

August 18, 2022

Dear Dual Language Students, Parents, and Families,

Welcome to the first school year of our new Dual Language Program! Our teachers and staff are busy preparing their classrooms and our school for an exciting year of learning and growing. We are looking forward to partnering with you and supporting our students in their first year of school. We look forward to hearing about your summer adventures, connecting with all of you, and meeting all of our kindergarteners.

During this school year our kindergarten teachers will be working in collaborative teacher teams, which allows every student to get the academic and social emotional support they need to be successful students. Teachers will be teaching content in Spanish in the morning and content in English in the afternoon. Every student will be learning grade level standards or higher. We aspire to be a safe place for your child where learning in two languages is exciting and relevant for their future.

Please review the information below, and do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions. Thank you!

Upcoming Events and Communication

Website for Dual Language Information: <https://www.jcsd.k12.or.us/509j-dual-language/>

Dual Language Facebook Page: @JCSD509JDL

First Day of School

Kindergarten teachers will be in touch the week of August 29-September 2 to set up a conference with families and assign a "first day" for students. Kindergarten students will attend in small groups **9/7 or 9/8** to learn routines, expectations, and tour the school. On Friday, **September 9th** all kindergarten students will attend as a whole class. We will continue to have **LATE START MONDAYS** which allows teachers to provide the best possible educational experience to your students.

Breakfast and Lunch

Students will be admitted into the building starting at 7:40 a.m. Every student will be given the option of eating a free breakfast, which will be served in the classrooms. Every student will also be given the option of eating a free lunch. Lunch will be served in the cafeteria.

509J Dual Language Staff

KG Teachers: Mrs. Jimenez and Ms. Sanchez-Felix

Bilingual EAs: Ms. Bustamante and Ms. Alonso

Dual Language Program Secretary: Ms. Galan

Principal: Mrs. Contreras Weiss

Open House:

Come and meet your new teacher and drop off your school supplies on **Thursday, September 1st from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.** You can go into your new classroom and put away your supplies and meet your teacher, then stop by the swingset outside to enjoy an ice cream treat. In addition, family and community engagement is important to our school and district because it helps us welcome and value our families, listen and learn from each other, and work together to support learning for our students. Your voice matters so be sure to stop by our district family engagement table to give us your feedback.

School Supplies:

This year our school district is providing most of the necessary basic supplies for students. We want to ease some of the costs associated with the rising prices in stores as you send your child back to school. We are asking families to provide 2 large boxes of tissue and 1-2 packages of baby wipes (80-150 count).

Bus Routes:

Please check the district website for the 2022-2023 bus routes:

www.jcsd.k12.or.us/district/departments/transportation/ or call (541) 475-3536. If your child is riding the bus, please take some time to review bus expectations with your child.

Arrival and Dismissal:

School starts at 7:45 a.m. Doors open at 7:40 a.m. We begin our day promptly at 7:45. If your child arrives after 7:45 a.m., please call the Dual Language Office at 541-475-2819.

School ends every day at 2:25 p.m.

- When dropping off your student, please go to the front of the school's east side entrance. A staff member will be out there greeting students and families and helping with arrival. (Please see attached map)
- When picking up your student, please go to the front of the school's east side entrance. Staff will be out there to assist with getting the students to their family. For the first couple of weeks, please be prepared to show your ID or driver's license so that we can verify and release your child to you. Please make sure you've included all adults who are able to pick up your child on the registration form. If you need to add any additional adults, please call the school.

Attendance: Oregon Law requires that you ensure your child maintains regular attendance and this includes arriving on time. An absence is considered excused only in the case of a family death, student illness or doctor appointment. If your child misses school due to a medical appointment, we are happy to excuse him/her when a note from the medical provider is submitted to the office. All other absences are marked as unexcused including family vacations. Please remember to contact the school when there will be or has been an absence by 9:00am the day of the absence.

Late Start Mondays:

The start time for Late Start Mondays is 9:15 a.m. For a full list of Late Start Mondays, please see the district calendar included in this mailing. Students will be served breakfast and lunch just as they are on a regular school day.

Medication:

Prescription or over the counter medication needed for a student during the school day must be kept in the office and administered by the office staff. This includes filling out the school district form for permission to administer the medication. If you have any questions please call the office at 541-475-2819.

After School Care:

Please go to the following website or call to find out more about options for after school care:

<https://sites.google.com/509j.net/21stcccljcms/home> (Jefferson County Community Learning Center / 541-475-0388)

<https://jckidsclub.com/> (Jefferson County Kids Club / 541-475-7028)

Laura Contreras Weiss

509J Dual Language Principal