



## **The 100% Honest Weekly Bugle**

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### **Meet the writer-**

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Dear JMCA Family:

Thank you for all of your collaboration as we follow the guidelines established by the El Paso County Health Department around COVID-19. I wanted to take this time to share some quick advice with all families. The guidelines state that if a child or staff member exhibits minor symptoms, such as a sore throat, runny nose/congestion, muscle or body aches, headache, fatigue, nausea/vomiting, or diarrhea, then they must stay home. They have a period of 48 hours for the symptoms to disappear. If the symptoms don't disappear after 48 hours, then the quickest way for the child or staff member to return to school would be through a negative COVID-19 test. The free testing center at the Citadel Mall is able to produce results within two to three days.

If a child or staff member has a major symptom, such as feeling feverish/having chills, a temperature of 100.4 degrees or greater, loss of taste/smell, new or unexplained persistent cough, and shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, then they must stay home and have 24 hours for the symptoms to disappear. At the end of the 24 hour period, if symptoms persist, the quickest way for the child or staff member to return to school would be through a negative COVID-19 test. Please feel free to email me at [morinkyle@wsd3.org](mailto:morinkyle@wsd3.org) with any questions. I understand that the situation is frustrating for families. It is equally frustrating for the school and Widefield District 3 as well. We are currently working with the El Paso County Health Department to allow schools to have more leeway when quarantining students.

### **Coming Attractions-**

- September 22- SAAC Committee meeting @ 4:30 P.M.
- September 28- Board of Education meeting @ 6:00 P.M.
- October 12 to 16- Fall Break
- October 15 and 16- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Wednesday is early release at **1:00 P.M.**
- Wednesday is formal dress.

### **Progress Reports**

Where does the time go? We have already been in school for four weeks. The first progress reports will go home Wednesday September 23. Parent-teacher conferences will be held on October 15 and 16 via Zoom. After parent-teacher conferences, please expect to see progress report sent home approximately every two weeks. Progress reports reflect the students' academic progress on specific skills for a two week period. The grades from progress reports help constitute report card grades.

### **SAAC**

The Student Accountability Advisory Committee (SAAC) meets every month on the third Tuesday. The committee acts in an advisory capacity to the principal. Parents are welcome to attend. The next meeting is September 22 at 4:30 P.M. If interested in attending, please email me, and I will send you a Zoom link. Thank you!

### **Water Bottles-**

Remember that due to the pandemic, the school drinking fountains are turned off. Please send your child/children with multiple water bottles each day.

### **Free Meals for JMCA Students-**

Due to the hard work of JMCA parent Maylling Rios, JMCA is partnering with Equal Heart and My Kids Lunch to offer free meals to JMCA Students. The service provides five days worth of meals prepared for your child/children. If interested in participating in the service, then please contact Maylling Rios at (719)459-9194. She will be at 737 Dale Street, Fountain, CO on Sundays from 12:30 to 2:00 for families to pick up meals.

### **Don't Forget School Board Elections-**

Don't forget the school board election on Thursday, September 24. We are looking for two qualified candidates to run for the board. One position must be filled by a parent. The other position can be filled by a community member at-large. This position does not have to be filled by a parent. While a parent can hold the position, grandparents and friends of JMCA are also eligible for the position. Please contact the front office if you are interested in running. All board packets are due by Tuesday, September 22.

### **Carpool Safety-**

Please remember to follow proper safety procedures during carpool in the morning and afternoon. All carpool etiquette procedures can be found in the parent and student handbook. These procedures are designed for the safety and well-being of JMCA students and staff.

### **Inspirational Quote**

Every week, I will share two inspirational quotes with families. One quote geared towards middle school families, and one quote geared towards primary families. Pick one quote to discuss as a family. Then send me an email at [morinkyle@wsd3.org](mailto:morinkyle@wsd3.org) with your interpretation of the quote. The child/children of the family who discussed the most quotes will earn a special lunch with Mr. Morin.

“When something is important enough, you do it even when the odds are not in your favor.” -Elon Musk

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go.”- Dr. Seuss

### **JMCA Mission Statement-**

***"JMCA inspires children to pursue personal growth and navigate a diverse world."***

### **School Taskforces-**

We are looking for parent volunteers to serve on one of three JMCA taskforces. We are looking for support in reviewing K to 3 reading practice, including diverse voices in the school curriculum, and advertising the school. If interested in serving on a taskforce, please contact Mr. Morin at [morinkyle@wsd3.org](mailto:morinkyle@wsd3.org).

### **Reminders**

- You receive 10 volunteer hours for referring a student or family to JMCA.
- When your child is going to be absent, please call 391-3977 before 9:00 a.m. This allows us to verify absences efficiently. If you know your child will be absent in advance, please fill out an Excused Absence Request Form at the front office.

Check us out online at [www.jmcolorado.net](http://www.jmcolorado.net). The website is updated weekly!