

**THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
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WELCOME A.S. JENKS FAMILIES TO THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

August 6, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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 2018-2019 school year is August 27, 2018 grades kindergarten to 5. Your child's new teacher and classroom are indicated at the top of this letter. Kindergarten interviews are on August 14 and 15. The secretary, Ms. Jackson will begin calling guardians August 6 to schedule them. Summer packets are due the first day of school for grades one to five. If packets were misplaced, they are posted on our school's web site at <https://asjenks.philasd.org/>.

Admission Procedures

Students are expected to be in school in uniform by 8:20 AM every day. Please be sure your child reports to the assigned schoolyard by 8:15 AM (and reports to the auditorium or cafeteria as outlined below) to avoid being late. All students reporting to school after 8:20 AM must enter the main entrance on 13th Street and will be marked LATE.

NEW: All students in grades one to five will enter the big schoolyard doors starting at 8:15 AM instead of lining up in the schoolyard. First-grade students will report to the little cafeteria like they did in kindergarten. Grades second to fifth will report directly to the auditorium. Kindergarten will line up in the little schoolyard in their assigned class the first day of school. After that, kindergarten students enter the little schoolyard doors starting at 8:15 AM. The dean of students, staff, and student safeties will help kindergarten students report to the large cafeteria, and their teacher will escort them to class.

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 at 8:20 AM, and for the full day. Please schedule appointments and family vacations during school vacations/holidays. You may access the District calendar at <https://www.philasd.org/calendar/> and Jenks calendar at <https://asjenks.philasd.org/jenks-calendar/> 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

Please go to: <https://asjenks.philasd.org/>, our school's web site for the supply list. It was also given to students with summer packets in June and to new kindergarten students with your welcome packet at registration. 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.

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, tentatively schedule for September 6, 5-7 PM for adults only.

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; and Jeannie Viruet, treasurer. Thank you in advance for your dedication.

New A.S. Jenks Staff and Assignments

Please welcome back Mrs. Stipanovic or "Ms. S." our guidance counselor who is returning from sabbatical. Two new lunch aides joining us are Maya Franks and Gabrielle Brown. Jessica Mugford will support teachers and students in the younger grades in literacy and math.

We look forward to welcoming you back on August 27. Additional updates will occur in a phone blast before the first day of school.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Siouda Douglas, Principal