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# COUGAR TRACKS

#### **Dear JES Community!**

This past week was bittersweet at Jarrell Elementary. Our students celebrated 100 days of learning, but more importantly, they took the 100 Acts of Kindness to heart, and there were more acts of kindness at JES than we could count. This was especially fitting since we lost one of the kindest, most loving teachers this week, Jeanette Montalvo. While our hearts hurt, we are reminded of what is truly important, our students and our JES community. The love and care our teachers pour into your children and each other everyday is nothing short of inspiring. I want to take this moment to thank our parents and families for supporting our teachers and staff. JES is truly a special place, and we are grateful for your part.

As always, if we can help you or your family in any way, please do not hesitate to reach out!

With gratitude, Lara Hutchinson



This Week!

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#### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13th**

U.I.L. Awards Ceremony



**U.I.L. Competition Results - JISD 2025** 

We are so proud of our students! They did an amazing job in all of the events! Please join us to celebrate all of their accomplishments!

# Looking Ahead!

Monday, February 17th

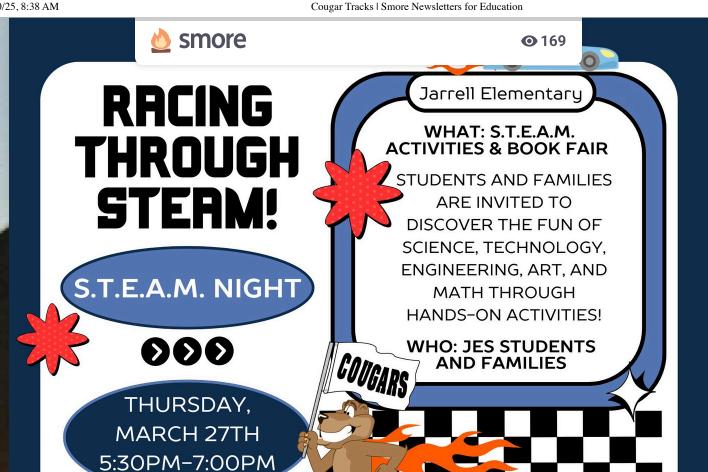
Student and Staff Holiday













# ¡A TODA VELOCIDAD A TRAVÉS DE STERM!

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JUEVES, 27 DE MARZO DE 5:30PM-7:00PM Escuela Primaria Jarrell

QUÉ: ACTIVIDADES S.T.E.A.M. Y FERIA DEL LIBROS

¡LOS ESTUDIANTES Y LAS FAMILIAS ESTÁN INVITADOS A DESCUBRIR LA DIVERSIÓN DE LA CIENCIA, LA TECNOLOGÍA, LA INGENIERÍA, EL ARTE Y LAS MATEMÁTICAS A TRAVÉS DE ACTIVIDADES PRÁCTICAS!

QUIÉN: ESTUDIANTES DE JES Y FAMILIAS

**Jarrell Elementary Calendar** 

Click here for more events!



#### **IMPORTANT Daily Deadlines!**

In order for our systems to run smoothly and safely, please observe the following daily deadlines times.

7:35 a.m. The back doors automatically lock, and you will need to drive around and walk your child in to the building. PLEASE DO NOT DROP-OFF STUDENTS AFTER 7:35. They must be signed in by a parent or guardian.

*1:30 p.m.* ALL transportation changes must be made by 1:30 by emailing or calling Kendra Field or Monica Santos at (512)-746-2170 or <a href="mailto:kendra.field@jarrellisd.org">kendra.field@jarrellisd.org</a> or <a href="mailto:monica.santos@jarrellisd.org">monica.santos@jarrellisd.org</a>.

**2:30 p.m.** Any student checking out early for an appointment, must be picked up prior to 2:30. Our dismissal processes are already in place by that time making it very difficult to change.

At Jarrell Elementary, we are constantly assessing our systems to make improvements for safety, convenience, and time. Observing these cut-off times helps us ensure the smoothest possible processes! Thank you!



# JES DAILY LUNCH SCHEDULE

Pre-K 10:20 AM

Kinder 10:30 AM

1st Grade 11:00 AM

2nd Grade 12:25 PM

3rd Grade 11:35 AM

4th Grade 11:50 PM

5th Grade 11:20 AM







Our students were talking about this ALL week! They were so excited to share all of the kind things they were doing! Thank you for encouraging them at home as well! What we continually do becomes habit, so let's keep the kindness going!

So many students asked us to do this again, so keep a lookout for our next challenge!



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# JES Cougars Have Got Talent!





**Auditions Announcement Talent Show** 

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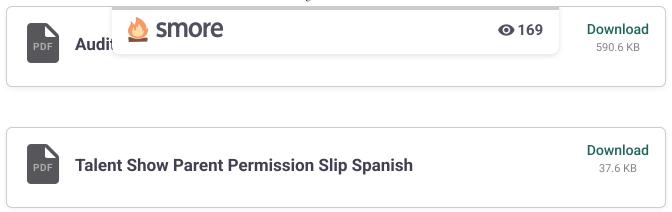
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**Talent Show Parent Permission Slip** 

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# Valentine's Day Card Exchange

Our students will be having a card exchange with their classmates at the end of the day on Friday, February 14th. Our two approved parties are for Christmas and at the End of the Year, so this will just be a fun classroom activity for students. Classroom teachers will be sending more information about the exchange. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's classroom teacher or Brittany Martin (brittany.martin@jarrellisd.org) if we can help with cards for the exchange.

# Teacher Support from our JES PTO!

I want to personally thank all the families who have already participated in our SchoolStore program! We are on our way to reaching our goal, but we need everyone's help to make sure our teachers get the essential tools they need to help our students succeed.

If your family has not participated, there's still time!

This safe and easy program is 100% online so there is no face-to-face selling, collecting money, or delivering products. Your child will receive a prize just for participating, and more prizes will be awarded when goals are reached.

Please help now. It really will make a difference.

Go to https://www.schoolstore.net/sid.t?0000192783

to show our valued teachers your support.

Thanks
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# Pre-K Updates

This week in pre-k, we will be learning that transportation is a way of traveling from one place to another place, people use many types of transportation all around the world, and types of transportation can be categorized into groups: land, air, water.

In math, we will be learning that each pattern has a pattern core that repeats again and again. In literacy, we will be learning, a sentence is a collection of individual words, rhyming words have the same ending sound, each letter of the alphabet has an order of strokes to correctly draw its shape, and thoughts and ideas can be represented using symbols, words, and pictures.

# Kindergarten Updates

#### **NEWSLETTER**

# 1st Grade Updates

In Knowledge we will be wrapping up our unit on Animals and Habitats. We will be learning about endangered animals, reviewing what we have learned, and ending the week with an end of unit test on the 13th and 14th. In Skills we will be reviewing doubles sounds, digraph sounds, and trigraph sounds. In math we will be reviewing all we've learned in module 4 in preparation for our end of unit test. We will be reviewing the comparison of numbers up to 100, using concrete objects or pictorial models to help solve word problems, using concrete and pictorial models to compose and decompose numbers using place value, and reciting numbers forwards and backwards from any given number between 1 and 120. In science we will be continuing our unit on Earth materials. We will wrap up our lessons on soil and begin our lessons on the importance of water. In Social Studies we are learning to identify our state and national anthems and mottos.

### 2nd Grade Updates

In Skills, we will demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge. In Knowledge, we will begin a new unit on the human body. In Math, we will begin our new unit on foundations of multiplication and division. In Science, we will be wrapping up our unit on Earth Materials. In Social Studies, we will wrap up our unit on the environment.



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This week in Reading, we will be continuing our study of the solar system. We will be reading about gravity, a reader's theater of Nicolaus Copernicus, the space shuttle, and a biography of Mae Jemison. Students will use the text to answer questions using evidence from the text, make inferences, compare and contrast two texts, and identify text structures. In Writing, we will write an argumentative essay from text that we have read. We will also revise and edit texts. In Math, students will compose and decompose fractions and create models of fractions on the number line using the denominators of 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8. We will also be identifying equivalent fractions using number lines and pictorial models. In Social Studies, we will research a historical figure and provide facts, key ideas, cause and effect connections, and a timeline from our research. It's going to be a great week in third grade!

# 4th Grade Updates

In Math, we will be wrapping up our unit on data analysis, with a quiz scheduled for Tuesday. Next, students will be introduced to points, lines, line segments, rays, and angles, along with their relationships. They will learn to construct, recognize, and define these geometric concepts before applying their understanding to classify figures and solve problems.

In Science, we will begin a new unit on Earth's patterns, starting with the water cycle. Students will describe and illustrate the continuous movement of water above and on Earth's surface and explain how the Sun serves as the primary source of energy driving this process.

In ELAR, the students will continue reading poems. They will explain the figurative language used, make inferences, and summarize a longer poem, *Casey at the Bat*, in groups.

In social studies, we will begin to study the impacts of the U.S. - Mexican War on Texas.

### 5th Grade Updates

#### **NEWSLETTER**

# Library

PK-3rd graders will be analyzing letters found in children's literature and they will write their own original letter.

4th-5th graders will be working in groups to complete a digital escape room using their knowledge of digital citizenship to complete the activity.

### **ART**

4th & 5th Grade - watercolor projects
3rd Grade - felt basket weaving
2nd Grade - Dachshund with patterned sweater

1st Grade - Pie / Smore

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PreK - Painted Cardinals

## **MUSIC**



# **Bullying Prevention**

In January, we will host a Bullying Prevention Parent Education Night with a presentation by Bluebonnet Trails Services. Details will follow soon.

A Parent's Guide to Understanding Bullying

JISD CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH!





# **DISTRICT NEWS**





2025 Destination Life Transition Conference

bit.ly/destinationlife

- · Select number of sessions are in Spanish
- Request special accommodations and ASL interpretation through RSVP form on website.

#### JARRELL ISD CONTACT INFORMATION:

Natasha Jones, Transition Specialist; natasha.jones@jarrellisd.org



### Standard Response Protocol - Safety Procedures

Jarrell ISD utilizes the Standard Response Protocols (SRP) as part of our district-wide safety plan. Below are the protocols that define the difference between a "Hold," "Secure," "Lockdown," "Evacuate," and "Shelter." It's critical our parents, students, staff, and community know the difference. When people know the protocols, it helps reduce anxiety and prevents misinformation from spreading.

**SRP Information Link** 





#### INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Our school has adopted The "I Love U Guys" Foundation's Standard Response Protocol (SRP). Students and staff will be training, practicing, and drilling the protocol.

#### COMMON LANGUAGE

The Standard Response Protocol (SRP) is based on an all-hazards approach as opposed to individual scenarios. Like the Incident Command System (ICS), SRP utilizes clear common language while allowing for flexibility in protocol.

The premise is simple - there are five specific actions that can be performed during an incident. When communicating these, the action is labeled with a "Term of Art" and is then followed by a "Directive." Execution of the action is performed by active participants, including students, staff, teachers and first responders. The SRP is based on the following actions: Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter.

#### HOLD

#### "In Your Classroom or Area"

Students are trained to:

- . Clear the hallways and remain in their area or room until the "All Clear" is announced
- Do business as usual

#### Adults and staff are trained to:

- Close and lock the door
- Account for students and adults
- Do business as usual

### SECURE

#### "Get Inside. Lock outside doors"

Students are trained to:

Return to inside of building

- Do business as usual
- Adults and staff are trained to:
- Bring everyone indoors
   Lock the outside doors
- Increase situational awareness
- · Account for students and adults



#### LOCKDOWN

"Locks, Lights, Out of Sigh

Students are trained to:

- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door
- Adults and staff are trained to:

  Recover students from hallway if possible
- · Lock the classroom door
- · Turn out the lights
- Move away from sight.
- Maintain silence
- . Do not open the door
- Prepare to evade or defend

#### **EVACUATE**

#### "To a Location"

Students are trained to: · Leave stuff behind if required to

- . If possible, bring their phone.

- Adults and staff are trained to:

  Bring roll sheet and Go Bag (unless instructed not to bring anything with them, dependent on reason for evacuation.)
- Lead students to Evacuation location
- · Account for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.

#### SHELTER

#### Hazards might include:

- Tornado
- Hazmat
- Earthquake Tsunami

# Safety Strategies might include: • Evacuate to shelter area • Seal the room

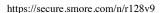
- Drop, cover and hold

#### Get to high ground Students are trained in:

Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies
 Adults and staff are trained in:

- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies
   Accounting for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.







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#### PARENT GUIDANCE

In the event of a live incident, parents may have questions about their role.

#### SECURE

#### "Get Inside. Lock outside doors"



Secure is called when there is something dangerous outside of the building. Students and staff are brought into the building and the outside doors will be locked. The school might display the Building is Secured poster on entry doors or nearby windows. Inside, it will be business as usual.

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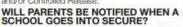
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# SHOULD PARENTS COME TO THE SCHOOL DURING A SECURE EVENT?

Probably not. Every effort is made to conduct classes as normal during a secure event. Additionally, parents may be asked to stay outside during a Secure event.

#### WHAT IF PARENTS NEED TO PICK UP THEIR STUDENT?

Depending on the situation, it may not be safe to release the student. As the situation evolves, Secure might change to a Monitored Entry and/or Controlled Release.



When a secure event is brief or the hazard is non-violent, like a wild animal on the playground, there may not be a need to notify parents while the Secure is in place.

With longer or more dangerous events, the school should notify parents that the school has increased their security.

#### LOCKDOWN

"Locks, Lights, Out of Sight"



A Lockdown is only initiated when there is an active threat inside or very close to the building.

# SHOULD PARENTS COME TO THE SCHOOL DURING A LOCKDOWN?

The natural inclination for parents is to go to the school during a Lockdown. Understandable, but perhaps problematic. If there is a threat inside the building, law enforcement will be responding. It is unlikely that parents will be granted access to the building or even the campus. If parents are already in the school, they will be instructed to Lockdown as well.

#### SHOULD PARENTS TEXT THEIR STUDENTS?

The school recognizes the importance of communication between parents and students during a Lockdown event. Parents should be aware though, during the initial period of a Lockdown, it may not be safe for students to text their parents. As the situation resolves, students may be asked to update their parents on a regular basis.

In some cases, students may be evacuated and transported off-site for a student-parent reunification.

## WHAT ABOUT UNANNOUNCED DRILLS?

The school may conduct unscheduled drills, however it is highly discouraged to conduct one without announcing that it as a drill. That's called an unannounced drill and can cause undue concern and stress.

Parents should recognize that the school will always inform students that it is a drill during the initial announcement.



It's important to differentiate between a **drill** and an exercise. A drill is used to create the "Muscle Memory" associated with a practiced action. There is no simulation of an event; this is simply performing the action. An exercise simulates an actual event to test the capacity of personnel and equipment.

# CAN PARENTS OBSERVE OR PARTICIPATE IN THE DRILLS?

The school welcomes parents who wish to observe or participate in drills.

#### **District Calendar**

2024-2025 Academic Calendar







## **Jarrell Elementary School**

Please reach out with any questions or suggestions you may have!

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Jaclynne Bizzell, Assistant Principal

Lupita Viveros, Assistant Principal

Brittany Martin, Counselor

Stephanie Garcia, Administrative Assistant

Terry Kurtz, Registrar

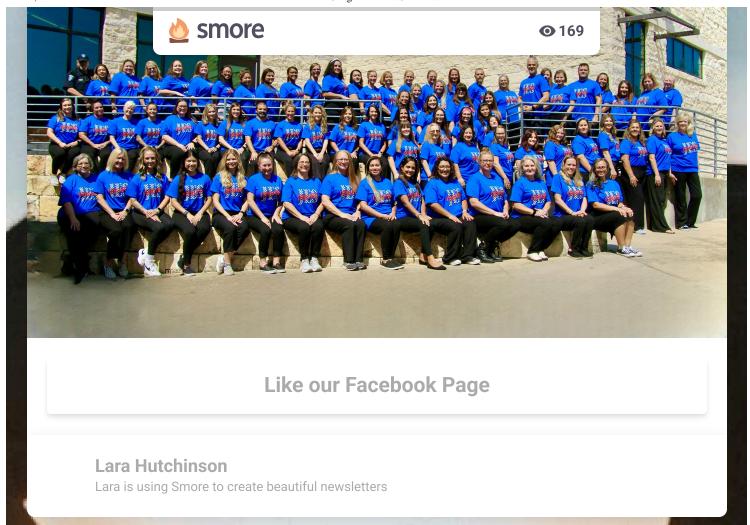
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