

## Happy New Years, and Here's to Exciting News

### Parents, we are required to have a Parent Advisory Board.

This was mentioned in the past two newsletters, so this serves as the third attempt to recruit volunteers. If you have any interest in being a part of our Parent Advisory Board please contact either Mrs. Julie or Miss Aniya. Responsibilities of the board will be contained to four virtual meeting a year. You may opt out of attending a meeting by sharing your thoughts via email. We look forward to creating an exemplary Parent Advisory Board with the help of some great parents.



### Summer Details

Though the school year will be coming to a close in just a few months, the fun doesn't have to stop just yet. With Julia Green being a Promising Scholars site for the Summer we are excited to announce we will be offering before and after care during the month of June. Please sign up online and email us if you need a schedule different than your current attendance schedule. We are also thrilled to share the details about our upcoming Summer program. We will be operating July 3rd (closed July 4th) through August 4th

with operating hours of 6:30 AM - 5:45 PM. We will provide multiple snacks, but you must pack your child a lunch daily. The weekly rate for summer camp will be \$300 per week with official camp programming occurring between 9am and 4:30 pm. We will have activities during the extended hours, but will limit the bulk of themed programming to camp hours so that most students can participate in all of the special lessons and activities.

This Summer's theme will be **Julia Green Extended Care's Outside Fair**. Though our theme specifies the outdoors please understand if temperatures are too extreme we will carry out our themes indoors. We want this year's theme to encourage our students to spend more time outdoors as they learn about and appreciate nature more. Do not allow our theme to frighten you, we assure you your children will not be outside every hour of the day. We have many indoor activities planned that still remain in alignment with our themes. Each week will have a new theme surrounding outdoor activities, they are as follows:

- Week one: camping week
- Week two: zoo week
- Week three: water week
- Week four: bug week
- Week five: rainforest week

Each week will follow the schedule below:

**Make it Monday** will provide students with the opportunity to kick off the week channeling their inner creative. Some of the different tasks that may take place on Make it Monday include crafts, science experiments, and food recipes.

**Take a trip Tuesday** is intended to provide students with the opportunity to journey to our different themes. We are taking the necessary steps to hopefully incorporate field trips this Summer. Please be advised these field trips may require an additional fee. However, if we do not have the capability to take field trips, we look forward to bringing the field trips to the students. This will be done by allowing our imagination and literary creativity run wild to take trips to the zoo, rainforest, camping sites, and more on Take a Trip Tuesdays! This will include reading stories surrounding our various themes, as well as creating our own stories. We will also have guest professionals that will bring our various themes to JGEC.

If there is anything we can guarantee during Summer it is the hot weather. **Get wet Wednesday** will be a day full of water games and activities that provide our students a chance to have some fun in the sun while remaining cool. These days will require change of clothes and appropriate swim wear.

**Thinking Thursday** will allow us to sharpen our critical thinking skills. Each week the students will take the time to sort through a mystery surrounding the respective theme for the week. Students will take clues and evidence collected through the day to get to the bottom of the day's mystery. We cannot wait to witness the many different approaches they embark upon.

**Fun food Friday** opens the door for students to do something they are often told not to, play with their food. On Fridays students will see that food can serve as a great learning resource. They will be given the chance to make some of their favorites like ice cream and slime, create new decorations for the house like lava lamps, and learn unforgettable science lessons with some of their favorite foods like the phases of the moon with Oreos.

While we have done our best to share information about how each week will look in respect to our different themes, there are some other activities we look forward to that step outside our themes as well. Some of these activities include creating tie dye shirts, Family Feud, Jeopardy, show and tell, JGEC's Got Talent, and so much more!

We anticipate this Summer being full of fun that will create life long memories. We would love for your child to be a part of the fun! We look forward to seeing your child this Summer. Registration with pricing and dates can be found at [jgec.info](http://jgec.info). Please be sure to complete registration as soon as possible to ensure enrollment. Please note: deposits for summer camp weeks are non-refundable; the balance of your summer sign ups will be immediately invoiced through ProCare with a payment in full due by May 1. If you need different payment arrangements, please don't hesitate to reach out.



**Updates to Procare Connect Sign Out**

Being that it is Cold & Flu season we are taking some necessary precautions. Beginning Monday, February 6th, we will begin taking advantage of contactless sign out. There are two different methods that sign out can be completed, so please feel free to utilize whichever method you find most convenient.

The first method does not require you to leave your car. You can sign your child out once your location indicates you have arrived at the school. To do so, simply tap the first icon in the top right of the Procure opening screen. The icon should look like a box with a check mark inside and an upward pointing arrow below it. Once you selected that icon, you will see the sign in/ sign out option. **If you utilize morning care, you must begin signing your child in using this method or begin walking them to the door to sign in.** The second sign out method requires you to scan the QR code on our iPad and complete the sign out on your cellphone using your unique pin code. To find your pin code first tap the profile tab at the bottom right. From there click your name and your four digit pin code will be displayed in bold. We thank you for your understanding and willingness to adapt to these sign out methods, and as always we are here for support.

Please note: if you sign your child out while in your car, you will still need to come to the door to collect your child.

#### **Inclement Weather Policies**

With winter weather continuing, we want to take a moment to recap our inclement weather policies. If schools are on a delay, we always follow that delay for our morning care. This means that if schools are starting 1 hour late, our morning care starts at 7:30 AM instead of 6:30 AM. If schools are closed due to weather, JGEC is also closed. If schools dismiss early, we are closed. These things are currently dictated by the district.

Occasionally, inclement weather is coming in the early evening and we have some discretion. In these instances, we always try to balance

providing the care you need with keeping our staff (and all of you) safe and off of potentially dangerous roads. We always appreciate when those who are able pick up prior to the arrival of inclement weather (enabling us to send teachers home early). Please know we do everything in our power to provide you with the care you pay for. Along those lines, we are in the process of trying to obtain our own access to the building and will, at that point, consider becoming an inclement weather site (that will likely be next year).



#### **JGEC Office News**



We are proud to announce we are making progress in our hiring journey. While we continue with interviews and throughly review candidates we are excited to welcome back a favorite amongst students. We are grateful that Miss Fiona's school schedule shifted, allowing her to return. She started yesterday and the looks on the students' faces were priceless. Wish us luck as we carefully continue our search for another staff member or two.

In other news, we are proud to share our results from our unannounced DHS observation. Even with this only being our second observation under DHS new standards, we passed with a perfect score (that makes our second 100% under new regulations). We take pride in the safety and integrity our program and results like this further prove that. Thank you for trusting us with the care of your children.