

Cheetah Chatter

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César E. Chávez
Elementary School

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School office hours 7:30 am – 4:00 pm

http://www.chavez.4j.lane.edu/Chavez_Website/Home_Page.html
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Dear Families,

We want to wish all our families a safe and healthy winter break!

If the weather gets bad and you have questions about school closure please refer to these different ways to stay up to date;

- Sign up for text-message alerts via Twitter @4Jweather — **text FOLLOW 4JWEATHER to 40404**
- Like Eugene School District 4J on our Facebook page, [facebook.com/4Jschools](https://www.facebook.com/4Jschools)
- Check the 4J website, www.4j.lane.edu
- Tune in to local news media



If the district decides to make a change to the school schedule or bus routes, it is communicated as quickly as possible in several ways, all well before 6:30 a.m.

If schools and buses are on their regular schedule, there will NOT be an announcement.



PARKING LOT SAFETY - We are asking your help in keeping students and others safe in the school parking lot. Please, when you are entering the parking lot to either pick up or drop off your student, do it slowly, calmly and politely. We have staff in the parking lot helping monitor traffic in the morning and afternoon and they have been nearly run over on a number of occasions. We ask that you be patient and go with the flow of traffic. Park only in designated parking spots. If a staff member asks you to move your car please do so. Remember that children are watching and listening.

Make your New Year's resolution to Walk + Roll more to School!

Wednesday January 3rd, is our New Year Walk & Roll Day! We're encouraging all students to walk, bike, carpool or ride the bus to school. If you live a long way from school, try parking a 10 minute walk from school and walking the rest of the way. Older students can walk on their own; younger students will need to walk or bike with an adult. The class with the most "walkers and rollers" (including bus riders and carpoolers) will win a hot cocoa party!

Our goal is to reduce traffic and pollution around our school and to promote physical activity for our students. Students who ride the bus are doing their part by participating in the biggest carpool of all! Teaching your child to use their body to get to school and other places builds their confidence, keeps them physically fit, and can be fun for the whole family!

January events

- 3 Students return to school and Walk + Roll to school day
- 15 No school
- 31 Parent education night

February dates to remember

- 1 Academy day for teachers - no school for students
- 2 Grading day - no school for students

Parent Education Night
Life in Transition: How Change Changes Us

January 31, 2017 5:30 to 7:00

Dinner, childcare and Spanish interpretation available

Come join us for a parent education night with Paul Bolle, a licensed marriage and family therapist intern, who will be presenting on how to deal with transitions in life. Life moves quickly, especially for families, and whenever significant experiences happen---even positive ones!---each member must adjust. Learning how to recognize and address the feelings that major life events stir up is an important part of keeping a family in harmony. In discussion, parents are helped in the process of exploring the impact of life transitions and how to address them. Please join us for this informative event.

RSVP is required in order for us to plan accordingly for dinner. We will send a form home later in the month as the date gets closer.

A FEW IMPORTANT REMINDERS

School supplies: In an effort to save families money and support classroom teachers we ask that parents pay \$20.00 annual contribution per child for school supplies. If you haven't already done so, please pay your child's contribution in January. You can pay \$5.00 per month if you need to. Just talk to us in the school office.

School Hours:

Doors open at 7:30 and all students should enter through the gym doors.

- Early Arrival Supervision in Gym for 3rd – 5th grade - 7:30 – 7:45
- Early Arrival Supervision in Cafeteria for Kinder – 2nd grade – 7:30 – 7:45
- Classes begin – 7:55 - tardy bell rings at this time
- M, T, Th, F Dismissal @ 2:10 Wednesday Dismissal @ 1:10

We recommend arriving at least 10 minutes before school starts. **Students need to be in their seat ready to learn by 7:55.** If students are walking in at 7:55 they are considered tardy and will be marked unexcused.

Attendance

Oregon law requires that all children between the ages of 6 and 18 years of age who have not completed the 12th grade regularly attend a public full-time school (ORS 339.010). Children who are 5 years of age who have been enrolled in a public school are required to regularly attend while enrolled. There is a strong correlation between school attendance and student learning. In order to be successful academically, students must actively participate in their learning. To this end, efforts will be made by school officials to enforce the compulsory attendance laws of the state.

Attendance Expectations

Students are expected to regularly attend and be punctual in reporting to classes. A school administrator may excuse an absence caused by the student's illness, the illness of a student's family member, or an emergency. In most cases, absences of this type will be excused if parents or guardians contact the school within 48 hours. The principal may also excuse absences for other reasons where satisfactory arrangements are made in advance.

State law requires parents and guardians to send students to, and maintain regular attendance in school. Eight half-day unexcused absences or four full-day unexcused absences in any four-week period during which the school is in session is considered irregular attendance. Chronic lateness and single-period absences may also be considered. Failure to send a student to school is a Class C violation, and may result in a court-imposed fine (ORS 339.990). In cases of irregular attendance, a principal may determine if an absence is excused. The school will notify parents or guardians with concerns about irregular attendance. Non-attendance notices will be sent as required by law.

If you have any questions please check with the school office. We are here to help!

