

May 2025 Panther Press



Dear JCS Families,

It is hard to believe that the end of the year is approaching so quickly! Please read over the May Panther Press to know about all of the fun things happening at JCS this month.

Wishing you a wonderful May!
Melanie Nannizzi

Important Upcoming Dates

Thursday, May 1: Oral Language Fair 8:40 AM and 4:30 PM (In the Gym)

May 6-9 and May 13-16: 2nd Grade Pool Field Trip

May 5-9: 7th and 8th grade CAASPP Testing

Wednesday, May 7: PTO Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Friday, May 9: 8th Grade Trip to Prairie Creek with Dedini and Fisher

May 12-16: 3rd and 6th Grade CAASPP Testing

Monday, May 12:

- 3:30 Parent Advisory Committee Meeting on [MEETS](#)
- 7:15 School Board Meeting in Library

Wednesday, May 14:

- 4th Grade Field Trip to Center Arts
- 6th Grade Field Trip to Center Arts
- TK/K Orientation 12:30-2:30

Thursday, May 15: PTO at 5:00 on [MEETS](#)

Wednesday, May 21: TK/K Orientation 12:30-2:30

Friday, May 23: Spring Dance Festival from 8:45-9:45 on the playground

Monday, May 26: No School: Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 28: 6th Grade Madaket Field Trip

Thursday, May 29: 6th Grade South Spit Field Trip

Friday, May 30: 8th Grade Rafting Field Trip





Important June Dates:

JUNE 3-5: PANTHER ADVENTURE WEEK!

Friday, June 6: Variety Show at 1:10 in the Gym

Saturday, June 7: Spring Fling

Wednesday, June 11:

- Last Day of School
- Noon Dismissal
- Activity Center open noon to 5:30
- Eighth Grade Graduation @ 5:00 in Gym 🎓

JCS 2025-2026 School Year Activity Calendar: Mark your calendars for next school year's events and school holidays.



CAASPP Testing

JCS 3rd-8th grade students will begin taking the California Assessment of Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Test and our 5th-8th grade students will take the California Science Test (CAST) in May. This is a statewide

assessment, and it is important that the students do their best and show what they know! The results of this assessment play a large role in guiding our instruction.

Please help support your child in the following ways:

- Make sure that your child is well rested.
- Provided your child with a healthy, protein-packed breakfast.
- Make sure that your child is on time for school so that they do not miss any of the instructions or testing time

CAASPP Testing Dates:

It is important that JCS 3rd-8th graders participate in the annual state testing. Please make attendance a priority during their testing week.

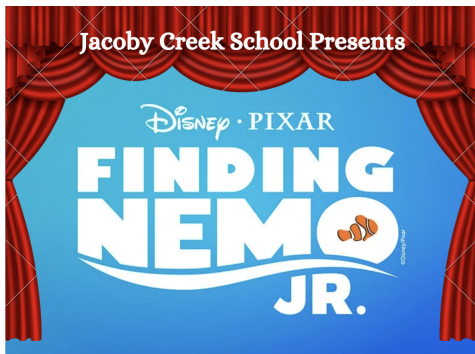
May 5-9: 7th and 8th grade CAASPP

May 12-16: 3rd and 6th grade CAASPP

May 19-23: 4th and 5th grade CAASPP

May 19-30: 5th and 8th grade CAST

Congratulations to the Cast and Crew of NEMO!



Thank you so much to director Holly Couling for creating such an amazing show!! The Nemo cast performed six amazing shows and blew our socks off!! Great work!!

[NEMO CAST AND CREW LIST and BIOS](#)



2025 Variety Show

This is the year we highlight our school's talented students with the Jacoby Creek School Variety Show! We would love you to plan a performance and join the show. Please complete and return the [permission slip](#) to your classroom teacher by Monday, May 12. We will

hold tryouts on Monday, May 19 in the gym from 2:30-4:00, and there will

be a mandatory dress rehearsal on Wednesday, May 28 in the gym from 3:00-4:00. The final performance for the parents and the school will be Friday, June 6 from 1:10-2:10.



Jacoby Creek Children's Education Foundation

On **Saturday, June 7** JCCEF will host our annual **SPRING FLING!** This event will happen on the JCS campus with food trucks and live music. There will be no cost to attend and we will have low cost daycare available. Our goal is for the Spring Fling to be a community building endeavor to bring JCS families together. **Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 7!**



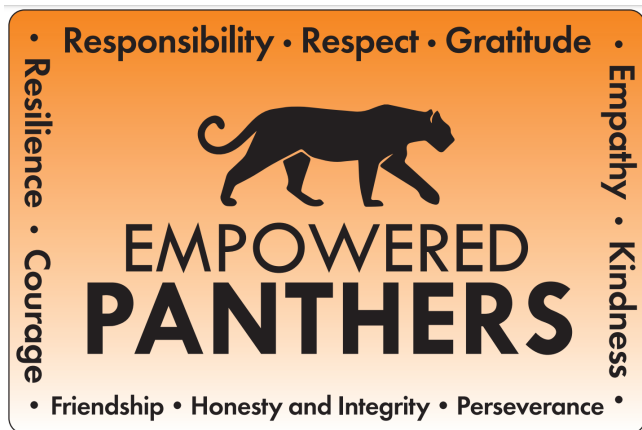
Spring Dance Festival

Each grade level has begun lessons readying students for the upcoming performance at the end of the month. Students are learning about the cultures related to the dances that they are rehearsing. Check out the bulletin board in the courtyard and ask your child(ren) about the dance they are learning this year! The festival will take place on **Friday, May 23 at 8:45 a.m. on the playground.** Friends and family are welcome to attend!!!

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING AT JCS 😊

Please take a moment to read through the [Social Emotional Learning May Newsletter](#). Ms. Olivia will be visiting classrooms to present lessons throughout the school year and her newsletter can help you support the topics she discusses at home.

[Social Emotional Health Services for Students at JCS](#)



EMPOWERED PANTHERS

Each month of the 2024-2025 school year, we will focus on one theme that empowers our students and staff to be successful academically, socially, and emotionally.

In May, we will focus on **RESILIENCE!** Ask your JCS students about their classroom checklist, and check out the courtyard bulletin board!

PTO

Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to chaperone the McKinleyville Parks and Recreation Dance. The proceeds will pay to host the annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday, May 7. The PTO will be reaching out to request homemade desserts to show the staff some LOVE.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The biannual PTO Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, May 4 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. More information will be coming out in April!



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

If you have been on campus you have probably noticed that our new buildings are really coming along nicely! It is the goal that Mr. Dedini's class will be moving into the new building in May so that the current science building can be demolished!!!

The day after school gets out our next phase of construction will start. The current workroom will be demolished so that there is a breezeway to connect the two sides of the campus. The students will no longer need to use the front of the school to pass between classes.

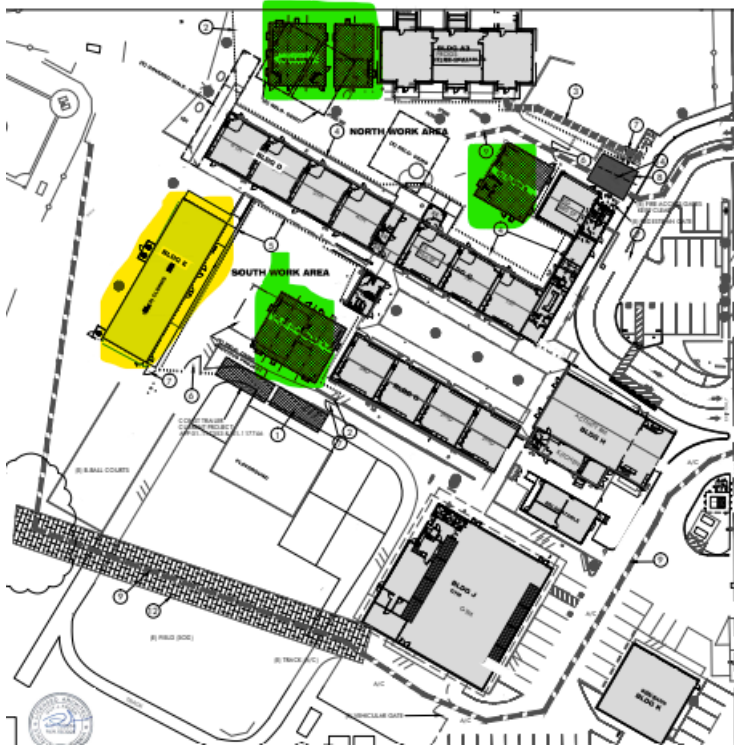
The current Kindergarten/Activity Center and the two sixth grade portable classrooms will also be demolished. Site work will be completed for new portables to be placed.

It will be a very busy summer and the first few months of next school year will be challenging with all of the new construction going. The wonderful news is that it should be completed by mid-November and the JCS campus will be greatly improved.

Completed Construction Site Map

*New portable classrooms are highlighted in green.

*New wing is highlighted in yellow.



ASE Session 3

ASE Enrichment Classes are up and running! The session will run for 7 weeks and will end on Monday, June 2. If an instructor cancels a class for any reason, there will be make-up classes the week of June 3-9.

Session 3 After School Academic Support

We are in the middle of our last academic support session of the year. There are 5 weeks remaining. Academic support classes will end on Friday, May 30.

Attendance

Our school's attendance rate has fallen a lot in the last few months. Regular school attendance is very important for your child's academic success and for our school's funding. The school only receives funding for days that students attend school, so when our attendance percentage falls, our funding does too.

Please plan family vacations during regularly scheduled school breaks and unless your child is ill, please send them to school regularly. Also, for planned

absences of three or more days, please plan an Independent Study Contract. Independent Study Contracts allow students to stay up to date with the work they miss during an absence, and the school still receives funding for the student's missed days. Each student is eligible for 15 days of independent study per school year.

Absences Due to Illness

It is important that parents are aware that JCS School Board Policy requires that after parents have called in 10 absences due to illness, a doctor's note is required to excuse any further medical-related absences. Without a doctor's note, the student will be considered truant. ***Please remember to call the office when your student is out of school due to illness.***

SUMMER DAYCARE

Jacoby Creek School will offer summer child care for students entering TK-6th grade. The summer childcare will run from June 23 - August 8. Please take this [INTEREST SURVEY](#) in order for Ms. Dyan and Mrs. Nannizzi to begin planning the number of staff members needed for this program. **Please complete this by Friday, 5/9.**

COST:

- \$90 per week for half days and \$180 for full days. Prepayment is required.
- Free for students who qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch. Funded by the Extended Learning Opportunities grant program.

PLEASE COMPLETE A SEPARATE INTEREST SURVEY FOR EACH CHILD YOU WISH TO REGISTER. This interest form does NOT guarantee enrollment. We will confirm enrollment ASAP!!

Athletics Committee

Track & Field (co-ed 5th -8th grades) Coach Josh Durham

The Humboldt County track & field season has concluded. Congratulations to 7th grader Thornton Oram for breaking the boys' 3000 meter record previously held by Ocean Walker (11:23 in April 2022). Thornton ran the 3000m in 11:11.51. Strong work! Congratulations to all of our track athletes for working hard, giving their best effort, proudly representing JCS, and having fun! Thank you to our coaches and parent volunteers.

FALL SPORTS WILL BEGIN WITH THE START OF THE 2025 SCHOOL YEAR...

CROSS COUNTRY (COED TK – 8th grades). Cross country practices will begin the second week of school. Coach Josh Durham plans to return to coach in the fall and we are excited to welcome Coach Sarah Landis as the TK-2 coach. We will still need parent volunteers for the K-2 team. Please contact Davita McGoldrick (dmcgoldrick@jcsk8.org) if you are interested in volunteering. To participate, students must begin cross country on the start date and turn in all required paperwork by **2:15PM on Friday, August 22nd**. Paperwork for the 2025-2026 school year can be completed and returned to the office after July 1, 2025.

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL (7th & 8th Grade) TRYOUTS will take place during the second week of school. **Students must participate in all tryout dates.** To participate in tryouts, students must turn in all required paperwork by **2:15PM on Friday, August 22nd**. Paperwork for the 2025-2026 school year can be completed and returned to the office after July 1, 2025.

Golf (co-ed 5th - 8th grades)

This spring, the Bay League will determine if golf will be a fall or spring sport for the 2025-2026 school year. The decision will be shared after it is made.

SPORTS PHYSICALS (required annually for TK-12)

Humboldt County is a rural community, there is often a wait for well-care visits. Families of student-athletes should consider calling their primary care physicians now to schedule their pre-participation physical appointments over the summer.

***If your 8th grader plans on playing a fall sport in high school, the official CIF start date for fall sports is August 11th, most fall sports begin conditioning in July with tryouts at the beginning of August. All paperwork including physicals are required to participate. AHS football cheer tryouts have already taken place. If

your student is interested in playing football, I suggest contacting the high school to inquire when football begins.

Support JCS Athletics: Our Athletics Program is primarily funded by monetary donations. Please consider sponsoring an Athletics Banner and/or volunteering at one of our home games—both are great ways to support JCS Athletics. Please contact our Athletic Director, Davita McGoldrick, if you are interested in sponsoring a banner in the gym or volunteering. dmcgoldrick@jcsk8.org

Immunization Laws Reminder --IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CURRENT 6th GRADE STUDENTS

As many of you know, the laws surrounding vaccinations for children in school have changed a lot. We want to offer clarification about the requirements so that our school is compliant with the laws. Schools are required to check immunization records for all new student admissions in kindergarten-12th grade, AND all student records are checked before their 7th grade year.

In order to be compliant with the immunization laws, students must be up to date on their immunizations OR have a MEDICAL EXEMPTION signed by the doctor.

In summary, all students starting transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and 7th grade need to be up-to-date on their immunizations OR have a MEDICAL EXEMPTION waiver from their doctor. If you have any questions, please call the Department of Public Health, or visit their website. <http://www.shotsforschools.org>.

Please make sure to turn in your child's immunization records to the school office as soon as they are updated.