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Let's Stay Connected

Parents and guardians who change their phone number, home address, email address, or emergency contact information should notify the front office staff at their child's school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

✱ Parent Teacher Conferences

October 15 & March 18 are Parent Teacher Conference Days for all K-12 scholars. No school for scholars on these days. Conferences are no longer divided by elementary and secondary levels.

✱ Hispanic Heritage Festival

October 8 5:30p-7pm
Jacksonville Elementary

✱ Fall Break

October 16-19

✱ Curriculum Planning Day

November 20

**No School for K-12 scholars
Preschool is in session**

✱ Thanksgiving Break

November 23-27

District Spotlight



Jacksonville Elementary Returns Home

After several days of temporary relocation, Jacksonville Elementary School (JES) scholars and staff returned to their home campus on Monday, August 31, following the completion of air-quality testing and repairs to the school's ventilation equipment.

The district announced that the final air-quality report had been reviewed and approved, and all three Dedicated Outdoor Air System (DOAS) units had been repaired and prepared for normal operation. These units play an important role in bringing fresh outdoor air into the building, supporting ventilation, and helping control humidity.

District officials explained that while Jacksonville Elementary is only about five years old, newer HVAC and ventilation equipment can still experience component failures. The prolonged periods of extreme heat and high humidity this summer placed additional demands on the mechanical systems. The district emphasized that the priority was not simply maintaining a comfortable temperature, but ensuring that air quality was cleared and the ventilation systems were functioning properly before students and staff returned.

The temporary relocation also highlighted the strength and kindness of the Jacksonville North Pulaski School District community.

Jacksonville High School and Murrell Taylor Elementary welcomed JES students and staff, while the JES team worked to keep learning positive and engaging despite the disruption. Maintenance, operations, transportation, child nutrition, technology, contractors, consultants, and district staff all worked behind the scenes to support the transition.

Most importantly, the district expressed appreciation to JES families for their patience, flexibility, and support during the unexpected change in routines.

Now, the JES family is back home - ready for a fresh start and another semester of learning.

As the district shared throughout the experience, "Kindness is Cool," and the JES community showed that kindness in action.



Message from the Superintendent

Dear Titan Families and Community Members, September is an important time to build upon the momentum of a strong school-year opening. Across JNPSD, our scholars are engaging in rigorous learning, developing character, and gaining meaningful experiences that prepare them for college, careers, and life. We encourage families to remain actively engaged by prioritizing attendance, reading at home, monitoring academic progress, maintaining open communication with teachers, and reinforcing that Kindness is Cool! Thank you to our educators, families, and community partners for your continued investment in our scholars. Together, with high expectations and collective responsibility, we will continue preparing today's scholars to become tomorrow's leaders. Learning is Required!

- Dr. Jeremy Owoh



Keeping Our Families Safe

Preparing for the Unexpected: Active Shooter Drills at JHS

Throughout the school year, Jacksonville High School will conduct random active shooter drills with staff and scholars. These drills are an important part of our commitment to maintaining a safe and prepared school environment.

The purpose of these drills is to help staff and scholars practice how to respond calmly and appropriately during an emergency. Just as we practice fire and severe weather drills, active shooter drills allow our school community to become familiar with safety procedures before they are ever needed in a real situation.

We also encourage parents and guardians to talk with their scholars about the importance of taking every drill seriously. Remind them that drills are practice – not a reason to panic, joke, or be disruptive. Encourage your scholar to listen carefully to staff, follow directions, and remain calm.

These conversations at home, combined with regular practice at school, help ensure that our scholars and staff are better prepared to respond should an emergency ever occur.

Preparedness starts with practice and safety is a responsibility we all share.

REMINDER: Game Entry Requirements

- All JMS and JHS scholars must have their student ID badge to enter the game.
- Middle school scholars must be accompanied by an adult and have their student ID badge.
- Elementary scholars do not have student ID badges but should always be accompanied by an adult.



"Our goal is to ensure every scholar and staff member feels safe at school each day."

—Officer C. Oldham

This Quarter in Pictures



Ms. Robinson's first graders at Murrell Taylor are getting hands-on with phonics as they explore their pilot curriculum.



JHS Performing Arts scholars enjoyed an unforgettable night at Hamilton! They saw the show and met cast members!

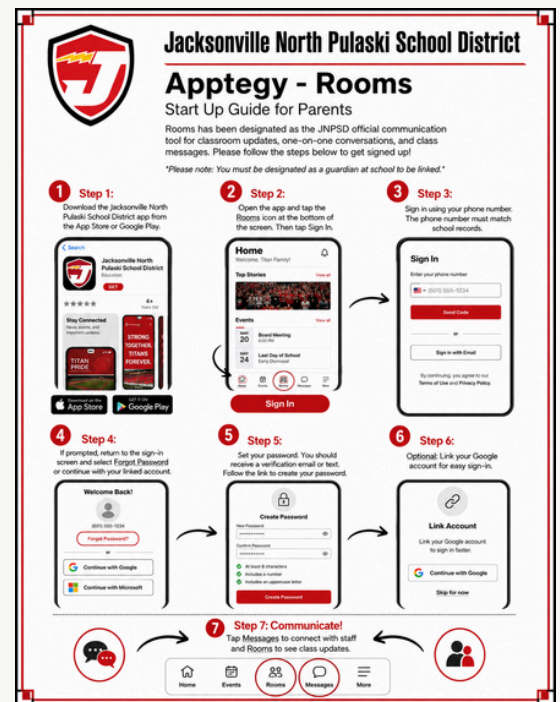


Jacksonville High School and the Academies of Central Arkansas welcomed the Arkansas National Guard as a new Career Academy partner.



The Senior Class of 2027 held Picture Day at Jacksonville High School! Seniors are looking ahead to graduation, set for May 13 at 7 p.m. at Titan Stadium.

Introducing Rooms



We're excited to introduce **Rooms**, the Jacksonville North Pulaski School District's official communication tool for classroom updates, class messages, and one-on-one communication. Parents and guardians can follow the simple steps below to get connected and stay informed!

[CLICK HERE FOR INSTRUCTIONS.](#)



Kindness Is Cool!

We are excited to kick off our Kindness Is Cool campaign for the 2026–27 school year! Our character word for the first quarter is **RESPECT**.

We encourage our parents, teachers, scholars, faculty, and community to join us in making respect and kindness part of everything we do - at school, at home, and throughout our community.

Check out these videos to learn more and see Kindness Is Cool in action:

- Kindness Is Cool — FOX16 Commercial
- A Message from Dr. Owoh
- Scholars Share What Respect Means to Them





Did you know that JNPSD has a School-Based Health Center that can be utilized by our scholars and families?

Titan Health Center
1401 Murrell Taylor Drive Suite C
Jacksonville, AR 72076

Services Provided: Immunizations, Treatment for Illness/Minor Injuries, Medication Management, Mental/Behavior Health Services, Chronic Care Management.

Contact Information: 501-255-2484

Transportation to clinic during school hours available upon request with signed parental consent. Contact School Based Health Coordinator Meredith McGinty at 501-902-7123

Curriculum Corner

Scholars are utilizing **THiNKVERSE** for personalized math practice and **Lexia** for personalized literacy support during the school day. These programs are designed to target individual skill gaps and promote academic growth aligned to Arkansas standards.

Both programs can be accessed at home for extra support. Scholars may log in by following the directions provided below.

- **Grades K-5:** Login credentials will be sent home with scholars by September 15th.
- **Grades 6-12:** Scholars will continue to access using their school email/username and password.

Steps to Access Clever from Home

1. Go to www.clever.com
2. Click "Log in as a Student"
3. Choose how your child will log in:
 - Badge (QR code), OR
 - Username & password
4. After logging in, you will see your child's dashboard
5. Click any app (like Reflex, THiNKVERSE, or Lexia) to get started

Medicaid Application Assistance Event



Jacksonville North Pulaski School District is hosting a Medicaid Application Event on Thursday, September 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Pinewood Development Center.

Families can receive assistance completing Arkansas Medicaid applications, uploading required documents, and getting answers to their questions.

Transportation will be available for families in need, and snacks and drinks will be provided. We're here to help our families!

Human Resources

Open Enrollment Reminder! JNPSD Staff Only

Open Enrollment for AR Benefits will begin
October 1, 2026!

If you need to make changes to your healthcare coverage, you can do so by:
 Contacting Stephanie Lee at
slee@jnpsd.org

Logging into the [AR Benefits Online Portal](#)
 All healthcare changes must be completed
 by October 31, 2026.

Changes made during Open Enrollment will
 take effect January 1, 2027.

Be sure to review your benefits and make
 any needed changes before the deadline!