

Community Updates

Jean Childs Young Middle School

Teaching and Learning

Reminders!

- Virtual learning schedule “as is” continues for this week and next
- You will see “M”s being erased from gradebook which will make grades go up (all “M”s gone by Friday)
- Students can still go back and submit work from old assignments if it will help their grade
- Your child should attend “office hours” if they have a low grade, need help or don’t understand an assignment or skill

Last week of school reminders and updates:

- Week of 5/18 is last week!
- Staff are creating activities for that week this week, and I will be able to share those with you this time next week...stay tuned!
- This week will include a virtual awards celebration...details being worked on
- This will be a fun end of year week; no new or collected assignments
- **Last new assignments will be given the week of 5/11.**
- **Last day to submit work for credit will be 5/15.**

For final year-end grades/report cards:

Students will receive **THE HIGHER GRADE OF EITHER:**

- o Their 3rd quarter grade OR
- o Their final cumulative grade

If their 3rd quarter grade is higher than their final cumulative grade on May 15th, the teacher will override the cumulative grade and input the 3rd quarter grade as the final grade.

In other words, no student will receive a grade decline as a result of virtual learning.

Retention

- Students who received notice in January about being at risk for retention are being reviewed
- Students who still had failing grades after 3rd quarter, are still at risk
- Those families will be contacted next week regarding their child's progress during virtual learning and the school's recommendation

Timeline Summary

- **May 1:** all “M”s removed (although these assignments may still be submitted)
- **May 14:** final instructional day
- **May 15:** final day to submit work for the school year
- **May 18-21:** final week of school for students; end of year activities (details TBD)

Non-Instructional Information

Refunds for dues paid for spring events

- Refund checks were mailed yesterday
- Refunds are for:
 - Flag Football
 - 8th grade dues
 - Track (50%; sweatshirt and t-shirt will be given when we return)

End of Year Events

- 8th grade parent meeting yesterday to determine final 8th grade week plans
- Plans being finalized this week
- Putting together a video to honor 8th graders so need all 8th grade students to submit a 5-10 second video of themselves (in school colors/spirit wear or attire to dr_jones30@yahoo.com (file name should be the child's full name)
- Not allowed per district to hold any activities that involve gathering or coming to the school in any capacity, even if in cars
- 6th/7th grade also finalizing end of year events this week which will include end of year awards
- All finalized plans will be communicated next week

Upcoming Events

- **Spirit Week and Teacher Appreciation Week Next Week!!**
 - **Monday: Marvel Monday (super hero)**
 - **Tuesday: TikTok Tuesday (tiktok about your favorite teacher)**
 - **Wednesday: Well Wishes Wed. (reach out and thank your teachers)**
 - **Thursday: Thirsty Thursday (thirsty for a vacation; vacation attire)**
 - **Friday: Friendship Friday (dress alike with a friend plus treat for teachers)**
- **Musical! 5/14 @ 4:00** more details to come but mark your calendar to login to see our students present a couple of scenes!

Preparing for 2020-2021

Choosing Connections Classes

- Next week, students should check out the Connections Commercial which will be posted in google classrooms, here to FB, and the website to help decide which Connections course to take.
- After watching, they can fill out an online form to choose their class
- Options are:
 - **Yearlong:** Band, Orchestra, Theatre
 - **Semester:** French, Spanish, Dance, Art, Audio/Visual Communications
- All students not in a yearlong will have a semester of Health/PE
- Reading and Math support classes will be offered to those who qualify

When will we re-open?

- We do not know!
- As of now, we are not authorized to allow anyone in the school building or to campus except for food distribution on Mondays.
- As we receive information and guidance from the Superintendent on this, we will communicate it, but as of now, no new updates.

How and Who to Contact if you have questions

- Contact teacher first via child's google classroom account or email if it is specific to a class
- Contact grade level AP via email if concern not addressed or not specific to a class:
 - **6th grade:** Ron Garlington rgarlington@atlanta.k12.ga.us
 - **7th grade:** Wanda Moore Williams wmwilliams@atlanta.k12.ga.us
 - **8th grade:** Rod Hister hiterr@atlanta.k12.ga.us
- Contact Principal if not grade level specific or concern not addressed
 - Kara Stimpson kmstimpson@atlanta.k12.ga.us
- School number does receive voicemails which are checked daily by School Business Manager Latrice Nowell **404-802-5900**