

Hello Hornets!

We hope you have had a fun and restful summer. That summer pace is great, but the best thing-traffic seems better during the summer in Nashville! Hard to believe it all ends in less than two weeks!

New student orientation is Friday, 8/2, at 3:30 p.m. Not only do we welcome our kindergarteners, the future high school graduating class of 2032, but also we have around 20 new families starting in 1st through 4th!

We also welcome some new Hornet staff to JG! Mrs. Cori Nash is our new school counselor. Mrs. Sanders was promoted by MNPS. Mrs. Nash is coming to us from a Williamson County elementary school. Mrs. Millie Lentz is our new 1st grade teacher. We added another 1st grade section to the four we already had. Mrs. Lentz comes to us from another MNPS school, but in a way, she is returning home, having done her student teaching here a few years ago. Mrs. Leslie Young resigned to work in another county, and we are very excited to welcome Mrs. Lauren Tavi to our 4th grade team! Not only is Mrs. Tavi a former JG parent, but also she is an experienced 4th through 6th grade teacher.

Other staff additions include adding a 2nd P.E. teacher for Kindergarten and 1st grade. This position replaces library in the related arts schedule for those grades. The position is being filled by two people: Mrs. Susie Bateman returns to JG, and Mrs. Cynthia Wiggins is a retired MNPS P.E. teacher. Many of you will remember Mrs. Bateman from her stint here as assistant principal, and then after retirement, she was a part-time counselor. She is very excited to get to teach P.E. to our kindergarten and 1st grade students alongside Mr. Norris. Mrs. Harris, the Literacy Teacher Development Specialist, retired in May. She is coming back in a retired, part-time position to serve as our I.B. Coordinator as we undergo our 5-year reauthorization. Mrs. Mary Alibrandi is taking over the LTDS role for JG. Mrs. Laura Klug, will serve alongside Mrs. Jo Littlejohn as a reading interventionist. Mrs. Klug retired from Williamson County schools a few years ago, and has been working in MNPS in a similar role. Mrs. Vicki Dooley is serving as our math enrichment specialist, a new position we added this year. Mrs. Dooley retired from MNPS after serving in both the elementary and middle school tiers as a math and science teacher.

I know you will join me in welcoming all of these new faces to the JG Nest! We believe each one of these individuals will enhance our community as we work on becoming the best elementary school in Tennessee!

If you have driven by campus in the past few weeks, you will notice some exterior “changes” to the campus. The track has been “temporarily” removed. The District has been working with our PTO to address some water flow problems we have from the upper athletic field down through the campus. In the short term, we removed the entire track and railroad ties bordering it since they were posing a safety hazard due to water erosion. MNPS will be completing the “Lower loop” near the gym this fall with an asphalt track. The PTO and MNPS are collaborating to

replace/re-design the rest of the track, while addressing the erosion problems. This portion could be a multi-year project. Stay tuned for more details.

Last, but certainly not least, we are eagerly anticipating our schools' results from last spring's TNReady assessments. For the first time, the State of Tennessee will assign a grade to each public school by factoring in TNReady Achievement, Growth on those assessments, and **attendance**. I plan to cover that data during the September PTO/State-of-the-School address.

The class assignments will be mailed out by the beginning of next week so new families should have them by Friday's, August 2nd new student orientation.

We look forward to welcoming all of our Hornets back to school on Monday, August 5th at 8:00 a.m. Kindergartners will be dismissed at 11:30 on Monday, while 1st-4th will be dismissed at our regular dismissal time of 3:00. You will get a few reminders between now and then!

See you soon, Hornets, for the 19/20 School Year!

Sincerely,

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