batterton

1 - Goldsberry, Golding, Hawks

2 - Loose, Waring, Fraker

### Tuesday & Thursday

K - McMillan, Maddox, Ortiz

1 - Tafoya, Schweizer, Allumbaugh

2 - Book, Ramirez, Romero

Creating has always been a big part of my life and I cannot wait to share the AMAZING Art world with your student.

If you have any questions please contact the office (719) 384-2991.

**Mrs. Desiree' Goheen**

# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are excited for the new school year! This year, we are experiencing some changes within our classroom, and want to share them with you and your child.

We are blessed with two Special Education teachers at the Primary School. Chelie Hudson has been part of the team for 10 years. Cara Larsen joined the team in January of 2017. There are also two para-educators who assist in providing services for your children, Miss Tori who has been with the team for 5 years and Mrs. Zamora who has been with the team for 22 years. This year, we have added several one-on-one paraprofessionals to assist students in the general education setting.

We look forward to working with your children this year in helping them achieve their personal and academic goals! As always, we are available to answer questions or address concerns. We can be reached at (719) 384-2991 during school hours, or by email at [clarsen@lajunta.k12.co.us](mailto:clarsen@lajunta.k12.co.us) or [chudson@lajunta.k12.co.us](mailto:chudson@lajunta.k12.co.us).

**Miss Larsen and Mrs. Hudson**



Welcome to first grade! We are excited for the 2018-2019 school year. Students are progress monitored and tested weekly throughout the year. Please make sure your child is present and well rested! Communication Folders will be sent home daily with your child. Please check their folders daily for important information and/or notes.

They will be bringing home library books. Please read them and send them back.

Students will also have spelling words to practice at home.

Birthday parties will be monthly and celebrated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 3:00.

### **We will continue to work on:**

Writing: Nouns in Sentences, Verbs in Sentences, Simple Sentences

Reading: Character and Setting, Plot

Math: Calendar

Social Studies: Animal Needs, People in Jobs/Community

Science: Animal Habitats

**Mrs. Allumbaugh, Mrs. Goldsberry, Ms. Golding, Mrs. Hawks, Mrs. Schweizer, Mrs. Tafoya**

Hello Families,

The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers at La Junta Primary School would like to WELCOME you all back to school! It is hard to believe that we are already a few weeks into the 2018-2019 school year. We are looking forward to getting to know your children and yourselves as we have big goals for each of your children this year.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers would like to welcome Mrs. Georgette Book and Miss Brooke Waring to the second grade team. We are looking forward to a tremendous year and are extremely excited to be working with your children.

**In Reading**, we have been reviewing rules and expectations that each of us will be using throughout the school year. We will be starting with having our students Make Connections to their reading (Text to Self, Text to Text, as well as Text to World). We will also be working on introducing some of the Center activities that will be used as we start our Reading Groups hopefully September 10, 2018.

**In Writing**, teachers have been busy collecting beginning of the year Writing Samples. This will be something that we all use to help guide our writing instruction. We also are establishing routines that will help make our Writer's Workshop time valuable.

**In Spelling**, students will be working on taking a variety of spelling assessments. We are all starting with our OG (Orton-Gillingham) Learned Words, Level 1, as many of these qualify as No Excuse words (i.e. the, I, and, was, etc.), as they are sight words that every student should be able to correctly spell in their everyday writing.

**In Math**, we have been working on taking assessments that will help us with grouping your students. We are using a new Math Curriculum: Saxon Math. We, the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers, are excited to use this new program, as it connects important aspects of math (i.e. Telling Time, Money, Fractions, etc.), which is something that is built upon in each of our math lessons.

Again, welcome back,

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Team,

**Mrs. Book, Ms. Fraker, Miss Loose, Mrs. Ramirez, Ms. Romero, and Miss Waring**

Welcome to   
 Second Grade!

### **Reading Intervention**

We are so excited to start the new school year! Once all testing is completed, we will be able to place students into various groups. This year Miss Burkhalter and Mrs. Siefkas will be working with students that need a little extra help in their reading, using the Dibels Burst Reading Program. Thank you for the privilege of working with you children.



**Miss Burkhalter & Mrs. Siefkas**

Hello, I'm Mr. Pacheco, Physical Education Teacher for the La Junta Primary School. A little about me: First, I LOVE P.E.! I try to make it as fun as possible while we work on our fitness and skills along with understanding how to maintain and keep our bodies healthy. This will be my fourth-year teaching P.E. in the district, I graduated from Adams State College and I care greatly about the health and fitness of the La Junta Primary students! Please discourage your child(ren) from long periods of sedentary activities such as television, computers and video games. Also help your child by keeping healthy snacks around to reduce consumption of junk food.

In the Month of September, I will focus on a variety of activities which will allow me to refine the students Loco Motor and Non-LoCo Motor Skills. We will also engage in some cooperation activities/games to help students better understand how to work together.

I appreciate everyone's support to create the best possible Physical Education program, for more information visit our Physical Education website. The website will be updated once a month, here you will find more information about our Physical Education program at the LIPS.

<https://goo.gl/Rz7TWn>

you can scan the QR code:



#### Appropriate & Safe Shoes

- Rubber soled athletic type shoes
- P.E. shoes should have laces, Velcro or at the very least fit snugly so they don't come off!
- All shoes should cover the heel of the foot
- 1st physical education testing will begin at the end of September and end in October.

#### Inappropriate & unsafe shoes

- Crocs
- Slip on athletic shoes without heels
- Clogs
- Dress shoes with heels



Loco Motor Skills are used to move the body from place to place or to project the body upwards. They form the foundation of gross motor coordination and involve large muscle movement.

- Walking
- Jumping
- Gallop
- Hopping
- Side Sliding
- Running
- Leaping
- Skipping

Non-Locomotor skills are performed without moving from place to place. Non-locomotor skills include:

- Bending and Stretching
- Pushing and Pulling
- Raising and Lowering
- Twisting and Turning
- Shaking
- Bouncing



### **Music Notes**

Welcome to our new school year! We're launching ahead and are experiencing the joy of making music. Thank you for your support, and particularly for encouraging your child to study music. This investment of time, effort and energy will produce lifelong dividends. Each child at La Junta Primary will have an opportunity to participate in a program. We perform at the Otero Junior College's Humanities Center and they begin at 6:00 p.m. Mark your calendar for the following dates so arrangements can be made ahead of time to attend:

Second grade – Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

First grade – Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

Kindergarten – Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>

Together we can all make a difference. Until next time, keep a song in your heart.

**Musically yours,**

**Mrs. Mary Belew**



Welcome to a new school year at La Junta Primary School!

PTO is a parent-

teacher organization that focuses on improving our school environment as well as enriching our students' experiences at La Junta Primary School. The PTO is open to all parent/guardians and staff members. We meet the second Monday of each month at 5:00 P.M. in one of our classrooms. Our first meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 10th.

**September:** Election of Officers, Classroom T-Shirt Update, October Count

## Book Fair Time

We will be holding a Book Fair during the week of Parent Teacher Conferences.

Dates and times are as follows:

Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. &

Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.



Please come to the Book Fair to get the school year started with some new AR books for your child.



The key words in Character Education are "same" and "different." A different school building brings about different procedures and classrooms, but in Character Education, the expectations and curriculum are the same. Again, we will be using the *Second Step* curriculum to teach your students ways to be good learners, how to be compassionate to others, how to solve problems and how to play fairly. This is the same as in previous years.

One big change that is different this year, is Miss Kendra Taylor will be instructing the kindergarten Character Education classes. The first and second grade will have the same instructor, Mrs. Jeanie Nesselhuf. Miss Taylor and Mrs. Nesselhuf are excited to work together to teach Character Education. Mrs. Nesselhuf will be filling in occasionally for Miss Taylor and vice versa.

The month of September in Character Education class ushers in the first unit in the *Second Step* curriculum where the students learn to be good learners. Kindergarten and first grade will be focusing on the Listening Rules: eyes watching, ears listening, voice quiet and body still. Second grade reviews the Listening Rules but focus more on the Skills for Learning, which include listening, being assertive, using self-talk and focusing attention. The *Second Step* lessons include simple games, songs, discussion, and, for kindergarten and first grade, puppets.

Just a reminder that Parent Letters that inform you about the *Second Step* program will be posted on the La Junta Primary School Facebook page. If indicated at Meet and Greet, the Parent Letters might also be emailed and/or a paper copy sent home with your student.

Miss Taylor and Mrs. Nesselhuf are looking forward to a great year with your student(s) in Character Education!

**Mrs. Nesselhuf**

## From Computer Corner:

Hello, I am Mrs. Kemper and I am very excited to be your child's computer teacher this year. These are the things they will be covering in computer class.

### Kindergarten

Learning to use the mouse with these computer games

Alphabet Connect the Dots

Alphabet Bingo

Number Connect the Dots

Number Bingo

### First and Second Grade

Log in and out of the computer

Enter two passwords

Close out a program

Keyboarding

Shut down the computer

By Diana Remick



I am excited to begin a new school year in a new building and with a new position. This year I will be the kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade enrichment instructor. I will be working closely with the kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade classroom teachers to ensure the best education for your students. I have been an elementary teacher for 22 years and 12 of those years have been at La Junta Primary School teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade enrichment. I am a licensed K-6 Elementary Educator, K-12 Reading Teacher, and a K-12 Linguistically Diverse Instructor. I am a life-long learner and continue to grow as a teacher. I am also a mother of 5 and I understand firsthand how important each of your children are to you! My goal is to have a positive impact on the lives of the students that I interact with! I have enjoyed meeting and talking to all the students at breakfast, lunch or during recess so far this school year. I look forward to meeting many of you and having a positive working relationship!

### Mrs. Miller's Enrichment

Welcome back! I am so excited to begin a new school year! I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, I am Mrs. Miller and this will be my ninth year of teaching. My job at La Junta Primary School is to work with small groups of students who have test scores showing that they are advanced and ready for a challenge. Students in enrichment may work through the curriculum at an accelerated pace as well as participate in project-based learning and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) projects. I look forward to a great year of learning and exploration!

