
JAMES MATTHEWS ELEMENTARY PTO NEWS

September 2020

September 2	Home Virtual Day
September 7	Labor Day Holiday
Sept 8 - Oct 2	Fall Assessment Window
September 14	Virtual Grandparent's Day Celebration
September 17	Constitution Day Lessons (Federal Law Mandate)
September 23	End of Interim
September 21	Compassion Essay Writing Prompt Assigned
September 25	School Celebration Exempt Day #1/Compassion Essay Writing Prompt Due
September 28	Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 1 - 31	National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month
October 4 - 10	Fire Prevention Week
October 5	Bullying Essay Writing Prompt Assigned
October 7	Home Virtual Day
October 8	Virtual PTO Meeting: 2020-2021 School Parent and Family Engagement Plan Discussion
October 9	Compassion Essay Grade Level Winners Announced/Bullying Essay Writing Prompt Due



OUR CHARACTER EDUCATION WORD OF THE MONTH: COMPASSION

Compassion means we care about others, treat them with kindness, and feel a strong desire to help people in need. Compassion is empathy in action. For a six-year-old, compassion might look like giving a hug, making a card, or saying something kind to help a friend or family member who is feeling sad or upset. It can also look like reaching out to a peer who has been left out – or hearing about a community need and wanting to do something to help others, even if they do not know them. - pbs.org

For more information on compassion, visit: <https://www.pbs.org/parents/learn-grow/age-6/character/compassion#:~:text=Compassion%20means%20we%20care%20about,is%20feeling%20sad%20or%20upset>.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Students with birthdays will be recognized by Mrs. Nelson, JMES Counselor.

STUDENT DROP OFF

The team of JMES wants to thank each of you for all you do! It is imperative that we ALL abide by the rules designed to support a smooth flow of traffic for our school. Drop off begins at 7:30 am. When you enter the campus, you are to go around the loop for your student to have their temperature taken before exiting the vehicle. After your child's temperature is taken and is below 100 degrees, you are to drive to the awning where someone will let your child out of the vehicle. If you have a Pre-K student, you go around the loop as well, where your temperature will be taken along with your child's. After having your temperature taken, you will follow the progression of traffic to the doors near the Pre-K playground, park, and sign-your student in.

The cones that are set up are for safety. You are not to go around them. We cannot and will not manage 2-3 lane traffic. This is required to make sure we have a safe and orderly environment at all times. We need everyone's participation in this matter. This is what is best for our students.



Sign up for important updates from Principal Williams.

Get information for **JMES 2020-2021** right on your phone—not on handouts.

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