

SEPTEMBER
2010

EAGLE EDITION

Principal's News

WELCOME BACK STUDENTS AND STAFF

Johnson Elementary Daily Schedule

Bus Rooms 7:15 to 7:55

Homeroom 7:55

School Begins @ 8:00

Tardy Bell rings @ 8:00

LUNCHES:

Kindergarten 10:55

First Grade 11:00

Second Grade 11:45

Third Grade 11:40

Fourth Grade 12:25

Fifth Grade 12:30

DISMISSAL:

Early Bus 2:35

Walkers 2:40

Late Bus 2:45

WV SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Johnson Elementary was honored on two occasions during the 2009-2010 school year. The school was named an Exemplary School in the fall, one of 65 elementary schools out of approximately 489 elementary schools in the state and then selected as a WV School of Excellence in May 2010, one of 16 in the state. Thanks to the hard work of students, teachers, support staff, and parents for making this possible. Dr. Paine, WV State Superintendent of Schools, presented the school with two banners and a lovely plaque. The banners are proudly hanging with others won by the school in years past and the plaque is proudly displayed in the trophy case.

VISITING FOR LUNCH

Parents can have lunch with their child during above scheduled times. There will be a designated "parent" table in the cafeteria this year for students and parents to enjoy lunch together. Please notify the office by 9am if you will be having lunch so the cooks can prepare accordingly. Adult lunch prices are \$4.00. Commercially purchased fast foods are discouraged.

Dennis Stromberg, Principal
Vicki Huffman, Assistant Principal
Karen Davis, Secretary
Verna Shahan, Secretary

IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

6 - Labor Day No School

10 - Picture Day

14 - PTA Meeting
Open House 7pm

22 - 2 hour early dismissal
C.E. for teachers

OCTOBER

11 - I.S.E. Day
Parent/Teacher Conference
NO SCHOOL

21 -End of 1st Nine Weeks

28 - Report Cards (K-5)

29 - Halloween Classroom
Parties

NOVEMBER

2 -Election Day
No School

11 - Veterans Day
No School

17 - 2 hour early dismissal
C.E. for teachers

22-26 Thanksgiving Break

PARKING LOT SAFETY

Please follow the designated arrows in the parking lot when dropping off and picking up students. The outside lane should **only** be used for drop off. The other lanes are for parking and dropping off. Please be mindful of students walking and other vehicles trying to leave the lot. Students should walk in the yellow crosswalks that are marked throughout the lot. To ensure the safety of everyone please abide by these guidelines.

PARENTS/VISITORS

All parents and students are to enter and exit through the front entrance by the library. Only students riding the bus are to enter by the 4th grade doors. We will have kindergarten helpers by the front door for parent drop off and kindergarten helpers by the 4th grade doors for bus drop off to assist kindergarten students to their bus room or to breakfast. **All visitors must sign in on the sign-in sheet in the office and obtain a visitors badge.** This includes morning escorts to the classroom. We encourage you to allow your child to be more independent. Please encourage him/her to walk to his/her bus room on their own. We have helpers at the doors waiting to escort your child if they need help.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

School instruction time is from 8:00 AM until 2:35 PM. In order that your child receives the best of his/her educational experience, we ask that you try to make sure your child is here and **ready to begin by 8:00AM.** If your child comes anytime between 8:00 and 9:30, they are considered tardy. **Three tardies equal one absence.** If your child leaves anytime before dismissal time (2:35) they are counted as $\frac{1}{2}$ day absent. If your child has a doctor or dentist appointment, make sure you bring the excuse from the doctor so that the absence can be counted as excused. If we do not have an excuse, the absence will be unexcused. These absences count toward taking final exams at the end of the year. The county attendance director keeps an eye on excessive absences, so please try to keep these at a minimum. **Policy 4501.2.5 states that the attendance director shall serve written notice to the parent when a child has five (5) unexcused absences in a year.** Please refer to the policy manual pages 11 through 18, if you need further information.

STUDENT ABSENT INFORMATION

Absence Notification Number: 304-326-7177

*Please call the absence notification number when your child is going to be absent from school. Include the child's name, grade, and teacher information on the recording.

*Students need to turn in a note to their teacher upon the return of an absence. Include the student's first and last name, dates of absence, and reason for absence on each note.

*If your child is absent and you would like to pick-up his/her homework, please call the school by 9:00AM and we will have it ready for pick-up in the office at 2:00PM. If you call after 9:00AM, it will not be ready until the next day for pick-up at 2:00PM. If you want the homework for your child, you need to call the school and not leave a message on the absence line because sometimes we cannot check it until later in the morning. Remember that each child has the same number of days to make-up missed work as the number of days absent.

JOHNSON ELEMENTARY IS STRIVING TO BE A PEANUT-FREE SCHOOL

Due to the severe allergic reactions that some children have being exposed to peanuts, we are asking that parents be cognitive of this concern and refrain from sending anything to school that contains peanuts, peanut butter, or particles of nuts. Any student who has food allergies, such as milk or peanuts, must request a "special dietary needs physicians' medical statement" form from the office to be filled out by your physician and returned to the school to be kept in the cafeteria.

FREE/REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS

If you did not receive a letter stating that your child has qualified for free/reduced meals or did not receive an application in the mail to apply for this service, please contact the school for an application.

PE CLASS

Mrs. Lewis is requesting students to wear tennis shoes for their assigned Physical Education class. Proper attire will ensure the safe participation of students. P.E schedules will change 2nd semester.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

We are continuing to provide student accident insurance for each student and student athlete throughout the county. Information about the insurance coverage can now be found on the www.harcoboe.com website. Forms and brochures can be printed or downloaded from the "For our Parents" portion of the website; "Frequently Requested Forms".

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please see if you can make time from your busy schedules to volunteer at JES. Our volunteers are important to us. Forms were sent out for various volunteer positions. Please return forms as soon as possible to the office or to the homeroom teacher.

MESH BOOK BAGS

It is Harrison County School Policy for students to carry mesh or clear book bags to school. Please be sure to provide proper book bags as soon as possible. If you have any questions on this matter or need assistance in providing a book bag for your child, please contact the office.

PARENT LINK

Harrison County Schools will be using Parent Link this year. The system will enable a call to be made to every student's home in case of school closing, delays, emergencies, etc. Please be sure to provide accurate and up-to-date phone numbers when returning all contact information this year.

BOX TOPS, CAMPBELL LABELS, & ALUMINUM TABS

Please continue to save and send in these items to your child's teacher.

INK CARTRIDGES AND CELL PHONES

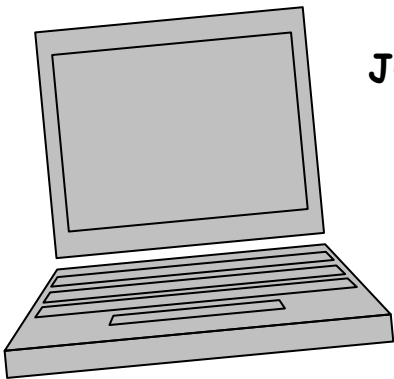
Thank you for turning in old/used ink cartridges. We have been able to get printers for the school by recycling these cartridges. Please send in any size ink cartridges and old cell phones to Mrs. Gray or your child's homeroom teacher.

DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICATION

Prescription medication requires the doctor's information (found on the label of the original container plus a note from the parent. Medication must be sent to school **in the original container from the pharmacy** giving the child's name, the date the prescription was filled, directions for giving the medication and the physician's name.

Nonprescription medication requires a note from the parent.

All medication must be registered in the office and will be kept in the student's folder. All medication will be kept in a secure and locked area until the student requests medication. Only authorized personnel will distribute medication. All medications given to the student will be recorded on a Medication Log, and both the form and medication will be kept in the student's file.



JOHNSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOMEPAGE

The homepage contains information about JES. The school menu, link to Harrison County Schools website, school handbook, education games, staff directory, and WVDE emergency announcements are just a few of the resources that are available through this page. We will update the page during the school year and hope to keep adding more and more information. Visit us at: <http://www.harcoboe.com/jes>

PICTURE DAY

September 10th

*Individual pictures for all
Johnson Elementary students*

