



# JLE NEWS FLASH



## Breaking News for an Informed Community September 8, 2017

Greetings J.L.E. Parents & Guardians,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of John L. Edwards, I welcome you to the 2017-2018 school year! This first week of school has already been an exciting start to what looks to be a wonderful journey for the children, their teachers and families. As your Principal, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all the parents, teachers and staff members who have made such an effort to make sure our school opening was the best ever! We all know the backbone of a successful primary school is communication. It is for this reason that you are receiving this J.L.E. News Flash and other classroom newsletters from your child's teacher throughout the year. Please read them thoroughly and contact the J.L.E. office or your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Our J.L.E. Motto of *We Listen, We Share, We Learn, We Care* begins right now, Parents. Enjoy this Newsletter and the ones that follow and welcome to the New Year and to our new parents, welcome to J.L.E.! **Mr. Spicer**

❖ J.L.E. Meet the Teacher Night & Our First P.T.A. Meeting - September 14, 5:30-7:30 p.m.



Our J.L.E. Open House will be Thursday, September 14. The evening will begin with a P.T.A. meeting in the cafeteria at 5:30 p.m. At this meeting, you will meet your new P.T.A. Officers and hear what the P.T.A. goals are for this year. Following this meeting you and your child visit your child's class to hear his/her teacher discuss a general description of this year's educational program and highlights. **Childcare will be provided if needed.** Please call the J.L.E. office by noon on Tuesday, 9/12 if you would like childcare. Your participation in your child's education is vital to their success. Please Join Us!

❖ Grandparents Day - Friday September 22, 2017

J.L.E. will be honoring our Grandparents at a special P.T.A. Sponsored event. A breakfast will be prepared in honor of our Grandparents from 9-9:45 a.m. To attend the breakfast parents must return the orange form sent home with your child. You can also pick up a form in the J.L.E. Office. If there is an available seat for you at the breakfast you will receive a wristband. You must wear your wristband for admittance to the breakfast. Grandparents who do not go to the breakfast can still visit their grandchild's class from 9:45-10:30.



❖ J.L.E. Parking



Parents, everyone knows that safety is JOB #1 for our J.L.E. Family. Our parking and drop-off procedures are the same as last year. Please remember:

- You cannot park in the bussing lane (the curb right next to the school). Parking here blocks our buses and creates an unsafe condition for the children who have to get off a bus in the middle of the driveway, instead of stepping onto the curb.

- If you are dropping off a student, please proceed past the school entrance to the custodial loading dock area. There is an aide there who will direct your child from your car to the J.L.E. entrance.
- Parents, Slow Down! As you drive through the parking area, set your car to CRAWL SPEED. There is just no way to know when a child might dart out.
- Parents, I am sorry, but there just isn't enough parking at J.L.E., and illegally parking or blocking in our teacher/staff lot cannot be an option. There is more parking across the street in the county lot. I know this is an inconvenience, but if you know you are going to have a long school visit, this is an option for you.
- Finally, all overnight or illegally parked cars will receive an orange warning card. Continued violators will be towed at the owner's expense.

#### ❖ J.L.E. Sign-In Procedures

Parents, as a courtesy for the first three days you were allowed to walk your child to class.



- Starting this week, and from now on, all children are required to walk to their classes on their own.
- If you would like to be a parent volunteer for your child's class or set up a meeting with your child's teacher, you must contact him/her the day before. Unscheduled visits with your child or teacher during the school day interrupts classroom routine and your child's work productivity, and are therefore, not allowed.
- When visiting J.L.E. all visitors must sign-in in the main office and wear a visitor's badge or have a visitor's pass. When leaving the building you must turn in your visitor's badge and sign-out.
- Parents please also remember that school begins at 8 a.m. and dismisses at 2:30 p.m. If you need to sign your child out for a day or any part of a day, you must provide a note explaining the medical or legal reason why he or she will be out. Otherwise, the absence, lateness or early leave is recorded as unexcused.

#### ❖ A Reminder About School Starting Time



Parents/Guardians please remember that J.L.E. School starting time is **8 a.m.** Any child arriving at 8:01 will be marked tardy. Also, our dismissal time is 2:30 p.m. If you pick your child up at school, be here at **2:30** or meet them at his/her bus stop around this time. If you are picking up children early please be here by 2:15 p.m. After 2:15 you must wait for regular dismissal.