

# Welcome Back Jepson Blue Jays!

## We're S.O.A.R.ing into a new school Year...Updates, News & More!

August 2023

Dear Jepson Students and Families-  
I hope I'm finding you all well, safe, and enjoying your summer! As always, it's hard to believe that it is almost time for a new school year to begin; the summer goes by so fast! As the principal of Benjamin Jepson Multi-Age Magnet School, I am excited and looking forward to welcoming you to the 2023-2024 school year! We have many new and amazing upcoming opportunities to make friends, learn, challenge yourself, and all while having fun!! This year we have new math (for grades 6-8), ELA(language arts), and science curriculums that promise to provide hands-on experiences for authentic learning, connections to the world around us, and additional support for families and students.  
We have some outstanding new staff waiting to meet our star students and veteran staff looking forward to welcoming you all back! I can't wait to see everyone, school in the summer is not the same without the giggles, hugs, silliness, and fun. See you soon!  
Miss Lesley



### Something We're So Excited About...



We are in the process of re-creating a beautiful new Library Media Center that will be the center of Jepson and a place where our entire community can come together. Plans for our big reveal and celebration are forthcoming!



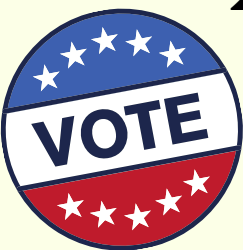
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Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The Jepson Parent Team is holding elections in the coming weeks. The Parent Team is looking for interested parents and/or families to fill four positions (offices) for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. The positions up for election are the following:

- Parent Team Leader- Preside at general PT meetings and Executive Board meetings, serve as the official representative of the PT and retain all official records of the PT.
- Vice Parent Team Leader- Oversees the committee system of the PT. Works closely with the PT Leader and presides over meetings in the absence of the PT Leader.
- Secretary- Manage communications and marketing for the PT, including but not limited to newsletters, emails, bulletin boards, flyers, etc.
- Treasurer- In collaboration with the business manager of Jepson, serves as the custodian of the PT's finances, collects revenue, pays authorized expenses,





report financial activity at each monthly meeting, prepares a year-end financial report, facilitate an annual audit, and maintain all financial records.

**\*\*More information about these roles and time for questions will be available at orientation.**

**If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please fill out this secure, confidential form before Monday, August 21st.**

**<https://forms.gle/hoX2hVQRZUUmA7Uf7>.**



**The election will take place immediately after Orientation and run for one week. Election "ballots" and voting will be conducted through an online, secure survey.**



## Orientation

Thursday, August 24th @ 12:00 and 5:00

All students are welcome, but please be aware we are respectfully requesting every student in grades 5, 6, 7, and 8, in attendance with their parents/guardians attend one orientation. Any student/parent in grades 5-8, who does not attend an orientation will not be issued a Chromebook, or be allowed to attend any off-campus events.

Orientation information will be kept to a minimum and we anticipate taking no longer than 30-45 minutes.



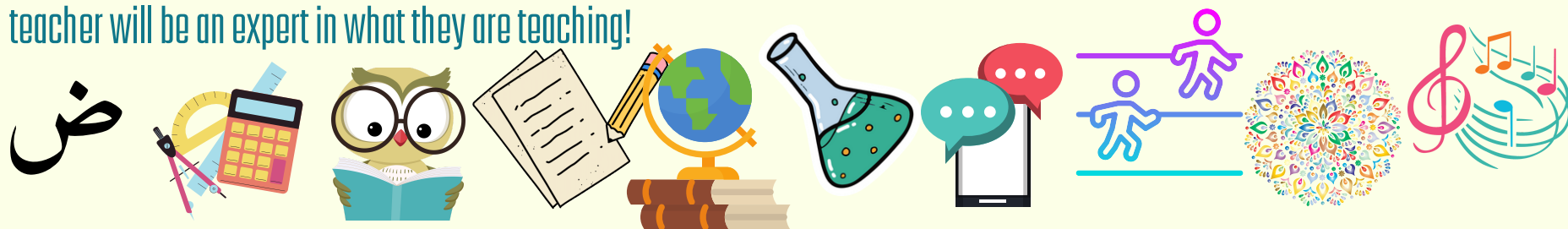
# Important Dates to Remember

1. First day of school for grades K-8 (12) is Thursday, August 31st.
2. First day of school for pre-school is Tuesday, September 5th.
3. Jepson's Orientation date and times; Thursday, August 24th 12:00 and 5:00.
4. Labor Day is Monday, September 4th. There is NO SCHOOL.
5. September 12th, NO SCHOOL for students (teacher in-service).
6. Wednesday, September 20th, Open House K-8.
7. Monday, September 25th, NO SCHOOL in observance of Yom Kippor
8. <https://www.nhps.net/Page/854> (for the NHPS 10-month calendar)


REMEMBER! →

**Teacher letters...** we know many of you are waiting patiently and anxiously to hear from your teachers. For some, you are moving up in your class and will now be an "older." Congratulations, that is an important role and a job to take seriously as you are a role model for the other students in your class and for many others in the school. This year we will be introducing a new program that pairs our experienced students with new students, something you will hear more about soon. For others, you have stepped into a new grade and /or team and this is a new experience. Usually, we send out one letter to every student and that is the teacher they stay with for almost every subject. This year, for students in grades 3 and up, things have changed a little. ?

Every student (grades 3 and up) will have a homeroom teacher that will also be their first-period teacher. But, instead of staying with the same teacher for every subject, you will be switching, as each teacher will be teaching a specific subject. This, I believe, will allow you to move a little more frequently but also spend quality time learning in every area. You see, now every teacher will be an expert in what they are teaching!



Transitions will have to be safe and smooth and you will need to have all of your materials with you. Leaving the room too many times for bathroom breaks or drinks will make it hard for you to understand what is going on.

So, you will get your homeroom teacher's letter but please go to the website to  see the other teachers and what subject they are teaching. You will also find out what materials you will need, a little bit about the teacher and if you have questions, you can ask at orientation or e-mail us.

For students who are in pre-k, kindergarten or grade 1-2, we will mail your teacher's letter to you but I suggest looking online as well.

Pre-K has separate orientation dates that you will receive an invitation to attend closer to the start of pre-k.

Please visit our website for more updates and information at:

[Benjaminjepson.org](http://Benjaminjepson.org)

Remember to read, read and read some more!! You have to READ to READ! We want to hear about your favorite books. Practice your math; addition, subtraction, and multiplication! We have fun fact Fridays and math challenges coming up!!

**Have a safe, fun and awesome rest of your summer! We can't wait to see you ALL!**

**Miss Lesley & Miss Karissa**

