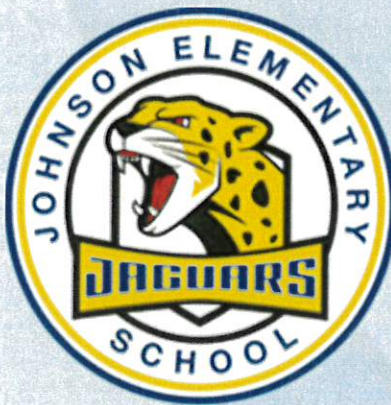


JOHNSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On the Prowl for Excellence!



2023 - 2024

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WELCOME

On behalf of the Johnson family, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our school. We have high expectations for learning at Johnson. Our faculty and staff are committed to maximizing the potential of each and every learner who enters our school. We encourage parental involvement and community support in this educational process. We hope your experience at Johnson will be one of success and growth.

Sincerely,

Philip Bush
Principal

JOHNSON PARENT AND STUDENT HANDBOOK

Johnson Elementary School is governed by the rules and regulations of the Muscogee County School District. The Johnson Parent and Student Handbook is not intended to replace the MCSD Behavior Code and Discipline Policy Handbook, but provide information that is unique to Johnson School. For information not addressed in the Johnson Parent and Student Handbook, please refer to the Muscogee County Behavior Code and Discipline Policy Handbook.



PLEASE DIRECT QUESTIONS REGARDING BUS TRANSPORTATION ISSUES TO OUR
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT:

FOR REGULAR BUS TRANSPORTATION,
706-748-2876

FOR BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS,
706-748-3113



AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

A before and after-school program is available to all students. It is held in the cafeteria and on our playground. Participation, supervision, and fee payments are controlled by the City of Columbus, Department of Parks and Recreation. Call 706-653-4581 or 706-225-4658 for further information.

The number for the Before and After School Program in the Johnson cafeteria is 706-653-4581. This number can be used to leave a message or check on your child.

BUS CONDUCT

Many students who attend Johnson are eligible for school bus transportation. Bus schedules are distributed at registration and available upon request throughout the year.

To provide a safe trip to and from school, all students are required to observe the rules for proper behavior as outlined in the Muscogee County School District Behavior Code and Discipline Policy Handbook. If you would like your child to ride a bus, please put in a bus request on the families page of the district website.

CODE OF CONDUCT

PHILOSOPHY

In order for any school to operate on a daily basis a clearly understood and enforceable student code of conduct should exist. It is the belief of the faculty at Johnson School that good discipline and learning go hand in hand. Rights and privileges as well as responsibilities of both teachers and pupils must be in agreement. Learning takes place best in an open, friendly atmosphere in which respect for individual uniqueness is balanced with respect for consistent daily progress toward group goals. It is impossible to perform an effective job of teaching unless the students demonstrate responsibility for self-control, good manners, and respectful consideration for the rights and property of others. Although learning takes place at different rates, all students are greatly influenced by others, and it is upon mutual respect that we base our philosophy for acceptable school conduct.

INTRODUCTION

Johnson School's Code of Conduct mirrors the expectations for behavior set forth in the Muscogee County School District Behavior Code and Discipline Policy Handbook.

This conduct code is not intended to cover all situations that may arise at Johnson School. In fact, it is our belief that each individual discipline case should be examined and acted upon with

a situational approach. No two sets of circumstances are ever alike. However, there are certain rules that have application for all students and need to be shared with the entire student body.

The principal is the final authority in the interpretation of this code.



JOHNSON DISCIPLINE PLAN
*Consequences for Misbehavior at
Any Time During the School Day*

Each teacher at Johnson has an established plan in place for addressing both positive and negative behaviors. Every attempt is made to address inappropriate behavior in the classroom so as to not remove a child from the instructional process. Unfortunately, not all behaviors can be addressed in this manner. Any child who continuously disrupts the educational integrity of the school and/or classroom will be sent to the office for further consequences.

The principal and/or his or her designee may use their own discretion in assigning consequences, especially in circumstances involving incidences of a serious nature. Specific consequences may include parent contacts, in school suspensions, out of school suspension and expulsion.

Offenses that may result in suspension or expulsion from school as outlined in the Muscogee County School District Behavior Code and Discipline Policy Handbook will result in an immediate office referral.

COMMUNICATION: PARENT, TEACHER, AND STUDENT

Continuous communication between parent/guardian and teacher is imperative for your child's educational growth. E-mail, agendas, and notes are all communication tools used by teachers at Johnson.

Communication between teachers and students, and/or teachers and parents through social media such as Facebook, Twitter or Skype is not allowed.

Parent conferences are also encouraged to discuss your child's progress. Please schedule these conferences either in writing or by phone. Conferences should be scheduled before or after school hours or when a teacher has a break from normal classroom responsibilities. *Absolutely no conferences will be held when the teacher has students present.*

School Nutrition Program (SNP)

School Year 2024

Mission Statement of the Muscogee County School Nutrition Program is to provide a nutrition program that will maintain and improve the health of school children and the educational community and encourage the development of sound nutritional habits that will foster academic success.

USDA has regulations that the School Nutrition Program (SNP) has to meet to be in compliance with their guidelines. Caloric and nutrient requirements are based on age and grade. Also, MCSD Board Approved Wellness Program (EEE and EE-R) encourages and promotes healthy guidelines to be followed including, but not limited to, FDA standards for portion sizes and the elimination of the consumption of fried foods as well as foods containing > 35 % sugar by weight. School lunches also offer a variety of foods, whole grains, and fat free and low-fat milk choices. Muscogee County School District shall abide by nutrient standards of the School Nutrition Program for all foods sold and served on campus during the school day. The sale of foods or beverages to students on school premises other than through SNP is prohibited from 12:01 a.m. until 30 minutes after the end of the school day. Food shall not be used as a reward or punishment. The use of candy and other food rewards for academic performance or good behavior is prohibited. **Fundraising efforts** shall be supportive of healthy eating, encouraging the sale of non-food items or nutrient dense foods. USDA regulations ban the sale of foods of minimal nutritional value.

The School Nutrition Program provides a healthy breakfast and lunch choice for students every day. Students may bring their own lunches from home. **Restaurant containers are not allowed in the cafeteria.** Parents are encouraged to have lunch with their children and a school lunch may be purchased to eat in the cafeteria with the students.

School meals may be captured at the point of sale in a variety of ways. Pin pads or bar code scanners will be used.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) was established by Congress through the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, which reauthorized the Child Nutrition Programs. CEP aims to increase access to the School Meal Programs by offering breakfast and lunch at no charge to all students, without the need to process or collect individual free and reduced meal applications. Forty-one of our schools are CEP schools. **Please contact your student's school office or call the School Nutrition Office at (706) 748-2386 to see if your student's school is a CEP school.**

Non-CEP Schools:

Aaron Cohn Middle School
Blackmon Road Middle School
Britt David Magnet Academy
Clubview Elementary
Columbus High School
Double Churches Elementary
Eagle Ridge Elementary
Mathews Elementary
North Columbus Elementary
Northside High School
Rainey-McCullers School of the Arts
Veterans Middle School

Free and Reduced Meal Priced Meal Applications (Non-CEP Schools Only): Continued

Free and Reduced Meal Priced Meal Applications (Non-CEP Schools Only):

If your student is enrolled in one of the 12 Non-CEP schools (see list on previous page), a new application must be completed and approved every school year before your child can qualify for free or reduced-price meal benefits. For quicker processing, an online application is available at www.myschoolapps.com. If you prefer, a paper application is available upon request at your child's school or at the School Nutrition Office at 2960 Macon Road. If completing a paper application, we must receive the original since these applications are scanned. We cannot accept a faxed or copied application. ONLY ONE application needs to be completed for your entire household. If someone receives SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) OR TANF, you must include the current CASE number on the application (NOT the EBT or food stamp card number) and indicate whether the program is SNAP or TANF. We receive thousands of applications every year. Completed applications are processed within 10 days. You will be notified with a letter regarding the outcome of your application.

Applications **CANNOT** be approved if they are not completely filled out so please **COMPLETE ALL REQUIRED FIELDS** on the application. *Until your application is approved, please provide your child(ren) with money to purchase meals.*

If you have an approved MCSD application from the previous year on file, benefits will be extended for the first 30 days of the new school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first). After 30 days, your child's status will change to PAYING and they will be charged for meals until a new application is approved. If your application is denied or incomplete, please call our office with any questions at 706-748-2389. Applications can be submitted at any time throughout the year, especially if your income goes down, you lose your job, your family qualifies for SNAP or TANF benefits, or there is a change in your family size. *For quicker processing of meal benefit applications, the Family Meal Application is available online at www.myschoolapps.com. If you prefer, you may complete a paper application at your child's school or at the School Nutrition Office located at the Muscogee County Public Education Center, 2960 Macon Road. Computers will also be available in the School Nutrition Main office.*

**5 REASONS FOR COMPLETING
Free & Reduced Applications
ONE MEAL APPLICATION AFFECTS MANY AREAS!**

1  INCREASED FUNDING TO SUPPORT STUDENT EDUCATION	2  ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNET ACCESS	3 	4 	5 
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Contact your child's school for details today

Paying for School Lunch

Muscogee County SNP does accept personal checks as payment for meals in our cafeterias. Payments may be made by cash, money order, cashier's check, traveler's check, or on-line via **our online payment system, My School Bucks**, using your credit or debit card.

www.MySchoolBucks.com

School Meal Prices: Prices are subject to change based on USDA reimbursements rates

BREAKFAST PRICES	
Elementary, Paid	1.00
Middle/High, Paid	1.25
Reduced	.30
Adult, MCSD Staff	1.75
Adult, Outside MCSD	2.00

LUNCH PRICES	
Elementary, Paid	2.45
Middle/High, Paid	2.70
Reduced	.40
Adult, MCSD Staff	4.00
Adult, Outside MCSD	4.50

Free and reduced priced meals for breakfast and lunch are available for eligible students. Parents may contact the School Nutrition Manager at any school for more information.

Charging Meals

Charging meals is discouraged, but may be necessary in certain cases. Elementary students will be allowed to charge a total of three breakfasts and three lunches. Middle and high school students will be allowed to charge a total of one breakfast and one lunch. If your child reaches his/her charge limit and does not have money in his/her account, and does not have cash with which to purchase their meal, an alternative meal will be provided. **There is no provision for adults to charge.** No charges will be accepted for a la carte items. **Students will not be able to charge any meal after May 1st through the duration of the school year.** It is necessary that all outstanding charges be paid to the cafeteria Manager prior to the last day of school. Please respond promptly to messages that you receive, both written and phone calls, regarding charges on your student's account.

Menus

Monthly menus can be found on your school's website. Menus may change on a very short notice due to supply chain issues, market conditions, deliveries, or special school activities.

Special Dietary Needs

MCSD School Nutrition will make meal modifications and substitutions to the regular school meals for a student with a disability that restricts their diet. The Special Dietary Needs Prescription Form **must be** completed and signed by a licensed physician, unless the child has a healthcare plan or an IEP/504 Plan on file, and returned to MCSD School Nutrition Program, including the school cafeteria manager and the Nutrition Specialist before the school cafeteria can provide any modifications or substitutions. A form and instructions can be found on the School Nutrition page of the MCSD web site, or at the school clinic or cafeteria. You may contact the School Nutrition office at 706-748-2386 for more information.

A nutrition analysis chart for menu items is available on the website. Please be aware that there are factors that may affect a product's actual nutritional value and/or ingredient composition at any given time: Supply chain issues may cause substitutions; manufacturers' formulations may change without notice. USDA donated products may become available at any time during the year and may replace a purchased item. Product brands may change during the year as new bids are approved. Schools may be using inventory from a previous bid or manufacturer. Our recipes may change during the school year. A la carte snack items vary from school to school, so check with the Nutrition Manager at your student's school for specific information.

Seamless Summer Option

SNP provides breakfast and lunch at various schools throughout the district during the summer. Please check the website or call 706-748-2386 for locations. All children up to 18 years of age receive a free meal. Adults may purchase a lunch.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

DRESS AND GROOMING POLICY

A student shall not dress, groom, or wear or use emblems, insignias, badges or other symbols where the effect thereof is to distract unreasonably the attention of other students or otherwise to cause disruption or interference with the operation of the school.

It is prohibited for any student to wear clothing items which advertise alcoholic beverages, tobacco, obscene, crude or suggestive messages or use of profanity. Designs or insignias that are part of a haircut, satanic symbols, gang-related badges, insignias and colors; logos or symbols which denigrate social or ethnic groups are also prohibited. "Fake" alcohol or drug advertisement is also disallowed.

Summary:

- Dresses and Skirts - Dresses and skirts may be worn with the length to be no higher than three (3) inches above the top of the knee cap

- Shirts - No midriffs should be exposed
No see-through shirts/blouses
No spaghetti straps, tube tops
Nothing that advocates drugs, alcohol, violence, gangs, hate or profanity

- Shoes - No slides, flip flops or bedroom shoes

- Pants - Pants are to be worn on or above the waist; **NO SAGGING**
No see-through pants
No pants with holes

- Shorts - Shorts may be worn with the length to be no higher than three (3) inches above the knee cap

- Headgear - No head coverings i.e., hats, bandanas, do rags, sweat bands with the exception of medical purposes or permission of approved school official

The Administration reserves the right to determine proper dress and take necessary action at any time.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Elementary students are not permitted to have any electronic devices on the bus or school grounds without the consent of the principal. Phones must remain off and in book bags during the school day. If students are seen with a phone during school hours the teacher will turn the phone into the office for parent retrieval at end of the day from the principal.

END OF YEAR AWARDS

End of year awards are given out the last week of school by grade level and teacher. An award schedule and parent invites will be sent out prior to the awards day.

MEDICATION

1. A medical authorization is required before giving any medication to students (verbal permission is no longer acceptable).
2. All prescription medication (ex. Ritalin, penicillin) must be brought to school in the original pharmaceutical container with a clear label.
3. Non-prescription medications (ex. Tylenol, aspirin, cough medicine, eye drops, etc.) also require written authorization from parents or guardian and must be in original containers with a clear label.
4. All medication is kept in a locked cabinet in the office/clinic.
5. No medicine will be administered by anyone other than office personnel.
6. The medication administered will be documented in the office.

OFFICE INFORMATION CARDS

Office Information Cards are used by office staff to help expedite parent/guardian contacts concerning school related information. These cards are also used to determine who can and cannot checkout a student from school. *Please notify the office immediately if there are any changes to information on the cards especially changes to phone numbers and emergency contacts.*

SCHOOL ISSUED CHROMEBOOKS

- "All students have been issued a Chromebook (to include Case and Charger) to use during the school day. Students must always be responsible for their Chromebook/Case/Charger. To be good stewards of taxpayer dollars, students must be responsible for caring for their Chromebook and not damaging it in any way. Chromebooks are to be always carried in a case when not in use. Students who damage Chromebooks and/or accessories can be assessed a replacement fee as per Board (see MCSD Board Policy JS: Student Fees, Fines, and Charges)."
- **Care and Use of School Property - Chromebooks, Textbooks, and Media Center Checkouts:** Students will be responsible for properly caring for all books, supplies, Chromebooks, and accessories or equipment furnished by the school. A student who defaces, damages, or loses school property must pay for the damage or loss (see MCSD Board Policy JS: Student Fees, Fines, and Charges).
- A Parent/Student must pay all fees and fines owed to the school promptly. Parents/Students must clear all fines or expenses during the year the fines are assessed. Fines must be paid/cleared where they were assessed before moving to the next level in school.

PROMOTION/RETENTION POLICY

It is the philosophy of the Muscogee County School District that programs of intervention and remediation rather than retention will be the preferred alternative for students who are not making satisfactory progress. Retention is appropriate only when the student's developmental needs are such that retention of the student will be beneficial. Retention will not be based upon arbitrary achievement levels without consideration of ability, language development, or cultural background.

A student will be eligible for promotion in the elementary grades when the teacher determines that the student has made satisfactory progress relative to academic goals and the student's ability.

The records and progress of any student being considered for retention must be referred to an internal review team. This team will be composed of the principal, the counselor, the psychologist (if applicable), the resource teacher, and the student's present teacher. The referring teacher will compile a record of the student's progress and make recommendation to the review team. The team will make a recommendation for promotion or retention. The principal will have the final authority, at the school level, as to whether a student is promoted or retained.

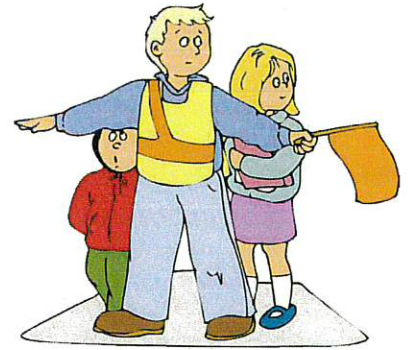
Prior to the time that a student is retained, a letter will be sent to the parent for the purpose of informing the parent of the review team and principal's decision. If the parent desires, a conference will be scheduled for further clarification. Only in exceptional circumstances shall a student remain in the elementary grades more than one additional year.

All kindergarten teachers are required to administer the Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (GKIDS) to every kindergarten student prior to promotion to grade one. A First Grade Placement Committee will review all questionable results of the GKIDS and make recommendations regarding the need to repeat the year at the kindergarten level. No student shall remain in kindergarten for more than two years.



SCHOOL SAFETY

The administration of Johnson Elementary School considers the safety of students and employees a very important concern and responsibility. To ensure the protection/safety of our school population, we are providing the following reminders to you:



1. The road behind the gym is for bus/day-care pickup ONLY. It is not to be used by parents for student drop-off or pickup.
2. DO NOT use the parking lot as a drop-off area in the morning OR A PICK-UP AREA IN THE AFTERNOON. We consider the parking lot an "Unsafe Area." Let your children out in front of the school.
3. If your child walks to school, remind him/her to stay on the sidewalk/walkways to and from school.
4. DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CHILD UNATTENDED IN THE MORNING. Breakfast begins at 7:00 a.m. Students who do not eat breakfast do not need to arrive earlier than 7:30 a.m.
5. Parents and all visitors must check by the office whenever visiting the school for any reason.
6. All students who walk or who are picked up by car should be off the school campus by 2:20 p.m.
7. Please make sure that transportation arrangements or changes in travel to and from school are handled in advance of the school day. This will ensure that children will not be left, and it will minimize congestion of phone lines.
8. No rolling backpacks will be allowed at Johnson.
9. If your student rides a bike to school, please be sure they are wearing a helmet. This is a law in the state of Georgia.
10. Elementary students are not allowed to have cell phones at school.
11. Absolutely no pets or animals of any kind on the school campus.

Our safety program here at Johnson is an on-going activity and an extremely important aspect of our daily operation. To ensure its effectiveness and continued success, we solicit your support on the issues listed.

SCHOOL HOURS

K - 5th grades 7:45am - 2:15pm

No students in the building prior to 7:00am

Breakfast is from 7:00am - 7:30am

Students will report to class at 7:30am.

7:45am - Tardy to School

SCHOOL TELEPHONE

The school telephone is a business phone is not for student use. Students will not be allowed to use the phone unless approved by administration. Please make sure your child has his or her necessary supplies each and every day as well as knowledge of transportation changes.

SEVERE WEATHER

In the event of severe weather, please listen to local television/radio news for announcements concerning school closing.

STUDENT CHECKOUT

It is imperative that your child be in school during the full academic day. Please try and schedule appointments around the hours of 7:45am and 2:15pm. If appointments during the school day cannot be avoided, students must first be signed out in the office by someone listed on the office information card.

Please be prepared to show a photo identification when checking a student out from school. The student will be called to the office when the parent or parent representative arrives at the school.

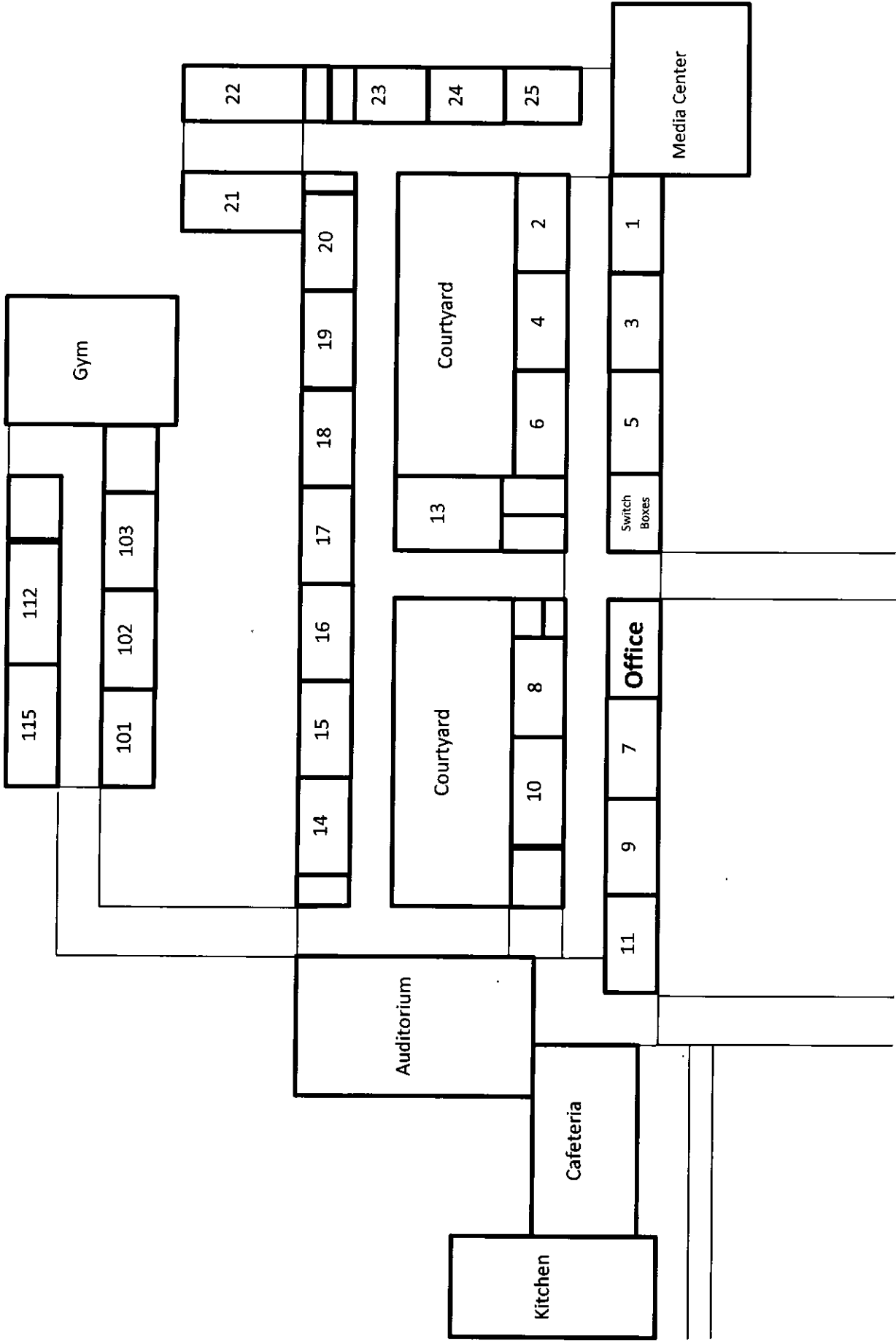
In accordance to guidelines set forth by the MCSD Behavior Code and Discipline Policy Handbook, absolutely no checking out of students between the hours of 1:45 and 2:15.

TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

If your child's transportation arrangements change from what is recorded on the Office Information Card, you must notify the teacher in writing the morning of the transportation change.

NO changes may be made by phone.

Johnson Elementary School





**2023-24
School Year Calendar**

July 2023						
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3-31 Summer Break
4 Independence Day Observed

August 2023						
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1-4 Teacher Planning/Staff Development Days(PK-2)
1-7 Teacher Planning/Staff Development Days(Secondary)
2-7 System-wide Verification Days
7 In-person grades PK-2(Phase-In)
8 1st Day of School/1st Semester Begins

September 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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4 Labor Day
7 Progress Report

October 2023						
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6 Virtual Learning Day(No school PK-2)
9 Teacher Planning/Staff Development Day
11 End of 1st Nine Weeks
13 Report Cards

November 2023						
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10 Veterans Day
13 Progress Reports
20-24 Thanksgiving Break

December 2023						
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20 1st Semester Grading Period Ends
21-29 Winter Break

January 2024						
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1-2 Winter Break
3 Teacher Planning/Staff Development
4 2nd Semester Begins
8 Report Cards
15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 2024						
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6 Progress Report
16 Teacher Planning/Staff Development
19 Presidents Day

March 2024						
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11 End of 3rd Nine Weeks
13 Report Cards

April 2024						
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1-5 Spring Break
18 Progress Reports

May 2024						
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15-18 Graduation
21 Last Day of School/Report Cards (Elementary)
22-23 Teacher Post Planning
23 Report Cards(Secondary)
24-31 Summer Break
27 Memorial Day

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3-28 Summer Break

- Student/Teacher holiday
- Semester Start Dates
- Teacher Planning/Staff Development/Student Holiday
- Virtual Learning Day
- Progress Reports/ Report Cards
- In-person Phase-In for Students

August 2023

September 2023

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jul 30	31	Aug 1	2	3	4	5
				Pre-Planning: All staff 9:00am Student Verification		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	1st Day: Prek-2nd Planning Day: 3rd-5th	1st Day: 3rd-5th			1:00pm PBIS Kick-off	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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					Kona Ice 4:00pm Back to School Dance	
27	28	29	30	31	Sep 1	2
				Jaguar of the Month lunch		

September 2023

October 2023

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 27	28	29	30	31	Sep 1	2
3	4 No School: Labor Day	5	6 Picture Day	7 Progress Reports: 1st 9 wks 5:30pm Open House / Title I Parent meeting	8 Grandparent Breakfast PBIS Celebration	9
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				PBIS Celebration No School: preK-2nd students Planning Day: PreK-2nd Virtual Day: 3rd-5th	No School: preK-2nd students Planning Day: PreK-2nd Virtual Day: 3rd-5th	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Planning Day End of 1st 9 wks		End of 1st 9 wks		Report Cards: 1st 9 wks	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				Boo Grams Boo Grams	Fall Festival	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			Boo Grams Red Ribbon Week			
29	30	31	Nov 1	2	3	4
	Boo Grams Character Day \$1 Jaguar of the Month PBIS Celebration				Kona Ice	

November 2023

November 2023

December 2023

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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26	27	28	29	30		

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 29	30	31	Nov 1	2 Picture Retakes / Class Pictures	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 No School: Veterans Day	11
12	13 Progress Reports: 2nd 9 wks	14	15	16 5:00pm Literacy Under the Stars	17 Kona Ice	18
19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving Break	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Jaguar of the Month lunch	Dec 1	2

December 2023

December 2023

January 2024

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30	31			
31													

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 26	27	28	29	30	Dec 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Jan 1, 24	2	3	4	5	6

				Candy Cane Grams		
				Candy Cane Grams		
			End of 2nd 9 wks		Christmas Break	
			Christmas Break			

January 2024

February 2024

January 2024

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 31	Jan 1, 24 Christmas Break	2	3 Planning Day	4 Students return	5	6
7	8 Report Cards: 2nd 9 wks	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 No School: MLK Day	16	17	18 5:00pm Math Night	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Kona Ice	27
28	29	30 Jaguar of the Month lunch	31	Feb 1	2	3

February 2024

February 2024							March 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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25	26	27	28	29			24	25	26	27	28	29	30
							31						

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 28	29	30	31	Feb 1	2	3
					Valentine Grams	
					PBIS Celebration	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			Valentine Grams			
		Progress Reports: 3rd 9 wks			4:00pm Valentine Dance	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Valentine Grams			Planning Day	
			Valentine's Day			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	No School: President's Day				Kona Ice	
25	26	27	28	29	Mar 1	2
				Jaguar of the Month lunch		

March 2024

April 2024

March 2024

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 25	26	27	28	29	Mar 1	2
					Read Across America Day	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
					PBIS Celebration	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	End of 3rd 9 wks		Report Cards: 3rd 9 wks	Literacy Under the Stars		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
					Jaguar of the Month lunch Kona Ice	
31	Apr 1	2	3	4	5	6

April 2024

April 2024

May 2024

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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mar 31	Apr 1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Autism Awareness Day	10	11	12 Pastries w/ People We Love PBIS Celebration	13
14	15	16	17	18 Progress Reports: 4th 9 wks	19 Field Day Kona Ice	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Jaguar of the Month lunch	May 1	2	3	4

Spring Break

May 2024

May 2024							June 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
							30						

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 28	29	30	May 1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					Field Day: make-up Kona Ice	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
					Book Fair	
					AU Self-Contained Class Awards	Kdg-2nd Awards 3rd-5th Awards 5th Grade lunch
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Last Day of School Report Cards: 4th 9 wks		Post Planning		
26	27	28	29	30	31	Jun 1



Muscogee County School District Columbus, Georgia

MISSION

The Muscogee County School District is committed to providing educational experiences that will enable each student to become a lifelong learner, enter the work force with necessary skills and achieve academic and personal potential.

VISION

We envision a School District in which:

- ✓ Each student is given multiple opportunities to excel in his/her academic, social, emotional and physical development in a safe, nurturing environment.
- ✓ Well-prepared, responsible and caring employees are committed to excellence in education.
- ✓ Parents, community members, staff and students are full partners in the education of children.

BELIEFS

- All students learn when provided high-quality instruction that is engaging and challenging.
- All students must have a physically and emotionally safe learning environment.
- All district employees work collaboratively to improve student achievement.
- All organizational and instructional decisions are data driven.
- All district personnel are committed to continuous professional learning.

MOTTO

Just as the lighthouse guides the ships at sea through safe channels, the Muscogee County School District must carefully guide the students through the channels of learning enlightenment.