

COUNTDOWN TO

Welcome, Class of 2038, to Jordan
Public Schools and Jordan Elementary!



JORDAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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DISTRICT AND SCHOOL LEADERS

Welcome Kindergarten Families!



Ms. Ranae Case

Evenson

Superintendent of
Schools



Ms. Melissa Barnett

Jordan Elementary
Principal

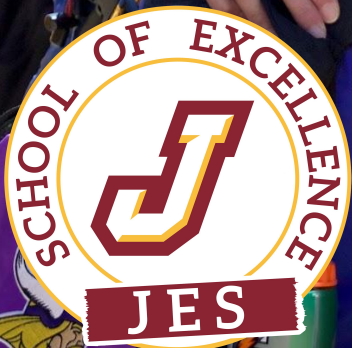
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ABOUT JORDAN ELEMENTARY

Preschool - Grade 4 Student Enrollment:

- 700+ bright, respectful, caring children
- Five-six sections for grade levels; average class size is 23
- Campus-like feel with JMS and JHS in close proximity
- Community Education Recreation Center (CERC)





BUILDING PROJECT

2023-2025 JES Building Renovations and Additions

- Work began in 2024 and will be completed Fall 2025, along with City of Jordan Sunset Dr. project (Summer 2025)
- Complete renovation of JES
- Multiple additions
 - 7 classroom addition
 - Cafeteria and kitchen addition
 - Gymnasium addition
 - Main Office/Nurse

OUR OFFICE TEAM

Welcome Kindergarten Families!



Ms. Heather Fry

Administrative Office
Assistant



Ms. Brenda Boeckmann

Office Assistant



Ms. Jennie Way

Office Assistant



Ms. Jenna Hentges

School Nurse

OUR KINDERGARTEN TEAM

Welcome Kindergarten Families!



Ms. Nicole Dietz

Kindergarten
Teacher



Ms. Katie Fisher

Kindergarten
Teacher



Ms. Steph Olstad

Kindergarten
Teacher

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Ms. Meghan
Reinhoit
Kindergarten
Teacher



Mr. Michael Roiger
Kindergarten
Teacher

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL/ MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

Welcome Kindergarten Families!



Ms. Molly Nefstead

School Social
Worker



Mr. Matt Phillips

Behavior Specialist



Ms. Eva Dela Paz

School
Psychologist

CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE PEDAGOGY AND EQUITY

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Ms. Sarah Miller

JPS CRP Specialist



Mr. Malik Peer

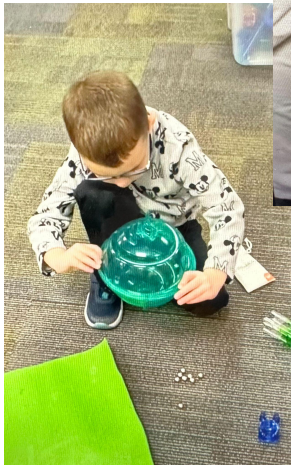
JPS Equity &
Outreach Specialist

OUR TYPICAL DAY



- Core Instruction: Literacy, Math, Science, Social Studies (Technology Integration)
- JWIN (Just What I Need)- Academic Support
- KWIN (Kindergarten What I Need)- Social & Emotional Learning Support
- Project-based learning
- Play time
- Specials-KWIN, Art, Music, Phy. Ed. and Media/Tech
- SMART Room
- Mindfulness
- Jordan PRIDE
 - Culturally Responsive Pedagogy (CRP)
 - Restorative Practices

KWIN (Kindergarten What I Need)



KWIN focus is to provide students a weekly opportunity to intentionally practice social and emotional learning activities and skills that can be applied in the classroom, school community, home environment and in life. Here are a few of the topics addressed in KWIN throughout the school year:

Self Awareness, Self Management, Responsible Decision-Making:

- Managing emotions
- "Alone Time"
- Practicing school routines (walking in hallway, lunch)
- Dressing for winter weather independently
- Growing Jordan PRIDE

Social Awareness, Relationship Skills, Responsible Decision-Making:

- Playing outside on playground
- "Together Time", Group Games
- Following the "Group Plan"

IMPORTANT DATES AND FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS

- **January 23, 2025:** ‘Welcome to Jordan Elementary School!’ - an in-person/live streamed school event for families to learn more about Kindergarten at JES
- **February 15, 2025:** Submit registration forms online (Educational Benefits Form included in process)
- **February 20, 2025:** “Welcome to Kindergarten!”- an in-person event to welcome families and students to Kindergarten
- **March – May 2025:** Countdown to Kindergarten communications shared with families

IMPORTANT DATES AND FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS

- **June – August 2025:** Summer communications for Countdown to Kindergarten
- **August 28, 2025:** Kindergarten Back to School Conferences (evening and day times available)
- **September 3, 2025:** First official day of school for Kindergarten

** These dates may change if district calendar changes or due to building project**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Do I need to register my child for Kindergarten if he/she attended preschool in Jordan?

Yes. Preschool is a program run by Community Education and is separate from our K-4 Jordan Elementary School program. All incoming families need to complete online registration for Kindergarten.



www.jordan.k12.mn.us/countdowntok

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I request a specific teacher for my Kindergartener?

No. A request for a specific teacher will not be honored. There is a JES Parent/Guardian Input form available on the Countdown to Kindergarten website. This allows K-4 families to share information about their child's learning to assist with placement into a classroom for the upcoming school year.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When can we meet the Kindergarten teachers and see the school?

We are hosting an in-person event on February 20, 2025 to welcome our families and Kindergarten students to JES and to meet our K teachers.

We will also share a video of the inside of the school highlighting some of the areas Ks will be learning and working in next fall.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Does my child need to be screened and immunized prior to Kindergarten?

Yes. State law requires all incoming Ks to be screened and up-to-date on immunizations or have a non-medical exemption form notarized and submitted to the school. We are also asking families to submit a copy of their child's birth certificate to have on file.



www.jordan.k12.mn.us/screening
www.jordan.k12.mn.us/healthservices

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I stay up to date with school and district information?

There are many ways to stay up to date on classroom, school and district information:

- Countdown to Kindergarten web page (for information leading up to fall 2025)
- Classroom newsletters
- Email, call, or meet with the K teacher
- K team/Teacher web page
- District and JES website calendars
- JPS smartphone app (search “Jordan Public Schools” in app store)
- Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I pay for field trips or other fees for school?

You can pay for school-sponsored events or supply fees by sending cash or checks with your child to school, or you can take care of payments electronically via your Infinite Campus Parent Portal account.



<https://www.jordan.k12.mn.us/jes>

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is there before and after school care offered at JES?

Yes. Kids' Company program is a fee-based program open from 6:00AM-8:00AM and 3:00PM-6:00PM on days students are in school. Other days when school is not in session, Kids' Company is open from 6:00AM-6:00PM.

Summer programming is also available, with registration opening in March (just before Spring Break).



www.jordan.k12.mn.us/kidsco

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I register my child for riding the bus?

Benjamin Bus is our contracted transportation service in JPS. If you are interested in having your child ride the bus to and from school to your home or daycare, please complete the transportation portion of the online registration form, or call them at 952-492-2410.

Once your child is registered for the bus, information will be sent home in August as to what times your child will be picked up and dropped off and at what bus stop location.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do they have a buddy on the bus to help them out?

Kindergarten teachers work with Benjamin Bus to give K students bus tags to attach to their backpacks to help them get to the appropriate K classroom.

Older elementary bus riders may be assigned to assist K students to get to breakfast or their classroom during the first weeks of school.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How does my Kindergartener find their way to their classroom from the bus, drop-off or breakfast during the first weeks of school?

Paraprofessionals and other JES staff welcome students exiting cars in drop-off loops, as well as at the end of the day when students are getting picked up. Staff are in the hallways supervising students at the start and end of the day helping them get to where they need to go, and are also supervising them in the cafeteria for breakfast. There are often Paraprofessionals who walk K students to the pickup loops at the end of the day, and classroom teachers walk bus riders to their appropriate bus.



QUESTIONS?



REACH OUT

We are here to help!



JES Office at 952-492-2336



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THANK YOU!



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