



John Will Elementary School

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Parent Newsletter

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THANK YOU!

On behalf of the faculty and staff of John Will Elementary School, thank you for an awesome beginning of the 2019-2020 school year!

NEW JOHN WILL STAFF MEMBERS

We are excited to welcome new JWES staff members. Our new staff members include: Suzanne Baughn (Assistant Principal), Annabel McKay (PreK3/SPED), Elisabeth Harbaugh (Third Grade), Katie Landry (Third Grade), Jessica Freeland (Fourth Grade), Kayrn Northrop (Fourth Grade), Joseph Lloyd (SPED), and Lori Wallace (Counselor).

MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD ATTENDS SCHOOL ON TIME EACH DAY!!!

We have high expectations at John Will. Expectations are high for me as the school leader. Expectations are also high for each student, teacher, and parent. Parents, it is **very important that children are present and on time every day!** Instruction begins at 8:00 AM sharp. **Children who arrive after 8:10 AM will be marked tardy.** If we want our children to excel academically, we must have them at school every day and have them on time. Excellent attendance is the first step to helping our children succeed.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

We work diligently to provide a safe environment for our students by assigning adults to morning and afternoon duty. However, supervision is not provided in the mornings prior to 7:30 AM or in the afternoons after 3:30 PM.

We realize that there will occasionally be unforeseen events that affect when a student is dropped off or picked up. However, repeated early arrivals or late pick-ups will be sent to the *Before or After School Care Program*. If students are sent to either program, parents will be charged a \$10.00 drop-in fee. We strongly encourage you to enroll your child in the *Before School Care Program* if you need to drop him/her off earlier than 7:30 AM. I also strongly encourage you to enroll your child in the *After School Care Program* if you have difficulty picking him/her up before 3:30 PM.

UNIFORM POLICY COMPLIANCE

The Mobile County Public School System has a mandatory uniform policy. The John Will uniform is to be worn daily. The school uniform will be worn on field trips and during special occasions (examples: End of the Year celebrations). Copies of the uniform policy can be found in the office and on the school's website.

Meetings with Administrators:

My door is always open. I am available if you have concerns, questions, or ideas for increasing student success at John Will. Be sure to contact my office if you need to schedule an appointment. I am always available for students, parents, community stakeholders, and staff members.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Labor Day (System wide Holiday) - Monday, Sept. 2nd
- Mid-quarter Progress Reports Distributed- Monday, Sept. 9th
- PTO/OPEN HOUSE- Monday, Sept. 9th from 5:30 PM until 6:30 PM
- *Dads Take Your Child to School Day*- Tuesday, Sept. 17th