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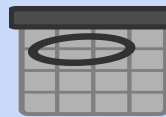
Jeffreys Grove families,

Sunday August 16th, 2020

Tomorrow marks the first day of school! It is going to be different, but we're making history! We can do this; our kids can do this; our teachers can do this!

We know this year is crazy, but please be kind to each other, and to the teachers and staff of Jeffreys Grove. We are ALL doing our best!

in a world
where you can
be anything,
BE KIND.



Save the Date!

August 17th - First Day of School!

August 18th-20th Instructional Material Pick up!

See schedule on page 2

September 4th - Scholastic summer sale ends

September 6th - GoPlaySave Sale Ends

MemberHub & Social Media will be vital to staying informed this year!



From the desk of...

Principal Ventura

Dear JG Families:

We are excited to get this year started! Please continue to have patience with us as we embark on this new adventure together.

If you did not receive an email from your child's teacher on Friday, August 14th, please contact our data manager, Kellen Readshaw at kreadshaw@wcpss.net.

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[Click here for WCPSS Calendar](#)



Instructional Material Distribution Schedule

On **August 18, 19 and 20** the school will do grade leveled distribution of student materials, both morning and afternoon - See the schedule below:

Date	11:30-1:00	2:00-3:30
Tuesday, August 18th	Pre-K , K, EBS 2	1st
Wednesday, August 19th	2nd	3rd
Thursday, August 20th	4th	5th

**** Families with siblings will be asked to come on the day of their *youngest child* to get all of their children's materials.**

Each student will receive a bag including all of their instructional material for the first 9 weeks. On the assigned day (AM/PM), families will come through the bus loop to pick up their bag. Our teachers will distribute bags to families using proper social distancing protocols and PPE. **We ask that families remain in their vehicle at all times.**

Library Book Drop Off

Have library books from last year? **Drop them off when you pick up student materials this week!**

Remote Learning Support Links

Wondering how to access the **Wake ID Portal**, or **Google Classrooms**? These links are a great resource!

- [Click here](#) for WCPSS Guides to Technology for Parents & Students
- [Click here](#) for answers to common questions around Remote Learning.
- [Click here](#) for WCPSS School Communications information, and to opt into text messages

Chromebooks & Hotspots

The district is coordinating the distribution of Chromebooks and hotspots; if you requested a Chromebook or hotspot, you will follow the plan for technology distribution outlined by our district. On Friday, August 7th, you should have received communication from the district outlining student device distribution, which will begin on August 17 and will continue until all students have their devices. Families that requested devices will receive an email from the district Technology Services Division (not Jeffreys Grove) three days prior to when your devices will be ready for pick up. You will be able to pick up the devices on your assigned day or any day after.

Show self-control
Own your own actions
Accept Others
Respect our community



Jeffreys Grove Pledge

As a Jeffreys Grove Eagle I will soar by showing self control more and more. I will own my own actions every day, accepting what others have to say. I will show respect to everyone and make great choices one by one. I'm a positive role model for all to see, I'm a soaring eagle from JGE!



Advocacy

National PTA believes more resources are needed in order for schools to open safely:

“There are numerous critical needs children, families, educators and schools are facing during the coronavirus pandemic. While Congress has provided some relief to our nation’s children, families and the educational system in previous legislative packages, there are additional needs that must be met before the school year starts... Please contact your Members of Congress today and ask them to provide the critical funding needed to reopen schools.”

[Click here to read more](#)

[Click here to read about #StopCutstoClassrooms](#)

[Click here to read about Every Student Succeeds Act](#)

[Click here to find your elected officials](#)

Key Legislation

Find out which bills in Congress National PTA supports, opposes and is monitoring.

[Read More →](#)

Federal Public Policy Agenda

Learn more about National PTA's policy agenda for the 116th Congress on issues impacting children, families and schools.

[Read More →](#)

Letters to Policymakers

Read every letter National PTA has sent to policymakers this year to improve the education, health and well-being of all students and families.

[Read More →](#)

Advocacy continued

The JG PTA is an advocacy organization; regardless of your membership status, we are here to support ALL students within our Jeffreys Grove community. We know families have a lot of questions and the level of uncertainty surrounding the year is overwhelming. If you have questions, please reach out to Cheri Thomas at JGPTAPresident@gmail.com.

Resources:

[National PTA Resources](#)

[Wake County Updates](#)

[Local Bank Food Banks](#)

[No Kid Hungry - NC](#)

[UNC-TV & NCDE Remote Learning Resources](#)

[Free/Reduced School Meals](#)

[Pandemic Electronic Benefits Program \(P-EBT\) for Eligible Families](#)

JG PTA Membership - [Click Here to Join!](#)

What does the PTA do?

Though this year will be different from past years, the JG PTA will continue to keep you informed; advocate for our students and staff; organize Staff Appreciation events throughout the year; fund Cultural Arts events, provide Creative Teaching Grants (funding for Teaching materials that aren't provided by the district, or online subscriptions not generally offered); support Staff Development; and Special Projects - this year we are hoping to fund technology upgrades.



Last year the PTA provided the following:

Scholastic Magazine, MobyMax, RazKids; free FunRun shirts to all students and staff; \$15,000 worth of books for the Library; over \$11,000 worth of Audio Visual equipment for the multipurpose room; sponsored 1 teacher to attend a Wilson Method training; organized a food drive when school closed unexpectedly; and so much more.

Additional information:

- Joining the PTA doesn't obligate you to attend meetings or participate in any events/fundraisers, though we'd love for you to be involved in any capacity.
- Memberships run for one year and expire June 30th. **If you joined last year you will need to renew your membership** by clicking the link above.
- **Anyone can join the JG PTA**; we welcome grandparents, other family members, and community members; anyone who is invested in our children's education.

VIRTUAL

FAMILY
ACADEMY
Academia Familiar

TIME
5:30PM-6:30PM

Facebook Live Parent Workshops
WCPSS Family Academy

www.facebook.com/WCPSS-Family-Academy-277563949100964

DATE	TOPIC	DATE	TOPIC
08/06/2020	A Great Start for Your Kindergartener!	12/03/2020	Communicating with Your Teenager Effectively
08/11/2020	Navigating the different virtual platforms that teachers use in Elementary School	12/10/2020	How to apply for Early College and Magnet Schools
08/18/2020	How to communicate with your child's teacher virtually (Google Meet and Zoom)	01/07/2021	Developing Good Homework Habits
08/20/2020	How to Support Academic Growth Your Child Using Online Learning Tool	01/12/2021	Tips for Successful Parent-Teacher Conferences
08/25/2020	Transitioning to Middle School	01/21/2021	Teaching Your Child How to Deal with Peer Pressure
09/03/2020	Transitioning to High School	02/04/2021	Identify Bullying and Protect Your Child Against It
09/10/2020	Navigating Wake County Public School System (WCPSS)	02/18/2021	Preparing Your Child for the End of Grade (EOG) Tests (3 -8th)
09/17/2020	Getting to Know the U.S.A. Educational System	03/04/2021	Helping Your Child Reduce Test Stress
10/01/2020	Parent Advocacy and Engagement in Your Child's Education	03/18/2021	Today's Math: "I didn't learn math like that!" (K-5th)
10/15/2020	How to identify that your child is suffering from cyber bullying	04/08/2021	Connecting your child to College and Beyond through CFNC
10/29/2020	Learn How to Motivate Your Child to Thrive in School	04/15/2021	Developing Academic Vocabulary at Home Using Hands-on Activities (K-5th)
11/12/2020	Today's Math: "I didn't learn math like that!" (K-5th)	04/29/2021	Getting Ready for College/University
11/19/2020	Building a Positive Relationship with Your Elementary School Child	05/20/2021	How to Support Academic Growth over School Breaks

FAMILY ACADEMY DISTRICT SPECIAL EVENTS

- Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 11:00 am Don't miss this presentation! "No More Wimpy Parenting" With our special guest Dr. Wynns, expert in child psychology and parenting issues.
- Thursday, December 10, 2020 "How to Apply to Magnet Schools" at 5:30PM.
- Tuesday, January 19, 2021 "How to Apply to Pre-K". " at 5:30PM.

DON'T MISS THESE SPECIALS EVENTS!



Teacher & Staff Appreciation

[Click here for the Favorites List](#)

Teachers and staff have been working tirelessly preparing for the school year, and we want them to know we recognize their efforts and we appreciate them, now more than ever!



The Favorites list will be included in the PTA Newsletter throughout the year in case parents or students would like to send a token of appreciation to any member of Jeffreys Grove. Not having our children in the building is going to be just as hard on the teachers and staff as it is on our children; it is going to be difficult for them to see the difference they are making every day. A handmade card in their favorite colors or a homemade creation from your student will reassure them that they are making a difference, even if they aren't getting to see the smile on a student's face when they walk through the door.

*The school can not provide home addresses, but you can mail items to the school - 6119 Creedmoor Rd. Raleigh, NC 27612; you may also drop items off, but please call before you come.

Support Local Businesses

We haven't lined up our Business Sponsors for this year; but we encourage you to continue to support those who have supported our school over the years!

Our sponsors offer a wide range of services, from food to dental services to sports classes and consulting. These local family-owned businesses have been diligent in supporting Jeffreys Grove, and this is the time to show them how much we appreciate their support! Please consider utilizing these businesses as things reopen.

[Che Empanadas*](#), [Salt & Lime*](#), [Little Doodles*](#), [Relish/The Kitchen Table at Relish](#), [Milton's](#), [Gonza's](#), [Van Daughtry Consulting*](#), [Martin Communications*](#), [Leesville Dentistry*](#), [Cara Pierce-Real Estate Agent*](#), [Parrish Manor*](#), [Vanderwall Orthodontics](#), [the Coder School](#), [i9 Sports](#), [Cookie Cutters-Haircuts for Kids](#), [Pecks Taekwondo](#), [Interactive Playgrounds](#), [LawnTender](#), [Melting Pot of Raleigh*](#), [Sunset Slush](#), [C&C Automation*](#), [Triangle Rock Club*](#), [Diversified Property Services*](#).

*JG Family either owns or is employed by this business

GoPlaySave Mobile App

The Jeffreys Grove PTA (JG PTA) is selling GoPlaySave mobile coupon books this year. A great way for your family to help our school and enjoy trying new places or visiting your favorites. **Mobile** books sell for \$30 and include Raleigh, Durham/Chapel Hill, and surrounding areas. Due to Covid-19 we will sell the mobile book only, and for every mobile book we sell, JG PTA will earn \$15! The books don't expire until Nov. 30, 2021, so hopefully we will all feel more comfortable going out more before too long. GoPlaySave has over \$10,500 in local savings to great restaurants, services, and entertainment. This is a great way to support and help our local businesses. **To see our participating merchants, [click this link.](#)** We will officially start our sale Aug. 17th when school starts but you can get a head start by clicking on our custom link www.goplaysavetriangle.com/store/JGE2021 now and purchasing the mobile book to be used right away. Once there, you can click on the green button to create your own personal link and email or text it to friends, coworkers, and family to help raise money for our school, and earn free mobile books and other prizes. By creating your own link you will receive an email every time you have an online order.



Questions? Email Gabrielle Rhodes and Alexandra Flynn at JGPTAGoPlaySave@gmail.com

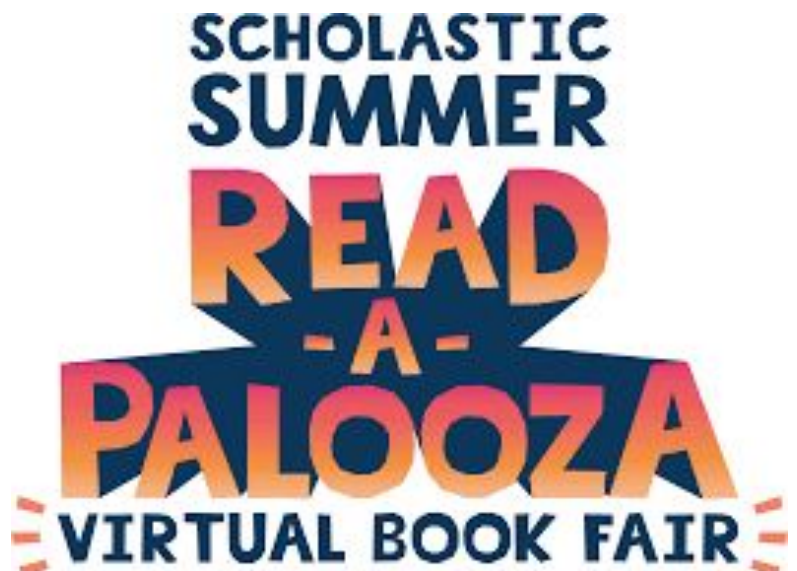
Book Fair

Scholastic is offering 25% back to schools on all books purchased over the summer!

They are also extending **free shipping** on book-only orders **over \$25.**

With the school year starting online for everyone, this could be a great resource for building your home library!

[Click here](#) to shop!



Passive Fundraisers

SIMPLE WAYS YOU CAN HELP THE PTA RAISE MONEY FOR SCHOOL PROGRAMS... TODAY!

Fundraising is an essential part of our PTA's mission to enhance the educational experience of our children and the teaching environment for our teachers. Utilize the following the companies to help raise money for our school; these companies donate a percentage of what you spend to Jeffreys Grove!! Questions? Email JGPTAFundraising@gmail.com



Link your Harris Teeter VIC card to Jeffreys Grove.

**You must re-link your VIC card each year in order for Jeffreys Grove to earn money on your purchases. If you don't already have a rewards card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Harris Teeter.

Harris Teeter: When you are checking out, ask the clerk to link your rewards card with **Jeffreys Grove Elementary #2451.**



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THE NEW BOX TOPS LABELS



Download the new Box Tops for Education app, select Jeffreys Grove as your school and just scan your receipt in the app. Our school will receive a credit for any participating box tops items you have purchased. Note: Receipts must be scanned within 14 days of purchase.

Corporate Matches and Business Sponsors

Jeffreys Grove PTA is non-profit organization; we currently receive funds from IBM, SAS, and GlaxoSmithKline, thanks to amazing parents who've chosen to support Jeffreys Grove through their employers. We also have a number of business sponsors, which include parent-owned businesses as well as surrounding businesses. **If you own a business, or work for a company that offers a match program** [click here](#). Have questions? Contact Sarah Edge, our VP of Fundraising, at JGPTAFundraising@gmail.com.

The Students, Staff and Families of Jeffreys Grove appreciate any and all support!



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Business Sponsors

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JG Platinum Sponsor!



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