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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8/14/25: Back to School Night
- 8/19/25: Cross Country Parent Night 6:00 in the Library
- 8/21/25 Ice Cream Social 5:00-7:00
- 9/2/25 PTO Meeting 6:00
- 9/12 Picture Day
- 9/15 Full Day Kindergarten begins
- 9/16 Coffee W/Molly 8:00-8:55 in the library

**WELCOME
BACK
TO SCHOOL**



Principal's Corner

Hello Jackson Families! This past week and a half has been amazing having our students back on campus! We are thrilled to have you all back for another great year at Jackson!

We kicked off the year with our Back to School Assembly on the first day of school. As this is my first year at Jackson, the students taught me the "JAGY" way. Make sure to ask your students about what it means to be JAGY.

At Jackson, we will continue to reward students who are doing the right thing, following directions and showing kindness with our JAGY Gems. Students can earn individual prizes by collecting the most JAGY Gems and there is also a weekly grade level class winner. Starting in September, we will also hold our JAGY Gem assemblies to recognize students who demonstrate these traits.

As we begin the year, I encourage you to connect with your student's teacher with any questions or concerns. They are your first point of contact and know your child in the classroom. I am here to support students and parents as well. I am happy to meet in person, talk by phone or correspond by email. If you would like to set up a time to meet, please contact our front office team

and they can assist you. School newsletters will be sent monthly with updates throughout the year.

We are now settling into our routines here at school. A few reminders: Kindergarten students go to the Kinder yard in the morning, 1st graders go directly to the sensory pathway and 2nd – 5th graders line up on the blacktop. Supervision before school begins at 8:40am. This means that our playground is closed until 8:40am. If your student walks or bikes to school, please remember to follow crossing guard instructions and to walk bikes in the cross walk and on campus.

Parent involvement is a major part of the success and culture of Jackson. There are many ways to get involved including joining our amazing PTO, volunteering in classrooms, and working in the garden! Please let your student's teacher know if you are interested in getting involved or see the office team.

We appreciate your support for our school and your commitment to your student's education. I am looking forward to an amazing year!

Go Jaguars!
Mrs. Griffin



*Jackson Mission Statement
"The Jackson Elementary School staff, working in partnership with parents and our community, will strive to provide excellence in thinking and interpersonal skills necessary for all students to reach their maximum potential. We are committed to providing a safe learning environment where all students are valued and respected."*

Meet the Counselor



My professional experience includes 30 years of providing mental health/social services to children & families. My titles include Mental Health Counselor, Social Worker, & former Clinical Director of a Level 14 treatment foster care agency in Sacramento.

My specific areas of expertise include Foster Care/Adoptions, Trauma Informed Practices, Family Support Dynamics, Crisis Intervention/Suicide Prevention & Special Education Services. I am married & have two adult children in college studying Nursing & Fire Protection Administration & Arson. Winston is my special needs pup who was born with a cleft palate.

Students love Winston because he's a perfect teachable moment on embracing the uniqueness in others.

Hello, I am Mrs. Vanessa & I am the School Counselor at Jackson Elementary School. Our Social & Emotional Learning Program (SEL) helps children gain & apply skills to better understand & manage emotions, set goals, build positive relationships, & make responsible decisions. SEL supports academic growth & mental health by improving grades, attendance & focus, while reducing stress & building self-awareness & empathy for others. I also provide individual & family support counseling, as well as small focus & friendship groups to increase the opportunities in smaller group settings for students to practice social skills, problem solving techniques & reduce anxiety. I look forward to an exciting new year with your amazing students!

Please feel free to contact me directly with any information you would like to share, concerns, or believe that your child would benefit from additional support. My goal is to create a safe & supportive environment for you & your student.

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JOIN US FOR JACKSON PTO'S ICE CREAM SOCIAL



LET'S CELEBRATE BEING BACK AT
SCHOOL WITH FRIENDS AND ICE CREAM!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21
5:00 - 7:00 PM

ALL JACKSON STUDENTS RECEIVE A
FREE ICE CREAM. ADDITIONAL ICE
CREAM WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE.

JACKSON ELEMENTARY FUNDRAISER INDOOR SPIN RIDE

IN PARTNERSHIP
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6PM SEPT. 9

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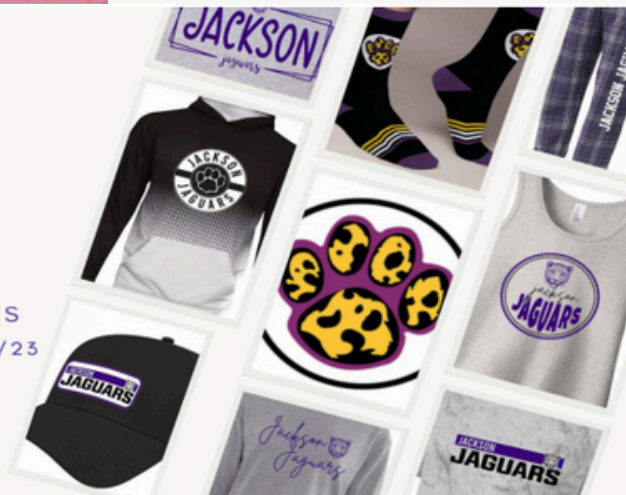
SPIRIT WEAR SALE

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ONLINE STORE OPEN THROUGH 8/23

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FOLLOW JACKSON PTO ON INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK FOR A CHANCE TO
WIN A \$100 SPIRIT WEAR CREDIT FOR THE 2025 - 2026 SCHOOL YEAR!

Winner will be selected at random at first PTO meeting. Must follow Jackson PTO pages on both Instagram and Facebook to win. Credit to apply to a future spirit wear order.





Picture Day is Coming To Your School!

Jackson Elementary

Friday, Sep 12, 2025



Easy Access at your Fingertips!

Picture day information, online ordering, and our customer advocate team are all at your fingertips. **Scan the QR code** or visit mydorian.com, search for your school, and click on the green **Order** button or yellow **Help** button associated with your picture day.

You can order online now and for up to four (4) days after picture day.

Here are some helpful tips to make picture day great!



Schedule haircuts 7-10 days prior to picture day!



Wear simple clothing. Solid shirts or small patterns, along with sleeves, photograph best. A simple collared shirt is a timeless classic.



Avoid logos and text on clothing. Graphics or wording may not photograph completely and can become partially cropped out of your picture.

2025 Jackson Cross Country

It's time to register for Jackson Cross Country! We welcome all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade runners and non-runners. **Registration, forms, and uniform orders are due on 8/26!**

Informational Meeting: Tuesday, 8/19 at 6:00PM in the Jackson Library

Register your child to participate here:

Or use link on Jackson XC website



Due by 8/26!

Practices:

- First practice - Tuesday 9/2 at 8:00AM. Meet in front of the Ruppel Center
- Mondays and Fridays at 8:00AM from 9/5 to 10/10
- Special practice days:
 - 9/12 - in house home meet (practice for our first meet)
 - 10/3 - Jog-a-thon (kids earn key chain charms)
 - 10/17 - team party

Meets:

- Wednesday 9/17 at 4:00PM at Valley View Charter in EDH
- Wednesday 9/24 at 3:30PM at EDH CSD (Jackson hosts)
- Wednesday 10/1 at 3:30PM at EDH CSD (Lakeview hosts)
- Wednesday 10/8 at 3:30PM at Silva Valley Elementary

Finals:

- Wednesday 10/15 at 3:30PM at Placerville Fairgrounds
- Must run a qualifying time AND be in top 7¹ in their grade/gender group.

Required forms - due by 8/26!

- Sports forms packets can be picked up in the office or printed off from the Jackson website
- All forms must be returned to the office by 8/26
- Sports physicals must be completed before your child can practice

Questions? Contact Becky Miller at rebeccawunder@gmail.com

¹ Top 7 will be determined by factors including but not limited to race times, participation and attendance in practices and meets, attitude, and sportsmanship. Coaches' decisions are final.