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Summit Newsletter April 2024

Summit Middle School •  *Nini Osaze-Quetel* • hace 3 días • Monday, Apr 1 at 3:13 PM • **6th Grade, 7th Grade**



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Important Dates



April 1:
NO SCHOOL- STAFF
DEV/WORK DAY

April 3 :
ISASP READING TEST

April 4:
ISASP WRITING TEST

April 5:
ISASP MAKEUP DAY

April 8:
ISASP MAKEUP DAY

April 9:
ISASP MATH TEST

April 10 - April 18:
ISASP MAKEUP DAYS

April 25:
NO SCHOOL- STAFF
DEV./WORK DAY

April 26:
NO SCHOOL- BREAK
DAY



Principal's Message



Kaniesha Pettaway

Summit Families,

April is already upon us! It feels like this school year has flown by for us here at Summit! As a building, we will begin ISASP testing the first week of April. Testing will be held 8:00am-9:45am on the following days: Wednesday, April 3rd, Thursday, April 4th, and Tuesday, April 9th! Staff have worked diligently throughout the school year to prepare students for ISASP!

On Tuesday, April 2nd, administrators and instructional coaches will talk students through testing expectations, so they have a clear understanding of the student honor code and test validity. During testing, students are **NOT** allowed to have any electronic device besides their respective iPad. Other electronic devices should be stored in a backpack or consider keeping them home. If students do not comply with this requirement, devices may be confiscated.

Your partnership is necessary to ensure that this process goes smoothly! Please provide reminders to your student(s) regarding the technology expectation. Also, please make every effort for your student to arrive at school before 8:00am on testing days. We appreciate your assistance in this process!



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March counselor lessons included learning about calm down strategies and how emotions influence decision making. Students generated a list of various calm down strategies that are helpful to them. Here is a wordle of the calm down strategies that students find most helpful.



Counselors visited with all 6th grade students regarding scheduling for next year. If you are questioning whether or not your student chose related arts classes for next year please contact their counselor with questions:

- A-G- Lauren Heston
- H-N- Bri De Moss
- O-Z- Shannon Brock



Let your imagination soar! And send your art to space on the next upcoming space station mission! Have you ever looked at the stars and wondered what it's like up there? We want to see your drawing, painting or written poetry showcasing what it would look like if we lived in space! Follow the [Link](#) for more information!

STUDENT ABSENCES VIA INFINITE CAMPUS

If your child will be absent or needs to leave early or arrive late due to an appointment or another reason, please follow the attached steps showing you how to send us the absence request through Infinite Campus. This helps limit the number of emails and phone calls to the attendance person and allows us to get the attendance added correctly and more efficiently.

Infinite Campus portal:

https://johnstonia.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/johnston.jsp?fbclid=IwAR1AAjsZATC2wabpqOeJXlyryXqxVC_pXdaNXAOebk1y88-LqqnXPbUuGk0

NEW PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF GUIDELINES



We have updated our pick-up/drop-off guidelines to ensure everyone stays safe:

- **1. OUR PARKING LOT WILL BE CLOSED DURING DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP. PLEASE USE THE CARPOOL LANE DURING THESE TIMES.**
- **2.** When in the carpool lane for pick-up & drop-off please pull your vehicle all the way up behind the car in front of you. If you are first in line, please drive past the entrance and stop at the second light pole.
- **3.** Staff will be on duty at the front of the building from 7:25 AM - 7:40 AM for arrivals.
- **4.** Staff will also be on duty from 2:50 PM- 3:00 PM for dismissal.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

A Johnston city ordinance states that drivers are not allowed to block a crosswalk under any circumstances. When a crosswalk is blocked, Crossing Guards are not allowed to assist students across the street until the crosswalk is clear. It also creates issues for neighborhood walkers, joggers and cyclists.

Thank you for your cooperation and support as we continue to work together to keep our students safe.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Exciting Opportunity to Witness the 2024 Solar Eclipse!

Dear Summit Middle School Families,

We wanted to inform you that one week from today, on Monday, April 8th, we will have the incredible opportunity to witness the 2024 Solar Eclipse! This is a rare event that won't occur again until 2044.

We are pleased to share that all students at Summit Middle School will be provided solar glasses to enjoy this day. These glasses are ISO certified to ensure everyone's eyes are protected during the eclipse.

All students will be provided the information below from their teachers but we encourage you to have a conversation at home about the importance of wearing their solar glasses when viewing the sun on this day.

Summit Students: *We want to emphasize the importance of students wearing solar glasses during the upcoming total solar eclipse. It is crucial for your eye safety and to prevent any potential damage caused by looking directly at the sun.*

Solar glasses are specially designed to protect the eyes from harmful solar radiation that can occur during an eclipse. Without proper eye protection, staring at the sun during an eclipse can lead to serious eye injuries, including permanent damage to the retina.

By ensuring that all students have access to and wear solar glasses, we can make sure that you can safely experience and enjoy the wonders of this natural phenomenon without any risks to your vision.

ALL technologies need to stay inside as these glasses do not filter light rays from video recordings nor pictures and you may damage the lenses on your device.

If you do not want your child to participate in the viewing of the solar eclipse, please let your child's basecamp teacher know and we will provide the streaming viewing in our library.

Thank you for your support!

6TH GRADE DRAGON BOAT RACE

Dear 6th Grade Families,

On **Friday, April 19th**, we will be having our annual 6th Grade Dragon Boat Races!

Students will be grouped and will work together to create cardboard Dragon Boats that they will row across the Summit Pool in a race!

Family members are welcome to come and cheer on their student's boat. If you are planning to attend, please add your name to the Google Form listed below. *You WILL need to bring your ID and check in at the office.*

Google Form----> **Boat Race Attendees**

If you cannot attend but would like to watch the races, we will be live-streaming them at the link below.

Live Stream for Dragon Boat Races

Here is the schedule of races.

8AM- Adventure Community

9AM- Odyssey Community

10AM- Expedition Community

Championship Race to follow Expedition community's races and will include the winning boat from each community, one staff boat and a vendor boat!

Students will be given the supplies to make boats (Cardboard, 1 roll of duct tape, and plastic wrap). ***We can always use more Duct Tape!*** If you would like to donate some to your child's boat, send it to school with them by Monday, April 15th.

Thank you for your support!

SAVE THE DATE!

Spring Chorus Concerts

. 7th Grade Chorus Thursday, May 16th at JHS6:00pm- Boys Chorus7:00pm- Girls Chorus

. 6th Grade Chorus Monday, May 20 at SMS (Date Change)

. 6:00pm- B day Chorus

. 7:00pm- A day Chorus



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