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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5/26-8/12 - Summer Break
- 7/29 - School Office Opens
- 8/12 - TK/Kindergarten Orientation
- 8/13 - First Day of School!
- 8/20 - Back to School Night
- 8/21 - Bus Evacuation Drills
- 8/25 - Hearing & Vision Screenings
- 8/26 - RUSD Community Night
- 8/31 - Power the Paw PTO Fundraiser Begins
- 9/1 - PTO Meeting
- 9/3 - PTO Ice Cream Social
- 9/11 - Remembrance Day & Assembly
- 9/11 - Power the Paw PTO Fundraiser Ends

## Principal's Corner

Hello Jackson Families!

We are so excited to see you all on August 13<sup>th</sup>! Teachers and staff are hard at work preparing for an amazing school year. We hope you've had a restful, relaxing, and fun summer break.

If you have visited campus this summer you will have seen quite a bit of work happening at Jackson! Our PTO-funded shade structures have been installed on the playground and will provide some much needed shade to our students during recess time. The pour-in-play flooring was also replaced; we are excited to have such a beautiful playground area for our students to enjoy!

We have new staff who have joined our Jackson team! Please join me in welcoming:

- Mrs. Jennifer Snyder, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Mrs. Tyler Derler, Intervention

We are currently hiring for a Yard Supervisor! Check out our [postings](#) on EdJoin if you are interested!

As we prepare to return back to school, we want to encourage families to review our updated

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Student/Parent Handbook. This has helpful information to understand Jackson processes and procedures as well as our behavior expectations, including our **GET JAGY** program.

Class assignments will be made available on Wednesday, August 12th, after 4:00 PM via the Aeries Parent Portal. It is important for you to update your student information in Aeries in order to view your student's class assignment. Aeries will be open beginning August 3rd for families to complete the data confirmation process. For more information about updating your student information, please see the Parent/Guardian Registration Instructions.

Reminders from the office:

- For late arrivals, parents must sign students in at the front office. A welcome slip will be provided.
- Please avoid scheduling appointments or vacations during school hours and school days whenever possible so your student can make the most of their instructional time.
- If your child is absent, call the office at (916) 933-1828 or email Michele Driscoll, Student Services Secretary, at [mdriscoll@my.rescueusd.org](mailto:mdriscoll@my.rescueusd.org) with the student's name, teacher, dates, and reason. Doctor's notes are

appreciated for appointments.

Back to School Night is scheduled for Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. This is a great time to connect with your student's teacher and learn about how you can best support your student this year.

Lastly, please take a few minutes to complete the School Education Benefit Form and the Federal Meal Application Form. These forms help us receive vital funding for school programs and services. Every form submitted, regardless of income level, helps our school. Thank you for your support with this.

We are looking forward to welcoming our students back to campus on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. More information will be coming soon regarding our arrival and departure process for the first day of school. As always, if you have any questions, please reach out and I would be happy to set up a time to meet.

Go Jaguars!  
*Mrs. Griffin*



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# PTO Corner

Welcome Back, Jackson Families! Below are few PTO updates! Our PTO Calendar is packed with fun events and opportunities to support our school community. Be sure to check out the key dates for the year and add them to your calendar. We can't wait to see you there!

Looking for a way to make a difference this school year? Whether you're interested in serving as a Room Parent for your student(s) class, volunteering at school events, or joining the Jackson Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), we'd love to have you involved! Complete our [Volunteer Interest Form](#) to let us know how you'd like to help. Room Parent interest will be shared directly with teachers as they select volunteers for their classrooms and the PTO will use your information to connect you with opportunities throughout the year.

Show your Jaguar pride this school year with Jackson Spirit Wear! Online ordering will be open August 3 – August 28, with a variety of apparel and accessories available for students and families. Keep an eye on the Jackson Instagram & Facebook accounts for the official order link. Want to shop in person? PTO will also have a limited amount of spirit wear available for purchase (while supplies last) at TK/Kindergarten Orientation (August 12) and Back-to-School Night. Don't miss your chance to gear up and show your Jackson spirit all year long!



## TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



### VOLUNTEER

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Share your talents.  
Support our school!



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news & events!



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# 2026 - 2027 JACKSON PTO CALENDAR

## AUGUST

- 12 TK/K Orientation
- 13 First Day of School
- 20 Back to School Night
- 31 Power the Paw Fundraiser

## SEPTEMBER

- 1 PTO Meeting
- 1-11 Power the Paw Fundraiser
- 3 Ice Cream Social
- 7 Labor Day - No School
- 28 Full Day Kinder Starts
- 29 Picture Day
- TBD Dining for Dollars

## OCTOBER

- 6 PTO Meeting
- 9 Fall Festival
- 28 Dining for Dollars - Chick-Fil-A
- 30 Halloween Parade & Minimum Day

## NOVEMBER

- 3 PTO Meeting
- 6 Minimum Day
- 10 Veterans Day Assembly
- 11 Veterans Day - No School
- 12-18 Book Fair
- 16-20 Min. Days/ Conferences
- 23-27 Thanksgiving Break
- TBD Art Show

## DECEMBER

- 1 PTO Meeting
- TBD Santa Run
- 18 Minimum Day
- 21-31 Winter Break

## JANUARY

- 1-3 Winter Break
- 5 PTO Meeting
- 18 MLK Day - No School
- TBD Dining for Dollars - Viscuso's & Gala Ticket Sale Kickoff

## FEBRUARY

- 2 PTO Meeting
- 4 Family Glow Night
- 12 Lincoln's Day - No School
- 15 President's Day - No School
- 19 Minimum Day
- 26 Science Fair

## MARCH

- 1-5 I Love Reading Week
- 2 PTO Meeting
- 12 Spring Picture Day
- 13 Gala Fundraiser
- 22-29 Spring Break

## APRIL

- 6 PTO Meeting
- 9 Donuts with Grownups
- 12-16 Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

## MAY

- 4 PTO Meeting
- 21 Color Run & Minimum Day
- 28 Last Day of School & Minimum Day
- TBD Open House & Art Show

## FOLLOW & CONNECT



[facebook.com/JacksonPTO](https://facebook.com/JacksonPTO)



[@JacksonEDHpto](https://www.instagram.com/JacksonEDHpto)



Website: [jacksonedhpto.org](https://jacksonedhpto.org)

Contact: [communications@jacksonedhpto.org](mailto:communications@jacksonedhpto.org)

# Jackson Library Lowdown

August 2026

**Library Open Daily at 8:40 am**

*Hello Jackson Jaguar Families,  
Welcome back to school! Your library is ready to help you  
with another successful and exciting year. Stop by to  
exchange books, take AR quizzes and read with family. See  
you soon!*  
*Mrs. Hepler*



## Classroom library visits



- Starting August 24th TK and 1-3<sup>rd</sup> will begin weekly visits
- Starting August 24<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade (August 31) will visit every other week
- Kindergartners will visit weekly starting September 21
- Be sure to ask your kids what books they checked out!

## Gift Card Raffle & AR Reading Rocket Kick Off

- Get your word count rocket on the library wall this month and enter for a chance to win a \$10 gift card from Chick-fil-a, Jamba Juice or Starbucks
- To enter: Read a book, take AR quiz, then fill out a raffle ticket in the library
- Raffle drawing every Friday in August
- Rockets placed on wall at 10,000 words for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 25,000 words for 3-5<sup>th</sup>.

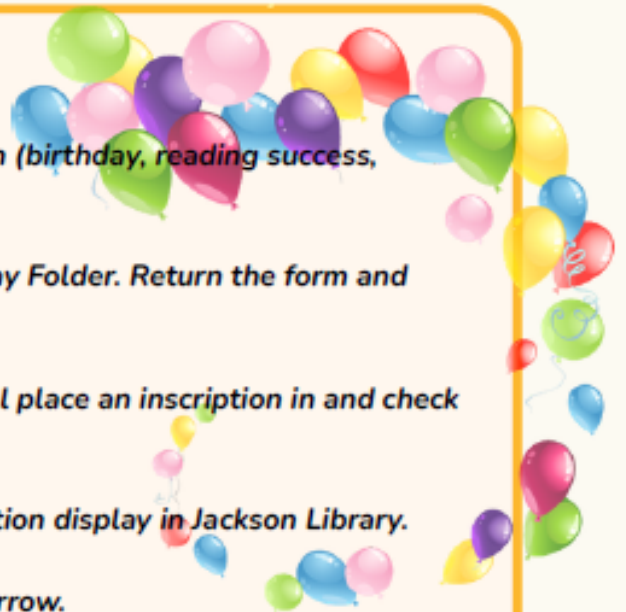
## Library Lunch

- Starting August 31, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders can get a library lunch pass from the yard duties during lunch recess.
- In the library, they play games, create art, take quizzes and check out books.

## ***Celebration Book Club***

1. Donate \$20 for each student Celebration (birthday, reading success, honor roll, character counts).
2. Complete the form provided in your Friday Folder. Return the form and money to teachers, library or office.
3. On the Celebration Day, your student will place an inscription in and check out a new hardcover book.
4. Their name will be added to the Celebration display in Jackson Library.
5. Return the book for other students to borrow.

***Thank you for supporting our Jackson School Library!***



# 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.

## CONTACT INFO

Email: [vnichols@my.rescueusd.org](mailto:vnichols@my.rescueusd.org)

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EXT. 5063

# Choose Kindness

# BACK-TO-SCHOOL KICKOFF

Green Valley Elementary

Bayside  
CHURCH



ASPIRE  
Kids

Saturday, August 8th  
9 am - 1 pm



Join us for a fun and free Back to School Kickoff Event!

Haircuts



for students

School



supplies

Groceries



Clothes



and shoes.

Family



resources

Activities



for kids!

Everyone is welcome! No registration required.

# Afterschool Program for K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Adventure Zone is operated by the District's Recreation Division with the purpose of providing a safe, caring, and enriching environment for your child after school! Our trained Recreation Leaders provide a variety of interactive and fun art, science, and outdoor/gym activities. Time for homework is available each day. Children are encouraged to be actively involved so they can develop social skills and learn to make responsible choices within the program's structure.

**Closed on District Holidays. Open after school on days that school is in session.**



## Address

1021 Harvard Way, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762



## Hours

Mon-Fri: 2:30-6pm; Wed: 1:30-6pm



## Cost \$110/Week

Add on packages for minimum days and select full days are available!

# ADVENTURE ZONE

**Program Begins August 12<sup>th</sup>**

# ADVENTURE ZONE



## Kindergarten Early Release Program

**August 12 - September 18**

**Monday - Friday: 1-2:30pm**

For the first six (6) weeks of school, Adventure Zone is offering childcare for kindergarteners who are enrolled in half-day AM kindergarten.

This program is a great introduction to afterschool care in a small group setting.

**Cost: \$40 per week**

Transportation is not provided.

**Pre-registration is required for all programs!**

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