

August 14th, 2026

News from the Hill!

Welcome Back JHES Families!

The staff is so excited for students to return. Classrooms are getting prepared. Lessons are being planned. Yesterday was the first day of the staff returning and was filled with excitement for the upcoming school year. We know it's going to be a great year with the support of our JHES community!

Back to School Info

Friday, August 21

- **New Student Orientation:** 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
 - *For new students entering Jeffers Hill for the first time.*
- **K–5 Returning & New Student Open House:** 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 - *Meet your new teacher, see your new class, find your new desk, and drop off school supplies!*

Monday, August 24

- **First Day of School!**
 - *Students enter the building at 8:30 a.m.!*
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Back to School Nights

September 9

- **GT:** 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.
- **Grades 1–5:** 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

October 15

- **Kindergarten Back to School Night:** 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
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JHES Pre-K Program

Did you know that Jeffers Hill ES has a full-day Pre-K program? If your child is 4 years old or will be 4 by September 1st, they are eligible for our Pre-K program.

Apply here: [Pre-K Application](#)

HCPSS Academic School Year Calendar

The school year is scheduled to begin for K–12 students on Monday, Aug. 24, and for prekindergarten/RECC students on Thursday, Aug. 27. View the [HCPSS academic calendar](#) online.

School Supplies Lists

School Supplies Lists are available on the JHES Website!

View the [2026–2027 School Supply List](#).

Complete Your Emergency Information in Family File

HCPSS utilizes Family File for families to complete emergency information. Parents/guardians can now [complete Family File](#) by logging in to HCPSS Connect, selecting **Online Registration/Family File** at the top right of the page, and then selecting **Family File Verification**. Parents/guardians must verify and/or update information for each child, each school year.

Any family that completes their Family File will be able to view their student's teacher in the HCPSS Connect Platform beginning **August 19th**.

Meals Applications

Many HCPSS families are eligible to participate in the Free and Reduced Price Meals (FARMs) program, which provides children with a wide range of benefits including free or discounted college tuition, testing and application fees, academic and athletic program fees, and many others in addition to free or discounted meals.

Applications for free and reduced-price meals for the 2026–2027 school year are now available through the new LINQ Connect website. We encourage all families who believe they may qualify to complete this important application. Families are urged to check their eligibility and complete a FARMs application as soon as possible. Families must submit a new application every school year.

[Apply online here](#)

Need Help Filling Out the Meals Application?

Staff will be on-site to help any family that requires assistance on **Friday, August 21st, from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.** directly after Open House in the cafeteria.

Transportation Information

- All families should complete our [JHES Transportation 26-27 Form](#) before the first day of school. This critical information **tells us about** your child's arrival and dismissal plan for the school year.
 - The online HCPSS bus stop locator is scheduled to be available Wednesday, Aug. 19. At that time, eligible families can access bus stop locations and pickup/dropoff times.
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PTA News

The Jeffers Hill PTA is excited for SY26/27, with favorites like the Color Fun Run and a brand-new Movie Night on the calendar! Check out our new website, www.jhespta.com, to join the PTA and learn how you can support our 5th graders. Stop by for free popsicles and say hi to us on the blacktop after Open House on Friday, August 21!

CA Back to School Bash

[CA's Back to School Bash](#) on Saturday, Aug. 15, will celebrate the new school year with a community-wide event. Families are invited to enjoy an afternoon of fun, including a science show, live music, and community resources. We invite administrators to join us as well. A flyer is attached along with a social graphic, and view the [Facebook post here](#).

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Mr. Carter & Mrs. Townsend

JHES Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

All families should take a moment to review our [JHES Arrival and Dismissal Procedures](#). This document outlines expectations for Car Riders and Walkers.



In addition, feel free to view our informative (and humorous!) [Car Loop Procedure Video](#) for our JHES Car Loop best practices.