

Jamieson Elementary School

STUDENT-PARENT HANDBOOK 2009 – 2010

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This Assignment Notebook belongs to:

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Homeroom _____ Grade _____ I.D. # _____

NWEA MAP TEST RESULTS					
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READING SPRING RIT		%	MATH SPRING RIT		%
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WELCOME

The entire staff of the Jamieson School would like to welcome all of our students to the new school year. We know that this will be another year of outstanding educational growth and enrichment for all.

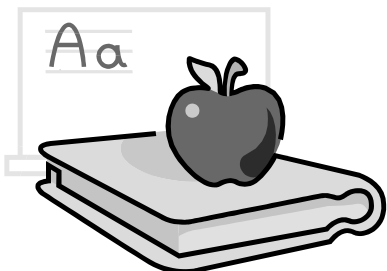
We are pleased to distribute the Jamieson School Handbook and Assignment Notebook. This notebook will remind you of the policies and procedures that help to keep our school running smoothly. It will also serve as a tool to organize your life at school and monitor your progress as a student.

Take care of it! Use it! Keep it with you at all times!

Students, this notebook can be an invaluable resource. If you use it properly and consistently you will complete more assignments and tasks on time. Your assignment notebook will help you improve your grades, help you stay organized and keep your parents informed about what is happening in your classes.

Parents, it is extremely helpful if you check this notebook on a daily basis asking your child what homework they have completed, and if none is written down, contact the teacher to verify that none was given. You may also go online to www.jamiesonschool.org and check the teacher's class pages to see what homework was assigned. Parents may also use the Parent Portal on the Jamieson website to check their child's current grade in all classes. Together we can help the children become more responsible in completing their school work. We know this year will be an exciting, challenging and productive year for each one of you.

Robert C. Baughman
Principal



MISSION STATEMENT

We at Jamieson are committed to educate each and every student to be a life-long learner and productive citizen. To do this we ask your help in stressing the “5 R’s” of a strong education:

Reading Writing Arithmetic
Respect Responsibility

We are committed to fostering in our students the following qualities:

- A mastery of academic skills
- A love for learning
- Self discipline
- Good manners
- Good study habits
- Respect for themselves and others
- And the ability to apply their knowledge in Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies and Special Arts to improve their quality of life.

We pledge to maintain a safe and productive learning environment, to seek ways to encourage home and community support, and to prepare our children to meet the challenges of the future.

JAMIESON CITIZENSHIP PLEDGE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

At the beginning of this school year, every homeroom teacher will discuss the Student Code of Conduct adopted by the Board of Education. In addition, a pledge of citizenship and a code of human rights are also incorporated as helpful guides to responsible student behavior.

Jamieson Citizenship Pledge

I pledge to respect my parents and bring them honor with my actions.

I pledge to cherish my school, for it gives me the tools with which to think and work.

I pledge to keep out of trouble and to help others stay on the right track.

I pledge to be a credit to my country and to make my community a better place in which to live.

Our Classroom Rights

Jamieson School has adopted the following classroom rights for students. We are grateful to the Des Moines Public Schools and the Human Relations Department, Madison Public Schools, Madison, Wisconsin for developing these rights.

I have a right to be happy and to be:

Treated with compassion in this room:
This means that no one will laugh at me or hurt my feelings.

I have a right to be myself in this room:

This means that no one will treat me unfairly because of my skin color, fat or thin, tall or short, boy or girl, or the way I look.

I have a right to be safe in this room:

This means that no one will hit me, kick me, push me, pinch me, or hurt me.

I have a right to hear and be heard in this room:

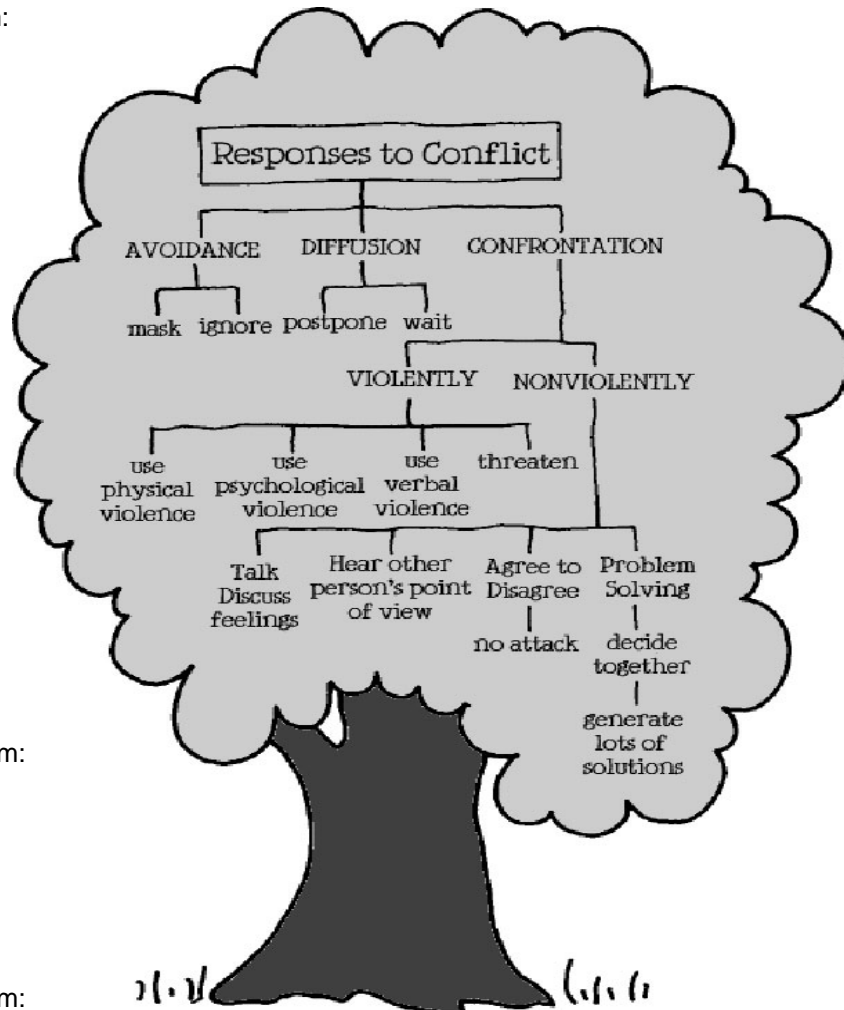
This means that no one will yell, scream, shout, or make loud noises.

I have a right to learn about myself in this room:

This means that I will be free to express my feelings and opinions in an appropriate manner and time without being interrupted or punished.

I have a right to learn according to my own ability:

This means no one will call me names because of the way I learn.



Improper language and bullying will not be tolerated at Jamieson School!

Assemblies

Assemblies are a regularly scheduled part of the curriculum and, as such, are designed to be educational as well as entertaining experiences. They provide one of the few opportunities in school to learn formal audience behavior. Regardless of the type of program, courtesy demands that the student body be respectful and appreciative. In live entertainment, unlike radio, television or movies, performers are very conscious of their audience. Talking, whispering, whistling, foot stamping and booing are discourteous. The following is the assembly schedule for plays, performances, awards assemblies, etc. If there are any changes to the assembly schedule you will be informed via the intercom.

Grades	Times
K – 2 (Primary)	9:15 – 10:20
3 – 5 (Intermediate)	10:20 – 11:40
6 – 8 (Upper)	1:00 – 2:10

Attendance

If a child is not at school, they cannot learn. Parents should call school if their child will not be in school. We are very fortunate at Jamieson to have high attendance rates. We consistently average over 95%, and expect our students to be at school daily and on time. Please do not keep your child home for frivolous reasons. The Illinois School Code recognizes only a few reasons as legitimate absences. In the event a student is absent from school and the school is not previously notified by parents of the student's absence, the office will call the parents as soon as possible after the beginning of the school day. Upon returning to school after being absent, the child is to bring a note signed by a parent stating the reason for absence. Notes for religious holidays are also required.

Occasionally, parents must take their children out before school hours are over. To do this, you must send a note to your child's teacher, and the appropriate adult must sign the child out in the office. No child may leave without an adult. Nine days of unexcused absence could result in summer school.

Vacations taken at nonscheduled vacation times and early end of year dismissal are discouraged and are not excused absences.

Awards

Once during the year students are honored at an awards assembly for service to the school, academic achievement, and other appropriate areas. Students may receive "Eagle Slips" at any time of the year to notify parents of good news from the teacher.

Calculators

Students in Grades 1 – 8 will be required to purchase their own calculator according to the directives of their teacher.

Calendar

Please refer to the calendar on the last page of the handbook for the school year calendar. Your child will also receive a monthly calendar on the last Friday of each month. On the Jamieson School web site you will find a monthly calendar in the calendar section.

Care of School Property

Students should not mark school furniture, walls, ceilings, floors or equipment with pen, pencil, paint or any other instrument. Do not tamper with the fire alarms, fire extinguishers or any electrical systems. We want students to take pride in our beautiful school grounds by putting trash in the cans provided and never walking across the lawns and landscaping. Students should also show this same respect for the property of Jamieson's neighbors and community.

Cell Phones/Pagers

Cell phones/Pagers are prohibited at school. Students who bring one to school are to turn it in at the office where it will be kept until the end of the day. If your child is caught with one of these devices the Student Code of Conduct will be enforced and parents will be required to pick the phone up.

Computers

Students/Parents must sign the CPS Acceptable Use Policy when first enrolling. The provisions in this policy will be strictly adhered to and followed while a student remains at Jamieson.

Corridor Courtesy

Students are asked to keep corridors open to traffic by walking on the right-hand side of stairways and hallways. Students should pass through corridors quietly and be considerate of others in the halls and classrooms. Finally, please discard trash in the containers provided. It is every student's responsibility to keep the school clean by picking up any paper or trash found on the floors.

Discipline

Although most of our Jamieson boys and girls have excellent home training and manners, we do find occasions when we must deal with discipline problems. We follow the Chicago Board of Education "Student Code of Conduct" in handling these problems. A complete copy of the "Student Code of Conduct" will be sent home to serve as a handy reference. We hope that all of our parents will cooperate by urging children not to be disruptive in school. Time spent on disciplinary matters is learning time lost forever.

Detention & Suspensions

Students in grades 5-8 who receive a detention must have their parents sign their detention form and return it the next day. Detentions will be served from 8:00-8:30A.M. If the child is late or forgets, then the child will serve detention from 2:45-3:45 P.M. Suspensions both in-school and out of school are left to the discretion of the Jamieson administration.

Dismissal

Students are not permitted to loiter around the school (unless with a parent) after they are dismissed. We ask for the playground to be cleared by 2:55. After that time children will be in the main office.

Dress Code

The administration reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of clothing worn by students in order to maintain a respectful atmosphere of learning. We appreciate

the cooperation of our students and their parents in complying with the guidelines listed below. All students are expected to observe the basic standards of cleanliness, modesty and good grooming. During the cold weather season students should be dressed properly with warm jackets, hats, gloves and scarves. This can ensure good health and therefore, good attendance. Consistently dressing in one or two primary colors is not allowed as this may be interpreted incorrectly as having gang affiliation. During the months of May, June and September, the temperature can get very warm. During these months students are allowed to wear appropriate length shorts. Sensible shoes should be worn. No flip-flops or shoes that could result in accidents while walking up and down stairs should be worn. Tank shirts, bareback, midriff, halter-tops, and biker shorts or clothing with inappropriate wording or logos are not permitted. Chain belts and hanging chains are not to be worn in school. We are unable to keep up with all the different statements and fashion trends, some of which are inappropriate for school attire. T-shirts will be given to those students whose attire is not appropriate for school. Underwear should not be visible. Boys are not allowed to wear earrings, girls are not allowed to wear make up.

Emergency Days and Early Closings

Weather related school closings will be broadcast on WGN radio and television. Parents may also visit the CPS website (www.cps.edu) for emergency closing news. **Calls to school should not be made- Jamieson will close only if the entire CPS system closes.** In the event that an early dismissal of school has been authorized, students will be dismissed provided they have a safe place to go (home, relative or neighbor). Children who are unable to go home are to remain at school until regular dismissal or be picked up early by a parent or a parent's designee.

Fees

A \$55.00 fee, which will include the gym uniform t-shirt, will be assessed of all students in grades K–8. This fee is applied towards the purchase of instructional materials, such as workbooks and magazines, etc. A letter is sent home at the beginning of the year indicating how the money will be spent and the method of payment. The student fee also covers all classroom field trips. Money collected as fees is spent directly for the purpose given by the teacher. No child will be denied educational materials because his parents cannot afford said fee. Class parties are not included in this policy. Graduation fees will be issued as a separate schedule in the spring. Books lost or destroyed must be reimbursed and are not part of the student fee. If a parent is unable to pay the student fee, please contact the administration to develop a payment plan or make other arrangements as soon as possible.

Safety Drills

Precautions are taken for the safety and protection of every child during the school day. There are monthly fire drills and periodic student safety drills. Such drills prepare children to react appropriately during actual emergency situations.

Food Items

All items brought to school for class treats or parties must be store bought.

Forbidden Items

There are certain items that children bring which can cause disruption to the educational program. They certainly add nothing to the day and may take time away from the business of learning. We ask that you see that the following things are not brought to school.

1. Gum and candy
2. MP3 Players and other electronic equipment
3. Any form of toys
4. Bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, "heelys"
5. Grooming products
6. Liquid paper - white out.
7. Cell phones, pagers etc.
8. No money should be kept in lockers or left in desks.

Teachers have been instructed to confiscate these articles and not return them except to the parent. *Jamieson is not responsible for lost or stolen items.*

Grades

A uniform grading system has been established at Jamieson.

It is as follows:	A =	100 – 93
	B =	92 – 85
	C =	84 – 77
	D =	76 – 69
	F =	68 and Below

Homework

Every child has homework every night.

Kindergarten	minimum of	15 minutes
Primary	minimum of	30 minutes
Intermediate	minimum of	45 minutes
Upper	minimum of	90 minutes

Each child also must have an assignment notebook that helps to develop orderly work habits and gives the parent information about his work.

The Jamieson school faculty believes that homework is an important part of the educational process. It has three fundamental objectives: Homework assists students in their learning by reinforcement and practice. Homework helps students develop study skills and habits essential in academic learning. Homework fosters responsibility, self-direction and independent learning by students.

There are specific reasons teachers assign homework. Included are the following:

- 1) To reinforce learning within the class
- 2) To complete unfinished work
- 3) To study for tests
- 4) To prepare oral and written reports
- 5) To create projects
- 6) To provide enrichment activities for students
- 7) To allow for extra credit opportunities for students
- 8) To extend learning
- 9) To make up work missed due to absence
- 10) To prepare for the next day's lesson

Parents play an important role in the education of their children by setting a homework schedule and providing a quiet place where their child can work and study. Homework is a vital link informing parents about the learning taking place in

the classroom. In some cases, schoolwork done at home also permits parents to better understand their child's progress and/or problems. Parents are encouraged to check over their child's homework nightly; however, teachers expect that homework is to be done independently by the child.

Individual teachers have various procedures for handling the grading of homework. In some cases students receive grades while in other instances their work may receive a check mark. Each teacher has his or her own method for grading homework. However each teacher does provide a means of evaluating the assigned work. A student may find that in some classes missing homework will affect his or her grade or progress report. If your child says he has no homework, please check the class page on the Jamieson website- then insist that the free time be used reviewing or reading. Parents are encouraged to check the Jamieson web page for updates on assignments, grades and upcoming events.

Homework Partner System

We get many homework requests when children are home sick. Because 35-50 children may be absent, we find that much class time is interrupted by these requests. **Parents are requested not to phone school for assignments but rather to follow the guidelines below.**

1. Grades 4-8: Each child will choose a classmate to be a homework partner. The partner will take down assignments and either call or visit after school. If the partner proves unreliable, the child may make a change with the teacher. We will no longer let brothers and sisters go to other rooms because of lost time in their own class.

2. Primary grades: If a child is out for only a day or so, the teacher will provide needed work upon return. In the event of a longer illness, or if the parent requests homework, the teacher will notify the parent to come in and pick up assignments.

Special Awards and Merits

The Honor Rolls are posted after each ten-week marking period in grades one through eight. To be included on the super honor roll a student must receive straight A's in all subjects. In addition, social and work habits must be exemplary with no checks in growth in habits and attitudes.

The Honor Roll is also posted each marking period for students earning A's and B's in all subjects and no checks in growth in habits and attitudes.

The Eagle Roll is also posted each marking period for students receiving A's, B's and C's in all subjects and no checks in growth in habits and attitudes.

Checks will automatically be given on the report card if the child has received a misconduct.

ID's

Everyone must have an ID on at all times while in the building for reasons of safety and security. Parents/visitors must stop at the front door to be issued an ID. If a student does not have the ID they must come to the office after morning announcements and be issued a temporary ID. Students who lose or destroy their ID will be assessed a \$5.00 fee to replace their ID. If they

break their lanyard they may purchase one from the office for \$2.00. IDs should not be defaced in any way on the front or back of the card.

Incident Weather

Children will be allowed to come into the auditorium at 8:30 A.M. on rainy days and on days when it is extremely cold. If at dismissal time the weather is very threatening children will be held in the school until dismissal is considered safe.

Library/Media Center

The library will be open for children to take books out at times designated by the librarian.

Lockers

Lockers are the property of the school. Valuables are not to be brought to school or kept in lockers. No unauthorized locks may be used on lockers. Students in grades 6-8 may purchase a lock from the office for \$6.00. Lockers should not be written on. Students should not share their combinations with anyone.

Lost and Found

Articles that are found around the school should be turned in at the office. Unclaimed articles are stored in lockers next to the office. At the end of the school year unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

Lunch/Breakfast

Breakfast is served daily from 8:20 am – 8:40 am, \$1.50 for paid and \$.30 for reduced. We highly discourage parents from bringing lunch during school hours. This disrupts classes and the learning process.

Lunch money is collected weekly for the lunch program. This will be done on Monday or the first day of the week that the child is in school. A hot lunch costs \$1.85, reduced \$.40. Milk costs \$.30. Students who bring bag lunches must eat their lunch at the appropriate location. Applications for free or reduced lunch are sent home during the first week of school. Only one application is required per family. **Every family must return a lunch application to school.**

Parents are asked to pay weekly. Some students allow their lunch debt to reach high amounts. Students who have a negative balance of \$20.00 or more will be required to bring their own lunch until the balance is paid. No child may leave school grounds during lunchtime. No child is allowed back into classrooms or at lockers or on the third floor during lunch without a hall pass.

Medical Information

By state law, all children must have medical and dental examinations upon entry to school, entering 5th grade and at graduation. Physical exams are required at Grades K, 5, and at Graduation. Dental exams are required for students in Grades K, 2, and 6. Also, each child must have complete immunization records by October 1. Without these records, we must exclude children from school.

Medications

School personnel are prohibited from disbursing any medications. If your child needs medication, please arrange to have the child take the medicine outside of school hours, or come to school and administer it to your child.

If it is absolutely necessary that medication be taken during school hours, the medication will be stored in a locked cabinet in the principal's office. The medication will be administered under the supervision of the principal/administrator. Inhalers are permitted, but proper documentation is required.

Metal Detectors

In compliance with the Chicago Board of Education students and visitors are subject to a check with the metal detector. Unannounced random checks may be made of students at any time.

Parent Organizations

LSC -- In accordance with the State Reform Act, there is also a local school council. The LSC is comprised of six parents, two teachers, two community representatives and the principal. The LSC functions as a mini School Board with responsibilities including budget approval, curriculum planning, school improvement plans, fund raising and principal selection. LSC members are elected every two years. Parents are encouraged to attend our monthly LSC meetings. Meeting schedules will be posted on the Jamieson website.

Volunteer Program – There are a number of volunteering opportunities for parents during the school year. We encourage parents to seek out these opportunities throughout the year. We appreciate the role our parents play active in our school organizations.

Pets

Parents and students are not allowed to bring pets to the Jamieson school grounds during school hours. This is a safety precaution for both the children and the pets.

Phone Calls

The office phone lines are usually very busy we ask phone calls to school and home be limited to emergency use only. Students will not be called out of class to come to the phone because it disrupts the educational process.

Physical Education

The physical education program at Jamieson School helps to provide optimal physical, mental and social development through the mastery of a continuum of physical skill and exercises

On days students have P.E. they must wear the gym uniform. Exclusion notes from a doctor should be given to the administration. Copies will then be made for the P.E., homeroom teacher and school nurse.

Promotion Policy

The Chicago Public Schools have a very clear promotion policy, which says that, to pass from grade to grade:

1. The child must receive passing grades of “C” or better in the subjects taken during the year.
2. The child should be above 25% (although at Jamieson we strive for 75% or better) on the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT).

If your child is in danger of not passing, you will be asked to come to school to work with the teacher to devise a remediation plan. Please do not ignore any indication that your child may fail. Very often, we need your help.

Report Cards

These are issued four times a year. For the first and third marking periods, parents are required to pick up the report cards. You will receive more information, which will give details and dates in later bulletins.

Student Organization - Color Guard

The student color guard is an organization that opens every school assembly with a salute to our nation's flag and singing of the national anthem. Students from grades 6 through 8 may apply for the school color guard. This organization teaches the correct handling and display of our country's flag.

Student Organization - Drama Club

The Jamieson School Drama Club functions as a creative experience for students in all grades. The students learn dramatic interpretation, movement and theater management. In the past few years the drama club has successfully performed several major productions. The Jamieson Drama Club is an asset to the language arts enrichment program.

Student Organization - Literary Magazine

The Jamieson "EAGLE", our annual student literary magazine is a vital component of our school environment. Students from grades 5-8 collectively organize and assemble our yearly literary magazine. The poems, essays and articles are from our Jamieson students. Our fine publication goes on sale at the end of the school year. We strongly encourage parent and community businesses to advertise in The Jamieson Eagle.

Student Organization - Safety Patrol

The school safety patrol is a student organization that helps students to cross the streets safely around the school. The safety patrol never stops traffic. The students from grades 6-8 are selected based on teacher recommendations, student responsibility, dependability and punctuality. The students serve in the morning and after school.

Student Organization - Student Council

The student council is the student governing body of Jamieson School. Representatives from each grade meet with the elected officers and the faculty advisors. They assist in planning school activities, in making recommendations, and discussing ways for improving Jamieson School.

Representatives and alternates are elected by their classmates; officers are elected by the student body. Every year the student council sponsors and organizes many activities:

Candy Sale	Canned Food Drive
Clothing Drive	Student Dances

School Hours

From Monday to Friday the morning session begins at 8:55 AM and school is dismissed at 2:45 PM. Students should arrive no earlier than 8:20 AM.

Students are urged to go straight home after school. Parents may wish to work out a program where their child goes to the

Budlong Woods Library after school if they know they will be unable to pick their child up on time. Kindergarten classes are arranged according to the same time schedule as Grades 1-8.

School Rules

At the beginning of the year an assembly is held to discuss school-wide rules. We ask all to adhere to these rules to maintain an orderly educational environment at Jamieson School.

School Records

Under Federal and State laws, parents have the right to inspect records kept on their children. They also have the right to copy any of their children's records. If they feel that information in the records, other than grades, is misleading, inaccurate or invades their children's or family's privacy, they may request that such information be corrected. Before the school can release student records to persons outside of the school system, the school must first obtain the parent's written consent. If children transfer to another school district, parents have the right to inspect and correct student records prior to the release of the records to the new school district. For additional information regarding access to school records, please contact the principal.

School Supplies

Each teacher will provide the children with a list of what supplies are needed. Children should be prepared at all times. Parents are requested to occasionally check to see if supplies need replacing. As a reminder, all students should have an assignment notebook and keep it up to date. All homeroom supply lists will be posted on the Jamieson website by July 1st.

Sex Equity/Title IX

The sex equity policy seeks to insure that all facilities and programs for one sex should be comparable to the facilities and programs provided to the other sex for the same or equivalent activities.

It is the policy of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, age, handicap unrelated to ability, or sex, in its educational program or employment policies or practices. Sexual harassment is considered to be a serious act of misconduct and will be disciplined. Inquiries concerning the application of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and the regulations promulgated there under concerning sex discrimination should be referred to the Title IX coordinator, Board of Education of the City of Chicago, 125 S. Clark St., Chicago, Illinois, 60603. Telephone: 773-553-1000.

Sports

Our school participates in interscholastic competition in the following sports for students in grades 5-8: volleyball, flag football, basketball, soccer, golf, softball and track and field.

Student athletes must maintain their grades to be eligible for competition. An "F" grade in a major subject or two "F"s in minor subjects on the report card automatically removes a student from a team for a minimum of one week pending review by the principal based upon teacher recommendations.. Students are expected to make up work missed by any early dismissals due to a sports competition.

Student Expectations

1. Be on time to school and class.
2. Be prepared for class and learning.
3. Be respectful to all.
4. Be in control -- walk and talk quietly.
5. Be proud of your school -- keep it looking great!
6. Be dressed in an appropriate manner.
7. Be honest.
8. Be aware of and complete all assignments on time.

Student Non-Discrimination Policy

School district #299 does not discriminate because of race, national origin, physical or mental handicap or sex in the educational programs or activities which it operates.

Student Valuables

Students are asked not to bring large amounts of money, MP3 players, video games, cameras, etc. to school. Students are responsible for keeping track of their own keys, glasses, purses and watches. To avoid the risk of theft, money should never be left in a desk. Students must carry their money with them. Jamieson School is not responsible for any lost or stolen property that should not be brought to school.

Tardy Policy

It is essential for all students to arrive at school on time. Tardiness is disruptive to the orderly classroom learning process. If a student arrives after 9:05 A.M., he/she is tardy. The student must sign in with security desk to receive an admit slip to class. The student's tardiness is entered into their attendance record. After three tardies the student will serve an after school detention of an hour. After four tardies a misconduct report is written and a parent conference is arranged to discuss plans to remedy the excessive tardiness. A check will also be placed on the report card.

Teacher Conferences

We want our parents to know they are welcome at the Jamieson School. Good communication between home and school is imperative if students are going to achieve their highest potential. Teachers are available from 8:30 A.M. to 8:50 A.M. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. In addition, each teacher has five periods during the week when conferences can also be held. We please ask that parents pre-arrange meetings with teachers since they may have other appointments scheduled and may not be able to see you. Except in emergencies, we do not let conferences interfere with class time.

Test Scores

Jamieson's ISAT scores are sent home in the fall of the next school year. We are proud that Jamieson's norms are well above national and state norms. NWEA MAP test data will be sent home with report cards for 1st, 2nd and 4th quarters.

Textbooks

Textbooks are the single most essential element in the educational program. They are also very expensive and must last at least five years. We require that all the children cover their books and take care of them. Covers in poor condition must be replaced throughout the year. Teachers are directed to

recheck periodically. If your child loses a book Jamieson school will require reimbursement.

Traffic Safety

1. Parents, please do not park your car in front of the school building or in the teacher lot behind the school building. Signs are posted stating no parking. School buses must be able to pull in. The parking lot on Bryn Mawr and Mozart is available for parents to use when picking up or dropping off students or when coming to school for conferences. Parents of very young children should walk their children to the door or the playground.
2. Parents do not block the crosswalks. Children will dart around the cars and run into traffic. Also, please do not drive along the curb.
3. Be patient. The sight of parents screaming at each other is not helpful when we try to teach children to work out differences peacefully. It takes time to clear 800 children and everyone cannot be first.
4. Please display good manners when picking up your child. Do not block traffic by sitting in the middle of the street. If one child is late, try to go around the block again. **Do not make everyone else wait for your convenience.**
5. Do not have your child run out into the street into traffic.
6. Please do not honk horns. This noise is very distracting to little children and they may do careless things because their attention is interrupted.
7. Parents who drop their child off, whether on time or late, should make certain the child is safely inside the school building before driving away.
8. Please consider the possibility that (especially with nice weather) your child can walk home.

Truancy

Students who are repeatedly absent from school without a valid excuse (illness) are considered truant. Home visits will be made to those students who are consistently absent without a valid excuse. Most parents comply with the Illinois code of school attendance. Non-compliance could result in court action.

Uniforms

Although we do not have a school uniform at the present time (See Dress Code), we do have a Physical Education uniform. On days your child has gym; they will be expected to wear a "Jamieson School Gym" t-shirt, gym shoes and appropriate pants. These t-shirts are part of the Jamieson School fee.

Visitors

All visitors/parents are required to report to the office upon entering the building. Parents who visit are requested to pick up a visitor ID before leaving the office area. This is a matter of safety. We do not permit unauthorized people in the building. Teachers have been instructed to question anyone not wearing an ID.

If you are stopped, please remember that this is for the safety of our children. Former Jamieson Students are welcome to visit, but not during regular school hours.

Jamieson Rules!



Jamieson Elementary School Academic Planning Calendar 2009-2010*

1st Quarter: September 8th to November 6th

Tuesday-September 8th
September 9th – 23rd
Friday-September 11th
Friday-September 25th
Wednesday-September 30th
Thursday-October 1st
Friday-October 9th
Monday-October 12th
Friday-October 23rd
Tuesday-November 3rd
Friday-November 6th

School Opens 9:00-2:45
Fall NWEA Testing (Grades 2-8)
Picture Day Whole School
Staff Development Day (No Students)
Open House Grades (K-4) 6:00-7:30P.M.
Open House Grades (5-8) 6:00-7:30P.M.
Progress Reports Sent Home
Holiday: Columbus Day
Staff Development Day (No Students)
Jamieson Student Council Election Assembly
End of 1st Quarter P.D. (No Students)

2nd Quarter: November 9th to January 29th

Friday- November 6th
Wednesday-November 11th
Wednesday-November 18th
November 24-25
November 26-27
Friday- December 4th
December 1st - 11th
Friday-December 11th
Wednesday-December 16th
Thursday-December 17th
Friday-December 18th
Dec. 21 – Jan. 1
Monday-January 4th
Monday-January 18th
Friday-January 29th

Staff Development Day (No Students)
Holiday: Veteran's Day Observance
Parent Report Card Pick-up (12:00-6:15P.M.)
Jamieson Science Fair
Holiday: Thanksgiving
Staff Development Day (No Students)
Winter NWEA Testing (Grades 2-8)
Progress Reports Sent Home
Winter Assembly
Class Parties 1:00-2:30
Geography Bee 1:00-2:40 (Grades 6-8)
Winter Break
Classes Resume
Holiday: Martin Luther King's Birthday Observance
End of 2nd Quarter P.D. (No Students)

3rd Quarter February 1st to April 9th

Wednesday-February 3rd
Friday-February 5th
Thursday-February 11th
Friday-February 12th
Monday-February 15th
Thursday-February 18th
Thursday-February 25th
Friday-February 26th
Monday-March 1st
March 2nd – 12th
March 25th - 26th
March 29th – April 2nd
Monday-April 5th
Friday-April 9th

Report Cards Sent Home
Jamieson Spelling Bee
Staff Development Day (No Students)
Holiday: Abraham Lincoln's Birthday No School
Holiday: President's Day
8th Grade Graduation Pictures
Honor Roll Breakfast: IHOP
Progress Reports Sent Home
Holiday: Casimir Pulaski's Birthday
ISAT Testing Grades 3 -8
Jamieson History Fair
Spring Vacation
Classes Resume
End of 3rd Quarter P.D. / Faculty Pictures (No Students)

4th Quarter April 12th to June 18th

Wednesday April 21st
May 4th – 14th
Friday-May 14th
*May 27th – May 28th
Monday-May 31st
Wednesday-June 2nd
Wednesday-June 9th
Friday-June 11th
Monday-June 14th
Tuesday-June 16th
Thursday-June 17th
Friday-June 18th

Parent Report Card Pick-up (12:00-6:15P.M.)
Spring NWEA Testing (Grades 2-8)
Progress Reports Sent Home
Literature/Reading Fair
Holiday: Memorial Day
Field Day
Upper Grades (6-8) Awards Assembly
Eighth Grade Graduation Dress Rehearsal & Luncheon
Eighth Grade Graduation 9:30 A.M. (Auditorium)
Awards Assembly Grades K-2 9:15 / Grades 3-5 10:30
Professional Development (No Students)
End of Quarter: Last Day of School

Parents are encouraged to monitor their child's progress by daily visiting the Parent Portal at
<http://parent.cps.k12.il.us>

Student Progress Reports will be sent home on the 3rd, 5th, and 7th week of each quarter.
(9/24, 10/09, 10/22, 11/27, 12/11, 01/08, 02/19, 03/05, 03/19, 04/30, 05/14, 05/28)

2009 - 2010
REGULAR SCHOOL CALENDAR
ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS

SEPTEMBER 2009					JANUARY 2010					APRIL 2010					SUMMER SCHOOL SESSION									
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NOVEMBER 2009					MARCH 2010					JUNE 2010					AUGUST 2010									
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DECEMBER 2009					LEGEND																			
M	T	W	T	F	() School closed – No salary paid // Salary is paid except as provided for by Budgetary Action + Teacher Institute Days * Holidays Q End of Quarter PH Full Day Parent-Teacher Conference – High School # Professional Development Days PE Full Day Parent-Teacher Conference – Elementary School ___ Days of non attendance for students e Emergency Days – school in session if student days fall below 170 (summer school would begin and end later as necessary) BOLD no classes for students; staff development days for School Improvement Planning																			
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***HOLIDAYS 2009 - 2010**

September 7.....Labor Day
 October 12.....Columbus Day
 November 11.....Veterans Day Observance
 November 26, 27.....Thanksgiving Holiday
 January 18.....M.L. King's Birthday
 February 12.....Lincoln's Birthday
 February 15.....Presidents Day
 March 1.....C. Pulaski's Birthday
 May 31.....Memorial Day

- NOTES: Friday, November 27, 2009 - holiday for office employees
- NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT TARGET DATE** - June 12, 2009 is the deadline for students enrolling for the 2009-2010 school year.
 - CLASSES BEGIN** - Tuesday, September 8, 2009. Students are scheduled for a full day of school.
 - TEACHER INSTITUTE DAYS (+)** - Wednesday, September 2, 2009; Thursday, September 3, 2009; Friday, September 4, 2009, and Thursday, June 17, 2010. On these days teachers are to report at the regular time. Institute days are non-attendance days for students and are days held or approved by the State Superintendent of Instruction for teacher in-service workshops or equivalent professional educational experiences such as educational gatherings, demonstrations of instructional materials, visitation of other schools, institutions or facilities. Teacher Institute Days are fully principal directed.
 - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS (#)** - Friday, November 6, 2009, Friday, January 29, 2010 and Friday, April 9, 2010. On these days teachers are to report at the regular time. These are non-attendance days for students. Professional development days are half principal directed/ half teacher directed.
 - STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING (BOLD DATES)** - Friday, September 25, 2009 (School directed); Friday, October 23, 2009 (Central Office/Area directed); Friday, December 4, 2009 (School directed); and Thursday, February 11, 2010 (Central Office/Area directed).
 - PROGRESS REPORT DISTRIBUTION DAYS** - Elementary and High Schools will distribute Student Progress Reports during the 6th week of each marking period on Wednesday, October 14, 2009; Wednesday, December 16, 2009; Wednesday, March 10, 2010, and Wednesday, May 19, 2010.
 - REPORT CARD PICKUP/PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE DAYS (PE/PH)** - Elementary schools on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 and Wednesday, April 21, 2010; high schools on Thursday, November 19, 2009 and Thursday, April 22, 2010. The elementary school dates are non-attendance days for students in elementary schools. The high school dates are non-attendance days for students in high schools.
 - REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION DAYS** - For second marking period, Wednesday February 3, 2010; for fourth marking period, Friday, June 18, 2010.
 - WINTER VACATION** - Schools close at the end of the school day on Friday, December 18, 2009 and reopen on Monday, January 4, 2010.
 - SPRING VACATION** - Schools close for students at the end of the school day Friday, March 26, 2010 and reopen on Monday, April 5, 2010.
 - GRADUATION DATES** - Elementary graduation may not be held prior to the week of June 14, 2010. High school graduation may not be held prior to Friday, June 11, 2010.
 - PRESCHOOL PRE-REGISTRATION AND KINDERGARTEN PRE-REGISTRATION** - The suggested dates are April 12, 2010 through April 16, 2010.
 - SUMMER VACATION** - Schools close for students on Friday, June 18, 2010.

REGULAR SUMMER SCHOOL SESSIONS FOR ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS

Grades 3-6-8 **SUMMER PROGRAM** will operate for six weeks beginning Monday, June 21, 2010 and ending Friday, July 30, 2010.
HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM will operate for seven weeks and may start on June 21, June 28 or July 5, 2010 at the discretion of the high school and end on August 6, August 13 or August 20, 2010