

Welcome Back from Ms. Katie, TJS Head of School



We had a wonderful, busy and active week 1 of the 2018-2019 school year! We are so happy to have students and families back in the building and to launch learning!

Changes from last year!

School Hours:

8:20am-1:30pm Mondays

8:20am-3:20pm Tuesdays-Fridays

*These are the family voted on times to adjust to family schedules as a majority-please try to arrive to school and pick up as close to these times as possible.

We welcome new and returning staff! Our classrooms are named per mixed age groups but also...as Colorado State Emblems!

- Primary Team: Ms. Jamie/Ms. Lily (Pika's) Ms. Leslie/Ms. Remington (Aspen Daisy's)
- Intermediate Team: Ms. Carrie/Ms. Steffanie (Claret Cup Cactus), Ms. Stacey/Ms. Liz (Blue Spruce)
- Upper Team: Ms. Hallie/Ms. Kristin (Painted Box Turtles), Ms. Lindsay/Ms. Andrea (Lark Buntings)
- Counselor: Ms. Meleana (Bighorn Sheep)
- Front Office Manager: Ms. Aruna (Bighorn Sheep)
- Elective Coordinator: Mr. Andy (Aquamarine)
- ESS Coordinator: Ms. K'Lyn (Aquamarine)
- Head of School: Ms. Katie (Bighorn Sheep)

After School Care:

All after school care will now transition directly to Nifty Nanny as the organization to operate and manage 'Juniper Club'. Please contact NN directly for scheduling, payment and questions: niftynanny.net

Stay informed!

Visit our website (juniper.durangoschools.org/staffdirectory) or our school mobile app for our school calendar and important dates and events!

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 3: NO SCHOOL

Sept. 10: NO SCHOOL (Professional Development Day)

Sept. 11: Open House (Meet in the Cafeteria. 5pm-6pm)

Sept. 12: School Pictures! Make sure you send in picture envelopes on this day or before.

Sept. 20: Roots Raiser Fall Fundraiser for TJS at Rochester Hotel 5-7pm! [Purchase tickets HERE!](#)



Communication:

The easiest way to access school contact information is through our website

(juniper.durangoschools.org/staffdirectory) or through our school mobile app. These 2 resources have all of our staff listed with contact information. Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions, concerns, requests or to set up meetings. We want all families fully informed and answers provided for questions...we are here for you!

Friday Folders:

Please find, empty, read and return your child's Friday Folder every week. FF are sent home on Fridays and are expected back at school the next school day (usually Mondays). As you know, at TJS, the majority of student work is hands-on and demonstrated in authentic ways...this is why you will not see a large amount of student worksheets or paperwork coming home. To see student learning and work in action, please come visit your child's classroom!

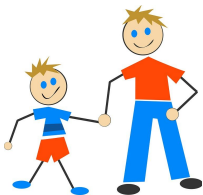


Drop-off/Pick-up Important Reminders:

- School starts at 8:20am!
- Parents cannot drive through the alley to drop off from 7:45-8:30am or 3:00-3:45pm...this is a designated bus lane and violators could be ticketed by the DPD.
- Kiss-n-go is your best option for safe, swift, on time delivery of your child to school...you simply pull up 13th street...kiss and go! Times: 8:10-8:30am and 3:20-3:30pm.
- Students arriving for breakfast can go directly to the cafeteria between 7:45am- 8:15am.
- If you want to come visit during the day or pick up early, please check in at the BPHS 12th Street entrance and sign in. You will be directed upstairs, where TJS staff will meet you and let you in.

Illness Policy and Care for Others:

If your child is sick, the best place for them is at home getting better. Please remember that students can return to school if they have been fever-free for 24 hours, no other symptoms for 24 hours as well (such as throwing up, diarrhea, rash, on medication and per doctor's orders). In classrooms we teach general hygiene, care of self, sneezing/coughing in your elbow, blowing not picking your nose, eating a balanced lunch, drinking water and regular hand washing.



Welcome Hour!

The welcome hour, from 8:20-9:20 a.m. everyday, creates an additional and purposeful time that you as the parent/guardian are welcome into the classroom and school. Please use this time to help your child and other students get settled into the school day, observe or listen to your child give a lesson on something in the classroom, or ask the teacher if there are classroom jobs that need your help! WH allows you to see what your child has been working on and learning. The team at TJS wants to make sure that you know that this is part of the school day, and the learning begins promptly at 8:20. It is not a time to create distractions for your child or other students and their learning. Please try to avoid grouping with other adults in the classroom or areas that disrupt teachers or students. Please visit with one another in a more appropriate place such as the hallway. Thank you for your participation!

TJS Board of Directors:

As a free, public charter school The Juniper School is governed by our own board of directors. This group of volunteers works tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure policy and governance alignment to the TJS mission statement, as well as fiscal viability and fundraising...to name a few tasks! The TJS BOD is always open to public participation at monthly board meetings and welcomes new board members on a regular basis. Please contact the TJS BOD president at boardpresident@tjsdurango.com in order to apply for a board position, to make a donation to the school or to provide your input!

JPAC:

Juniper Parent Action Committee is your school parent committee that supports the school in many ways! They meet regularly to identify school needs, ways to support classrooms, fundraising, special events and organizing volunteer efforts. Contact JPAC at juniperjpac@gmail.com