**M. Agnes Jones Elementary School**



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Dear Magnificent M. Agnes Jones Parents,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! As the newly appointed Interim Principal you can expect me to be a guiding light for the M. Agnes Jones community of students, parents, staff, and community at large. My core values settle into 3 buckets: integrity, perseverance, and gratitude. I am thankful for the partnerships and relationships that I have garnered with parents and community members over the last four years serving as the Assistant Principal at MAJ. I am pleased to say that we can celebrate many successes from the 2023-2024 School Year. We increased scholar attendance, our BETA club traveled to Savannah and won multiple awards, and two MAJ students placed 2nd at the APS District Science fair while one scholar moved on to place 2nd in the Georgia State Science Fair, scholars also placed 2nd in the district picture book fair, lastly we had students recognized for Young Georgia Authors . We enjoyed having families on campus as a result of the redefinED Atlanta Family and Community Engagement Grant, which allowed us to create an Assessment Ambassadors Parent group and have a family book club.

I want to personally thank you for sending your scholars to school daily. While they were here, in addition to the basic curriculum and previously existing specials courses, we added a variety of learning opportunities to include our coding lab, robotics, math competitions, Beta Club, gaming, experiential learning and our MAJ news crew. We increased the number of scholars in our gifted program and for the upcoming school year, we have added even more support for increasing our scholars’ reading skills. We look forward to celebrating much more this year!

Because we are the MAJ School Family, it is important that you partner with me and the entire M. Agnes Jones Elementary School staff to provide the absolute best educational opportunities for your child. More specifically, we need to see your child at school and on time every day. This is the first step to learning. The first day of school is **Thursday, August 1, 2024, at 7:45 AM, but remember scholars can enter the school as early as 7:20 A.M.** In addition to that, we want to see and hear from you regularly. You can engage with us in the following ways: visit our Parent Center, utilize Parent Portal, Remind App, and Class Dojo. If you are not familiar with these applications, please know our parent liaison, Mrs.Clay, is eager to assist you. She may be reached via email at [laquanta.clay@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:laquanta.clay@atlanta.k12.ga.us) and via phone at 404-802-3901.

In addition to partnering and speaking with the educators and staff within our school, save my number (404)802- 3901, and reach out to me as needed. Also, make sure to follow us on Twitter/X (@APSMAJ\_Elem), Instagram (@apsmaj\_elementary), and YouTube (@majones9931) to receive essential updates. Please reach out if you need assistance connecting.

# School Uniforms

We encourage your scholars to wear uniforms to school each day. Uniforms are white collared shirts and navy bottoms or dress. Appropriate shoes should be worn daily – no slides or flip-flops.

# Back to School Bash Registration Information- Please Scan the QR Code

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Atlanta Public Schools is excited to announce the annual Back-to-School Bash will take place **Saturday, July 20, 2024, at the Georgia World Congress Center from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** The Back-to-School Bash will provide school supplies, registration information, helpful resources and much more. You must register to attend the Back to School Bash.

**M. Agnes Jones Open House**

Our Open House will take place on **Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at 9:00 AM at M. Agnes Jones Elementary School.** You will have the opportunity to meet your child’s teacher, pick up class and bus schedules, and sign up for Parent Portal. You will also meet all the wonderful new staff members that have joined the MAJ family.

To make this year’s learning experience most beneficial for your child, we need your commitment in the following

ways:

* Ensure your child reports to school **daily by 7:45 am**
* Remain in constant contact with your child’s teacher and update contact information as often as necessary.
* Encourage your child to do his/her best and to take learning seriously.
* Spend time reading and listening to your child read at least 20 minutes each day.
* Stay in the loop via our school’s YouTube channel, social media platforms and viewing the school website.
* Communicate your needs and ways that we can assist you throughout the year to us in a timely manner.

We are ready to move in excellence, and we look forward to you partnering with us to make everything focused on “One team, one goal”. Thank you for supporting all the amazing STEAMulating experiences that we offer at M. Agnes Jones Elementary School.

Please feel free to reach out to us via phone at 404-802-3901 or email me at [spatton@atlanta.k12.ga.us.](mailto:spatton@atlanta.k12.ga.us.)

Your STEAMulating Principal,



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