The Falcon Flyer

September 1, 2021

Greetings Falcon Families:

We are so happy to have our students back in the building and I want to personally thank you for all you have done to support our teaching and learning efforts during this very first month of the new school year! I hope that you were able to attend one of our Curriculum Night sessions so that you can become familiar with your child's grade level curriculum and expectations. We want to clearly and consistently communicate with you so that you will remain well informed throughout the school year.

Together, we will work to meet the individual learning needs of all of our students. Please know that we value and welcome your feedback as we strive to make CJH a great place for everyone to work, learn, and grow. Thank you for partnering with us!

Sincerely,
Dr. Erica Wakefall
LEAD | LEARN | LOVE | GROW

VISION & MISSION

The **vision** of C.J. Hicks Elementary School is to be a positive learning environment where students grow into culturally, technologically, and globally competitive individuals.

The **mission** of C.J. Hicks Elementary School is to ensure the academic, social, and emotional success of all students through rigorous, individualized instruction.

VALUES

Lead: We believe that…

- teachers and staff should lead by example, with compassion and empathy
- providing students with leadership opportunities will allow them to identify and display effective communication and interpersonal skills

Learn: We believe that…

- professional development leads to better instruction and improved student learning
- all of our students can learn when we individualize their instruction

Love: We believe that…

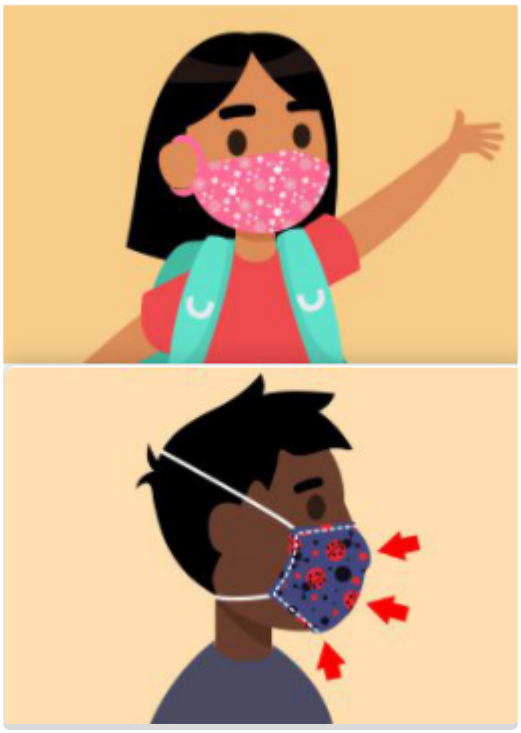
- we must always represent our school with pride
- a nurturing, inclusive, and safe school community allows all students to succeed

Grow: We believe that…

- we must seek to continuously improve our instructional practices
- all students can reach their full potential when we engage them with culturally relevant pedagogy

September 6	Holiday / Schools Closed
September 7	Quarantine Education for Students and Teachers (QUEST) Begins
September 10	1st – 5th Grade Profess Reports Available in Infinite Campus
September 17	Kindergarten Progress Reports Available in Infinite Campus
September 24	Fabulous Falcon Recognition (Students ONLY)

Please send your child to school each day with a clean mask that is made for children to help ensure a proper fit. Check to be sure the mask fits snugly over the nose and mouth and under the chin and that there are no gaps around the sides.



School visitation will be by appointment only. All visitors must wear a mask or face covering to enter the building. We thank you in advance for honoring our safety protocols.

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Please be certain that your child's teacher is aware of how they will get home from school each day. We strongly recommend that you decide on a consistent afternoon mode of transportation. All transportation changes must be requested in writing using the transportation change form. Emergency transportation changes should be communicated to the FRONT OFFICE by 12:00 pm the day of (or as soon as possible) to ensure that the teacher has been made aware of the change in transportation.

We encourage all parents to "kiss and go" at the car rider lane. Students should have their masks on and be ready to exit the vehicle with all of their school essential belongings. Parents, for your safety, and so that we can keep the traffic flowing, please remain in your vehicle at all times and allow the CJH staff on duty to support the students from the side walk.

Create your Infinite Campus Parent Portal Account

1. View your child's attendance, assignments, grades and report cards
2. Receive important information from the district, school and teacher through Remind messages, emails and phone calls
3. Easily sign forms online and update your contact information

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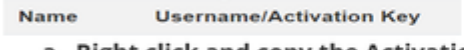
Directions to set up your Infinite Campus Parent Portal Account

1. Contact your child's teacher for the RCPS Student ID number.
2. Go to cjh.rockdaleschools.org
3. Click on How To: Setup Your Infinite Campus Parent Account

4. After entering the child's RCPS Student ID number and birthday, you will see an Activation Key.



   a. Right click and copy the Activation code.
   b. Click on

. Right click and paste the activation key in the box.
   c. Create your account using your email address.

CJ Hicks Before and After School Information

[2021-2022 Registration Form]

- Before Care: 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.
- After Care: until 6:30 p.m.
- CAPS Accepted
- Activities include homework help, reading and math fluency building, games, physical education and more.

PBIS TIP-OF-THE-MONTH: CELEBRATE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Celebrate your child's accomplishments, no matter how big or small! Hang up returned assignments somewhere visible (wall, fridge, taped to your bedroom door, etc). This motivates children as they see you taking note and serves as a non-verbal form of feedback.

READY Parents,

We have gotten off to a very good start this school year. We have spent time practicing and learning our classroom rules, expectations, and routines, so the students are now becoming more comfortable in their new learning environment. Our new themes for the month of September are "All About Me", "Apples", "Leaves", and "Fall". Our book of the month is From Head to Toe by Eric Carle. This book introduces the basic body parts and simple body movements. The color of the month is red, and the shape is the square.

We are so excited about having our very own Media Specialist, Mrs. Burdett, read a book to our students once a week during our story time session. Fall is a wonderful time of year for you and your child to take a walk and talk about what you see. You can talk about the changing weather and how the leaves are starting to change colors. You can even go on a leaf hunt and collect different types of leaves and explore them together. Remember, little moments make big memories!

Greetings Parents and Guardians,

We have had an awesome start to this school year getting to know each other and learning about our school. Please take some time to read to your child each night. Also, please practice name writing, counting, letter recognition, and number recognition.

Thank you so much,
The Pre-K Team

Greetings Kindergarten Parents!

Thank you for all of the support you have given us so far this year. We ask that you continue to work with your boys and girls at home to read 20-30 minutes per day and study their sight words. Our goal is for our students to know all 200 sight words by the end of the school year. Please take time to ask your children questions as you are reading to them. We would also like to encourage you to practice counting to 100 by ones and tens daily to help our students master foundational math standards. Please let us know if you need additional resources to support your child. Please make sure you pack an extra mask in your child's bookbag in case the one they are wearing breaks during the school day. Let's make it a great year together!

Thank you!
The Kindergarten Team

3-2-1 Blast Off!!!

1st Grade is off to an exciting new norm. As we continue to adjust to the social distance protocols, please keep the following reminders in mind:

- Personal water bottles and snacks are welcome
- Please pack extra child size masks
- Have daily conversations about personal space
- Be sure to label personal items (water bottles, sweaters, jackets, etc.)

First Graders are already learning so much. In Literacy, they are learning how to be good readers by asking and answering questions using Who? What? When? Where? Why/How? Writing is all about narratives and learning how to tell the beginning, middle, and end of a story. In Math, they are counting and skip counting (by 1s, 5s, and 10s). We will even learn how to organize, represent, and interpret data on a tally chart. Students will dive into locations for Social Studies where they will learn about their continents, country, state, county, and city. Our day will end with Science, where they will explore magnets with common objects.

We have been having so much fun in the classrooms learning amazing things that will help us to be ready and prepared for new concepts and knowledge. We are reading and writing stories. We are working on 3-digit numbers. We are learning about Georgia regions. We are also understanding how plants, animals, weather, and humans change the environment.

Reminders:

- Visit the Parent Portal to keep informed about your child's progress.
- Teaching-learning activities are explicitly explained in your child's teacher's ItsLearning Page.
- Classroom assignments are on paper and/or online.

Homework:

- Read 30 minutes daily.
- Practice sight words.
- Practice math facts fluency (MobyMax and First in Math)
- Charge and shut down the computer every night.

Emails: cmcwhorter@rockdale.k12.ga.us; enunnally@rockdale.k12.ga.us; mmedley@rockdale.k12.ga.us; medwards@rockdale.k12.ga.us; mscoggins@rockdale.k12.ga.us; cramirezalipio@rockdale.k12.ga.us

What an amazing experience it has been being back to in-person learning! Our students are adjusting well with keeping their hands cleaned, remaining socially distant, and keeping their masks on. We have taken a Star Reading and Star Math assessment to help ensure we provide quality instruction, that meets the needs of each learner in our class. Feel free to reach out to your child's teacher for information regarding these assessments. Most importantly, please continue to encourage your child to read nightly for thirty-five minutes.

A Message From the Language Teachers and Social Studies Teacher:

In reading, students are working on various forms of fictional text, and learning a variety of strategies to help with understanding the text. In the area of language arts, students are learning how to write a descriptive narrative with a clear beginning, middle, and end. In the area of social studies, students are learning about the major landforms and rivers in the United States. Next, we will learn about Native American History and how they used their natural resources to survive. We will have a project on this unit, so please be on the lookout for additional information from your child's teacher.

A Message From the Math and Science Teachers:

In math, students are learning how to fluently add and subtract within one-thousand, using step by step processes and algorithms. In the area of science, students are learning about the different types of habitats within the five regions of Georgia.

Always remember, we are a team, and we are dedicated to help. Never hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher via email or remind.

Love Always,
Third Grade Team

The 4th grade team wants to welcome you back to a new school year. We are off to a great start. We are looking forward to students continuing to learn and grow. Please ensure that students are bringing their laptop to school and charging their laptop daily. We have been learning place value and rounding in math. To help students prepare for the next unit in math, we ask for you to have students learn basic multiplication facts. We have been learning ecosystems and all elements that are within an ecosystem. Students will take their science CUA on Friday, September 3, 2021.In social studies we are learning about the formation of a new nation (United States). Please remind students to read for 30 minutes daily.

TEAM FIFTH GRADE

Greeting 5th Grade Families!

Thank you all for a great start to the 2021-2022 school year!
Our instructional day begins at 7:35 am and attendance is very important. Encourage your child to get a good night's rest so that they are ready for a full day of learning.

We have been very busy this past month. The students have been learning many new concepts and reviewing some old ones. We have been working on various comprehension skills in reading. In math, we have worked on place value and order of operations. Please encourage your student to do their best on all assignments.

The AR Period began on August 23rd , please encourage your student to read at least 35 minutes every night. Students will start receiving homework the week after Labor Day. Please encourage your student to complete all assigned homework and return it the next day. With your help, we look forward to a great school year.

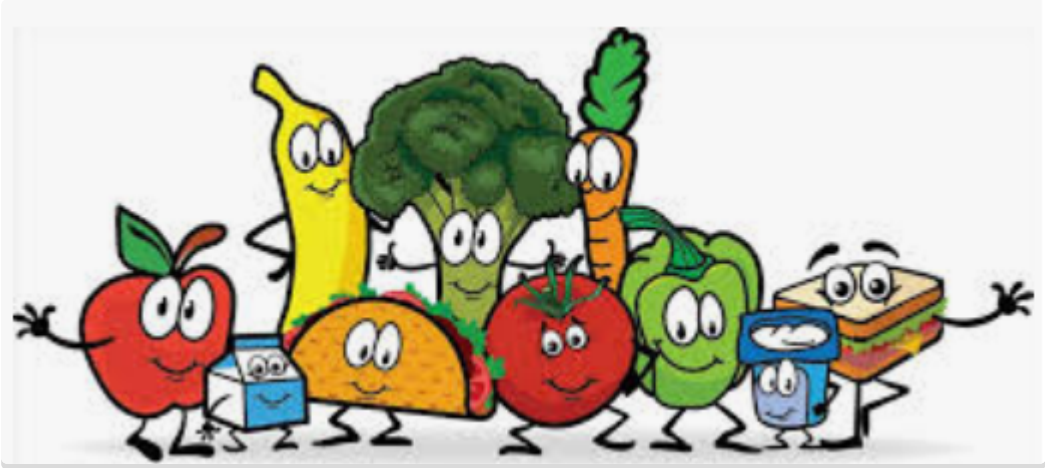
The Best,
5th Grade Teachers

Welcome to the new school year! We are looking forward to assisting you. Please call us at 770-483-4410, Monday - Friday. Updating your Infinite Campus Parent Portal account will make it easier for us to support you when you call. As always, we are happy to help.

The CJH Front Office Team:
Mrs. Sonya Dill, Bookkeeper
Ms. Japonica Jenkins, Secretary/Registrar
Mrs. Paulina Jimenez, Front Desk Receptionist
Mrs. Cheryl Julien, Front Desk Receptionist

We are looking forward to serving all of our students' clinic needs. If you have any questions for the clinic, please call our clinic assistant at the school or contact her by email.

Ms. Louise Bailey
CJH Clinic Assistant
lbailey@rockdale.k12.ga.us



RCPS will not process applications for free/reduced-price meals as all meals will be served to students at no cost through June 30, 2022. If you have any questions about our school food and nutrition program, please call our cafeteria manager at the school or contact her via email.

Mrs. Jacki Hayslip
CJH Cafeteria Manager
jhayslip@rockdale.k12.ga.us.

SO INCREDIBLY PROUD of our RCPS school nutrition staff, transportation staff, and ALL who worked tirelessly to implement an innovative meal delivery program that fed Rockdale County children during the pandemic and became a model for other school districts across the nation. Please take a moment to watch this amazing documentary created by the No Kid Hungry nonprofit.

Thank you @nokidhungry for highlighting their work, heart, and dedication!

How Atlanta is Feeding Kids During COVID

We are looking forward to supporting our students and families this school year. If you have any questions about school policies and procedures, please call our parent liaison at the school or contact her via email.

Mrs. Caryn Abraham
CJH Parent Liaison
cabraham@rockdale.k12.ga.us

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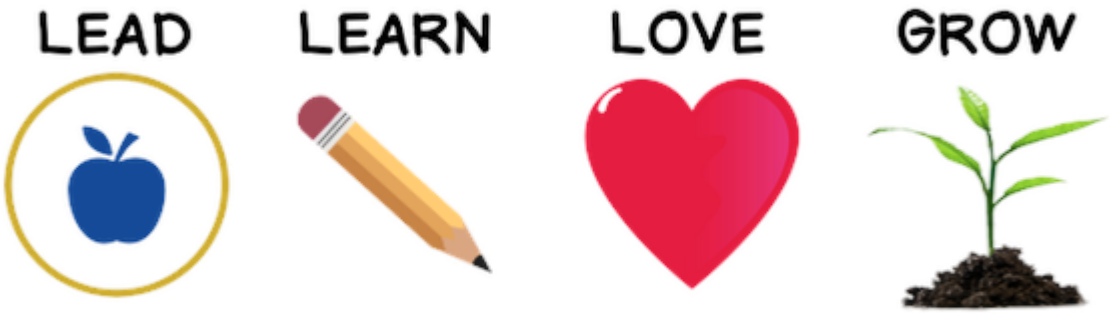
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