



James M Faulkner Elementary School  
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September 5, 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am happy to report another wonderful week at James Faulkner. We all seem to be adjusting well to our new routines and teachers. I would like to thank everyone for their flexibility as we adjust to the changes we have needed to make. I wanted to mention that due to the fire codes, with a classroom set up in the multi-purpose room, we are only allowed to have a maximum of 49 students eating lunch at the same time. This has allowed us to create a split lunch schedule with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students eating lunch from 12:15-12:40 and the Kindergarteners, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders eating lunch from 12:45-1:10. This split has worked out very nicely.

We are still looking to hire a part-time nurse, if you know anyone that is a registered RN that would be willing to work for about 3 hours per week send them my contact information. We are also looking for someone that is willing to work a few afternoons a week in our After-School Program. Again, if you know anyone please send them my contact information.

Next Tuesday is voting day in Stoddard. Town voting will still take place in the Community Room. On this day we have decided to hike Pitcher Mountain as a whole school field trip. You should of received a permission slip this week, please send it in as soon as possible so we know who will need a bag lunch. Mrs. Guertin will stay at the school for any students who are not granted permission to join us.

As a reminder, please do not drop off your children before 8:45 AM. We do not have supervision on the playground before then. If you need to drop off before this time please arrange care with our Before Care Program Supervisor.

Please remember to complete your beginning of the year paperwork. Some received it online through Info Snap others received paper copies.

A thank you from Mr. Taft:

Another school year has recently begun for students, staff and parents at James Faulkner Elementary School. I want to wish all my former students, their parents and the staff the very best year possible. James Faulkner Elementary School is a very special place with an exceptional staff that put children first. I also want to take this opportunity to thank the PTO for their support during my six years as principal, the gift I received in June and the kind words offered by Jen Costa. May everyone's hopes and dreams for the upcoming year come true.

## *Dates to Remember:*

Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> - PTO Family Picnic 6:00 PM on the playground

Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> - School Board Meeting 6:00 PM

Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> - Pitcher Mountain hike

Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> and October- 9<sup>th</sup> PTO Meeting 6:00 PM

Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> – Back To School Open House 6:30PM -7:30PM

## *Menu: Week of September 8-12*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 Shepherd's Pie Green Beans Fresh Fruit	9 Bag Lunch  Pitcher Mountain Hike	10 Lasagna Toss Salad Garlic Roll Apple	11 Ham and Cheese Quiche Cups Roasted Fresh Rice Pilaf Fruit Salad	12 Pizza Veggie Pasta Salad Fruit Cup

Milk or juice is included with each meal.

I look forward to meeting you at the PTO Back to School Picnic tonight! My door and ears are always open to you. If you have questions, concerns, or just want to say "hi," feel free to phone 446-2318 (direct line), e-mail me, or just stop in for a visit.

Sincerely,

Martha LeMahieu, Principal