

A message from your principal, *Mrs. Julie Vaughn*



Dear Eagle Families,

First and foremost, I would like to extend a warm welcome to both our returning families and those who are joining us for the first time. We are thrilled to have you as part of our Jesse Stuart community, and we look forward to fostering a strong partnership focused on your child's success and well-being. I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits as we embark on the 23-24 school year.

This is a year of transition and growth for all of us at Jesse Stuart. There are nearly 100 new students (and families) joining us, as well as new teachers and staff. Our goal for this year is to close learning gaps, focus on academic and personal growth, build relationships through strengthening school culture and unite new and familiar faces in order to make a bigger and better Jesse Stuart Eagle family. As the new school year approaches, I wanted to take a moment to share some important information, updates, and changes, so please read through the handbook carefully. We are excited for the year ahead and hope you are too!

Health, Safety & Transportation:

The health and safety of our students, staff, and families remain our top priority. When visiting the building, please use the main entrance, buzz in and have your ID ready for our office staff. When picking up your child in the car rider line, make sure you have a visible car rider number. The nurse is a valuable asset to your child, especially in the event of an emergency, so please complete and return the Nurse Permission form as soon as possible. Make sure to alert the office, Nurse and your child's teacher of any food allergies or health concerns. Ensuring your child gets home the correct way is also very important, so please make sure you know their Route # and an estimated time they will be picked up and dropped off each day. Send the teacher a message through Parent Square as early as possible if their transportation for the day has changed. Lastly, Hopkins Co. Schools has hired a mental health therapist for each school, so please know that resource will be available for your child if you feel it is needed.

Academic Excellence:

At Jesse Stuart, we are committed to providing a rigorous and comprehensive education that fosters intellectual growth and personal development. We have many new grade level teams this year that have been thoughtfully built and we look forward to seeing their collaboration and teamwork come to life in your child's growth and successes. We will continue to focus on a well-rounded curriculum that includes core subjects, arts, physical education, and opportunities for social-emotional learning. We encourage open communication between parents and teachers to support the academic progress of our students.

Parent Involvement:

We believe that a strong partnership between home and school is vital for the success of our students and encourage you to join PTA and volunteer. There will be various opportunities for you to participate in school activities, parent-teacher conferences, family nights, lunch dates, holiday parties, assemblies, etc. We value your input and appreciate your support as we work together to create a positive and inclusive learning community.

Communication:

Effective communication is key to maintaining a strong school-home connection. We will be using **Parent Square** as our primary communication platform, so let us know if you need help signing up for that. It makes communication super easy! Also, please ensure that your contact information is up to date in our system. This is especially important in the event of an emergency. Stop by or call the office if something needs to be changed or updated. Additionally, our school website and Jesse Stuart Elementary School & Jesse Stuart PTA Facebook pages will serve as valuable resources for accessing important information. Are you familiar with Parent Portal? There, you can view your child's grades whenever you'd like. Let us know if we can help you access that!

As we prepare to welcome students back to JSES, please remember that we are here to support you and your child in any way we can. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Together, we can make this year of transition a memorable and successful one.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. We are truly honored to be a part of their journey, and we look forward to an amazing year filled with growth, achievements, and cherished memories. #EAGLEUP

Warm regards,

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