



Cougar Tracks

Jarrell Elementary Newsletter - January 6, 2025

Dear JES Community!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I love this time of year because it is a time of hope, renewal and dreaming about all of the wonderful possibilities ahead!

I hope you and your family have enjoyed your time together this holiday season. While we have enjoyed the much needed holiday, we miss our students and are ready to see them on Tuesday morning.

This spring is a very exciting time for Jarrell Elementary staff and students. We will start the semester by setting goals - individual, grade level and campus goals., and we believe in the ability of our students to grow, learn and reach their goals.

As we start this new semester, January is School Board Appreciation Month! We are grateful for our outstanding School Board Trustees who put our students first and help us all achieve our goal of ensuring our students have every door opened to them.

We are so excited about the spring semester and all that our students will accomplish. We are here to help in whatever way your family may need. Please do not hesitate to reach out with your questions or suggestions.

With gratitude,
Lara Hutchinson



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SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH
JANUARY 2025



This Week!

Tuesday, January 7th

1st day back for students



Looking Ahead!

Monday, January 20th

Staff and Student Holiday



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



Jarrell Elementary Calendar

[Click here for more events!](#)





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Attendance Matters!
**come ROAR WITH US
EVERY DAY!**

**100% GOAL**

Cougars Can!

COUGARS WILL!

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 kendra.field@jarrellisd.org or monica.santos@jarrellisd.org.

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!



Please take minute to review the new district-wide policy for over-the-counter medications.



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IXL Challenge!

We have a new math skills program for our students to practice their skills at home called **IXL!** Students can log onto a laptop, iPad or even an iPhone or other device to practice very important foundational skills.

Mrs. Merino's 3rd grade Dual Language class is leading the school in hours logged and has challenged the other classes and individual students! *We will keep you posted with our campus class leaders and individual leaders in the newsletter and on FB.*

Check out the information below about how to log your student on and begin racking up points today! If you have trouble or have questions, please reach out to your child's teacher.



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New Year's Resolutions for KIDS!

This is a great time to set some goals and resolutions with our students! Check out the article below for great ideas about how to get started!



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children focus on

forming good habits. Sit down with your kids and, together, pick maybe one or two goals they want to set as their New Year's resolutions.

[healthychildren.org](https://www.healthychildren.org)

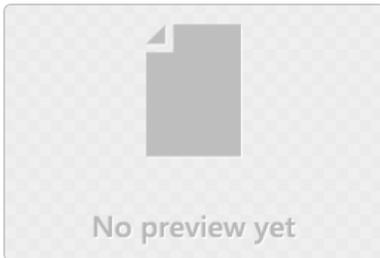


Parent Partnership Websites and Games

Please click on the link below for more information and details about how you can support your child at home for success at school!

Attached you will find a "how to" to log into Classlink in English and Spanish. We have noticed that parents are having a hard time logging into online apps. Parents must go the Jarrell's Classlink or you might have issues logging in.

If you have any trouble at all, please give us a call. We are happy to help! Your child's classroom teacher can help as well as our Assistant Principals and Principal.



Elementary Resources

Did you know that your student has access to all our district apps, textbooks, and ebooks? Classlink is how students access district online learning apps (e-mail, Google Classroom, Sora, etc.). Follow this step-by-step guide to log in to Classlink. [Click here to log into Classlink!](#)

sites.google.com



Pre-K Updates

This week in Pre
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constructed in stages. In math we will be counting objects in sets up to 10. In literacy we will continue learning letter sounds, every sentence ends with a punctuation mark, and steps in a story or process can be sequenced to show their order.--

Kindergarten Updates

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1st Grade Updates

ELAR: Students will begin a new unit in reading about the history of the earth. Students will be learning about rocks and minerals, fossils, volcanoes, and geysers. We will be reviewing the parts of a letter, and write a letter to Gerry the Geologist to share information learned from the read-alouds. We will complete a graphic organizer to compare and contrast volcanoes and geysers. We will continue with our unit 4 in phonics. Students will continue reviewing R-controlled vowels 'er' as in her, 'ar' as in car, and 'or' as in for. Students will read from the new decodable readers and answer questions about key details in the text. We will not begin new spelling words until the week of January 13th. Please begin reviewing the sight words for the third nine weeks and continue reviewing all of the previous sight words learned.

MATH: We will begin a new unit in math studying, organizing, and manipulating numbers up to 40. Students will be recognizing multiples of tens and ones and using math manipulatives to represent numbers to 40. They will be using place value charts to organize units. (28=2 tens 8 ones) (3 tens 6 ones is the same as 36 ones)

SCIENCE: We will begin a new unit recording weather information, including relative temperature, such as hot or cold, clear or cloudy, calm or windy, and rainy or icy.

SOCIAL STUDIES: We will begin a new unit describing the origins of customs, holidays, and celebrations of the community, state, and nation. Students will develop an understanding that culture is the way a group of people live and a family is a group of people who live together. We will discuss how families have many different customs and traditions.

2nd Grade Updates

In Skills, we will be decoding words with short, long, or variant vowels, trigraphs, and blends, we will also be learning about adjectives, including articles, alphabetizing a series of words and using a dictionary or glossary to find words. In Knowledge, we will begin unit 7 about insects. This domain will lay the foundation for review and further study of the life cycles, habitats, and classifications of insects and other animals. In Math, we will learn to add up to four two-digit numbers and subtract two digit numbers using mental strategies based on place value and properties of operations. In

Science, we will
In Social Studies



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made resources.

3rd Grade Updates

Welcome back! We are excited about starting our second semester of learning! This week in Reading, we will continue our study of The Viking Unit. As we read through our stories, we will focus on the reading skills of paraphrasing, plot elements, and text elements. In Writing, we will be using the RACES strategy for text based responses. In Math, we will continue working on the area of a rectangle. For Science, we will begin our study of the solar system. We will also be taking our STAAR Reading practice assessment. It's going to be a great week in third grade!

4th Grade Updates

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5th Grade Updates

[5th Grade Newsletter](#)

Library

In the library students will be learning the importance of digital citizenship and how to be safe, respectful, and responsible while using the internet.



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](#)



“There is nothing to
make you like other
human beings
*so much as doing
things for them.*”

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DISTRICT NEWS

National Bus Safety Contest

Jarrell ISD is participating in the National School Bus Safety Poster Contest. For more information about the contest click the link below.

[National School Bus Safety Poster Contest Information](#)



NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

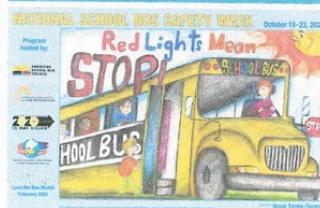
Every year, thousands of school districts in over 40 states participate in local and state-level competitions to select artwork that depicts school bus safety-related themes and encourages and promotes school bus safety. The winning posters are used to promote safer school transportation for everyone. State winners advance to the national contest.

The 2024-25 National Poster Contest aims to select poster that best depicts the theme:

Safety First - Safety Always

The National School Bus Safety Poster Contest is sponsored by the National Association for Pupil Transportation, the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services, and the National School Transportation Association.

Past National Overall Winners





TRANSPORTATION PAGE



Transportation Form

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Transportation Form - Spanish

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2024-2025 Academic Calendar

MISSION STATEMENT



WE ARE COMMITTED TO CREATING AN ENGAGING
AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT THAT ENSURES
LEARNING FOR ALL.



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

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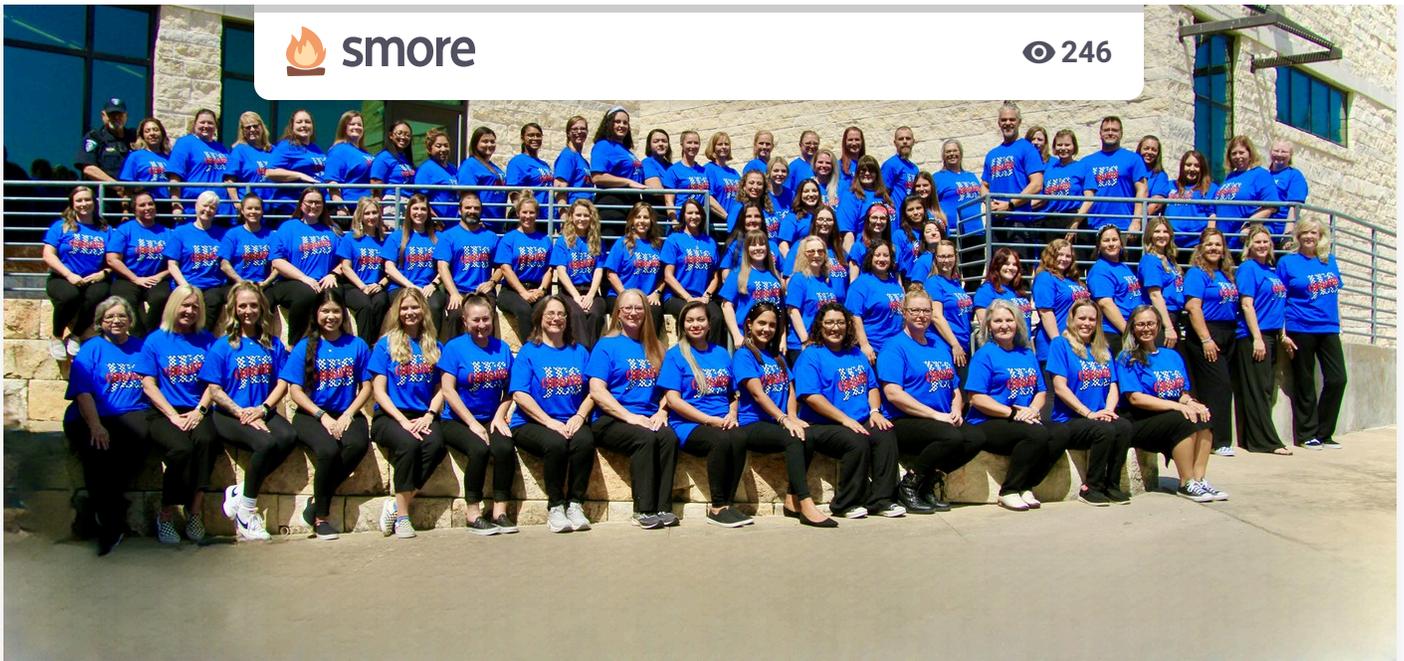
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