

**THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA  
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**WELCOME A.S. JENKS FAMILIES TO THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

August 4, 2017

Welcome to A.S. Jenks School. Please read this letter carefully for information about uniform, admission and dismissal procedures, school supplies, and more, so your child is prepared with confidence and enthusiasm.

**First Day of School**

The first day of school for the 2017-2018 school year is September 5, 2017 grades 1-5 and **September 12 for Kindergarten**. Kindergarten teachers will begin calling parents after August 28 to schedule a parent/student interview through September 11. Summer packets are due the first day of school for grades one to five. If packets were misplaced, new ones will not be created.

**Admission Procedures**

Students are expected to be in school in uniform by 8:20 AM every day. To avoid being marked late and entering on the 13<sup>th</sup> Street entrance, please be sure your child reports to his/her line in the schoolyard by 8:15 AM.

**NEW:** Returning students will not return to last year's line. See the attached school supply list with the room number and teacher's name at the top. This is your child's class for this school year. All new students, grades one to five, should also see the supply list attached to this letter with the room number and teacher's name. All students should line up in the large schoolyard behind the assigned room number painted on the ground.

**Dismissal Procedures**

All students will be dismissed by 2:59 PM daily starting with kindergarten at 2:55 PM. Please meet your child in the schoolyard. Kindergarten dismisses in the small schoolyard at 2:55 PM. Grades one through three will dismiss from the large schoolyard at 2:57 PM. Grades four and five will dismiss on Porter Street at 2:59 PM. Please see room number signs on the fence and building. Half days will be announced on the School District's calendar and the monthly school calendar. Only adults authorized by parents or guardians on the emergency contact form or official court documents are allowed to get a student at dismissal. Proper photo I.D. will be requested.

**Breakfast and Lunch Program**

Breakfast and lunch are served daily and are free to all students. Students with food allergies or who prefer to eat a packed lunch from home may bring lunch. The school nurse will survey families to learn of food allergies, and the students with allergies will be listed in the cafeteria for the food services manager.

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**Attendance Policy**

Student attendance is extremely important. Research shows students with poor attendance through third grade are less likely to graduate from high school. Our goal is to ensure all students achieve, and the best way to do that is parents sending children to school daily, on time, and for the full day. Please schedule appointments and family vacations during school vacations/holidays. You may access the District calendar at [http://www.philasd.org/calendar/2017\\_2018](http://www.philasd.org/calendar/2017_2018) to plan doctor's visits. Please note, school closings and half days are subject to change as authorized by the District. The school calendar is also in this mailing. Early dismissals before 1 PM will cause a student to be marked half-day absent. All absences require a note. Notes may not be accepted four school days after the absence. Only doctor's notes may be accepted after nine absences and are still subject to the principal's approval.

### **School Uniform**

Students should wear tan khaki pants or skirt and a navy golf shirt. Students may purchase uniforms from any retail store. Gym uniforms are a gold Jenks shirt and navy Jenks sweatpants or shorts. These must be purchased at Jenks from the Home and School Association on the first day of school following admission. It is required all students be in uniform daily. Uniforms and Jenks hoodies are for sale at the Home and School Association office.

### **School Supplies/Your Child's Classroom and Teacher**

There is a list attached. Your child's classroom number and teacher's name are at the top of the school supply list. Teachers will give more details to students once school starts as projects are assigned. Each parent should send three reams of white 8 1/2x11 copy paper and two packs of multi-color construction paper in addition to the normal items. This list is also on our web site at [www.philasd.org/schools/asjenks](http://www.philasd.org/schools/asjenks).

### **Enrichment Programs**

All enrichment programs will be announced in September and will begin in October. More information will be released at Back to School Night.

### **Home and School Association**

Please stop by our school's Home and School Resource Office to complete a Home and School membership card and meet our new officers. We would appreciate your time and support to build our school community. Our officers are: Eleanor DeSimone, president; William Baylor, vice president; Lisa Rudi-Davis, secretary; and Jeannie Viruet, treasurer. Thank you in advance for your dedication.

### **New A.S. Jenks Staff and Assignments**

Please welcome back Mrs. Allison Herrmann who will be returning to Jenks as a second-grade teacher in room 104. Please welcome Ms. Ellen Wright, part-time vocal music teacher who has been a teacher in the School District of Philadelphia for many years and is replacing Mr. Healy. Finally, welcome Ms. Amy Brignola, a part-time literacy specialist teacher, who will support students in grades three through five with writing instruction, and is joining us from PPACS. Mrs. Pinto will be our school's literacy coach serving grades kindergarten through third grade as part of the District's two-year early literacy initiative.

We look forward to welcoming you back in September. Additional updates will occur in a phone blast before September.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Siouda Douglas, Principal