

Janie Darr Elementary

Parent and Family Engagement Packet

2021-2022



At Darr we ROAR :

Respect and Encourage Others

Be an Outstanding Leader

Always Be Safe

Be REsponsible and Prepared

**Janie Darr Elementary
6505 Mt. Hebron Road**

Rogers, Ar 72758
(479)248-2008
2021-2022

Arrival and Dismissal

The school day begins at 7:45 a.m. and ends at 2:45 p.m. Children should not arrive at school before 7:15. There are no adults on duty to supervise children before this time. **Students not in the classroom at 7:45 are counted tardy.** If you arrive with your student after 7:45 he or she will be counted as tardy and will need to be accompanied by an adult to check them in through the office. Students will be dismissed promptly at 2:45.

Attendance

Students who are late to school or leave during the school day will be counted absent at the following rates per district policy:

- Up to 2 hours of missed time during any portion of the day: Tardy
- 2-4 hours of missed time: ½ day absence
- More than 4 hours: 1 full day absence
- Per ACT 1322, the school district MUST notify the prosecuting authority if a student exceeds the number of unexcused absences allowed by the district (10 days).

Excessive Absences:

- After the 5th absence during a semester, parents will be notified by phone or letter.
- After 10 absences in a semester, parents will again be notified by phone or letter.
- On the 11th absence in a semester, Arkansas law requires that parents be notified that their student may be retained and that a report may be filed with Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS).

Leaving School Early:

- When possible, medical and dental appointments should be made outside of school hours. When it is necessary for an appointment, please obtain a doctor's note and send it to school with your child.
- If a student must leave school between 7:45-2:45, he or she must be signed out through the office. A child will only be released to individuals listed on the enrollment form authorized pickup list. For your child's safety, identification may be requested.
- A student's attendance record will indicate absences according to the attendance policy when checked out of school for appointments.

Car Rider Procedures

The doors on the south side of the building are to be used for dropping off and picking up car riders. Enter the car line from Cross Creek Boulevard. The following procedures are in place to ensure the safety of your child and the safety of others.

In the morning:

- Parents need to pull all the way up to the first colored cone, in a single line, so all cars may unload at the same time.
- A 5th Grade leader or adult on duty will be waiting by the cone to assist your child with the car door if needed. We ask that all students are unbuckled, ready to exit the car, with all their belongings in hand.
- All students, no exceptions, will exit from the passenger side of the car
- If your student forgets items in the car pull around to the front parking lot, and walk the item in to the office

In the afternoon:

- Your child will not be released unless you have a Janie Darr issued car tag, no exceptions. If you are picking up another child other than your own you must have their car tag, or pull around to the front office in order to verify you are approved to take that student.
- Cars will form two lines and pull up as directed

- Car riders will wait inside the building until their name displays on the board, and then proceed to a holding area.
- After all cars have moved forward to their assigned car and come to a complete stop students will meet their vehicles and load.

Parents are asked not to park in the bus loop (Mt Hebron Entrance). This loop is for loading and unloading of school buses and approved shuttles. It is against Arkansas State Law for a vehicle to pass a school bus that is loading or unloading.

Celebrations

According to the Rules Governing Nutrition and Physical Activity in the State of Arkansas, there are 9 days allotted each school year in which we may provide students with foods that do not meet the federal guidelines covering nutrition unless it is an integral part of instruction.

Birthdays: What this means for you is that we can no longer allow parents to send cupcakes for birthday celebrations or food of any kind unless it is a pre-approved “food” day.

Parties: There are only 2 school sanctioned parties, the Winter Holiday party in December and Valentine party in February. **Due to a state nutrition law, parents may not bring food for students other than their own, except at the school-recognized parties or events.**

Deliveries: The school can not accept deliveries of flowers, balloons, or other items for students. Please do not have any items delivered to your child at school. This includes food delivered by food delivery services.

Change of Residence, Telephone Number, or Employment

Please notify the office as soon as any of the above information changes occur. Please provide your cell phone number as it is important that we know how to reach you in case an emergency arises.

Chromebook Contract Agreement

In an effort to support Blended Learning at Home a Chromebook and Charger have been issued to your student. Please consider the following:

1. Students should not eat or drink while using the device.
2. Chromebooks should only be used for educational use.
3. To conserve battery life, Chromebooks should be shut down before moving them.
4. Chromebooks should remain free of any writing, drawing, stickers, or labels.
5. Chromebooks should not be left in an unlocked car or any unsupervised area.
6. Students are responsible for charging their Chromebook’s battery daily.
7. Students are responsible for the care of the issued Chromebook and charger.
8. Any device and accessory must be returned upon arrival back to Janie Darr Elementary.
9. If the device is lost or stolen, the parent/student would be responsible for paying \$250.00 for replacement of the device.

At Home Blended Learning Procedures:

1. Attendance for each student is based on completion of the daily assignments.
2. Teachers will post assignments to Google Classroom by 7:45 am daily.
3. During at home blended learning students are responsible for daily work.
4. Teachers will check email daily, provide feedback for assignments, and are available via email to offer assistance.

Communication from Parents/Guardians

Notes or phone calls are required when:

- A student has been absent. Please state the reason for the absence.
- A student is either going home with someone else or is bringing someone home with him/her. BOTH CHILDREN NEED TO HAVE A NOTE.
- A student will be going home a different way than he/she usually does. Children without notes will be sent home the way indicated on information forms—NO EXCEPTIONS!
- A doctor's excuse will be required if a student must be excused from PE classes or recess for an extended period of time.

Custody

If there are any existing custody arrangements regarding your child, the school must have a copy of the official court documents. These documents must be updated yearly or as changes occur.

Discipline- School

Students are expected, at all times, to conduct themselves in a manner that will maintain an environment for learning. No student will be allowed to interfere with, or disrupt repeatedly, the educational process of others. Students are expected to follow expectations as outlined by Rogers School District policy and included within the Janie Darr Behavior Expectations Matrix (R.O.A.R.). R.O.A.R. stands for Respect and encourage others, Outstanding leaders, Always be safe, and Responsible and prepared. Janie Darr Elementary School implements a School Wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Support system that teaches, practices and positively reinforces the expected behaviors.

Discipline Policy- School Bus

Bus transportation is a privilege, not a right. Students who ride the bus must obey the rules outlined in the district policy which will be sent home at the beginning of the year. (Problems at the bus stop are the responsibility of parents.)

- First offense: Parent contacted by letter or telephone
- Second offense: 1-day bus suspension, parent contact
- Third offense: 3-day bus suspension, parent contact
- Fourth offense: 10-day bus suspension, parent contact

Homework/Make-Up Work

Homework: Any homework will be an extension of previously taught standards that your child has mastered all ready. The assignment will be for independent practice outside of school time. It is the responsibility of the student to complete any class and homework assignments on time. School papers and other communication are usually sent home on Tuesday, in the blue folder. Please check with your child's teacher for any daily assignments or notices.

Make-up work: (Rogers District Policy) Make-up work is given when requested by parent, or when the student returns in the area of phonics, literacy, and math. Students will be given the same number of days to complete make-up work as the number days they were absent.

Inclement Weather

In the early morning hours, during the winter, radio and television stations will begin carrying announcements around 6:00 a.m. of any school closing. Worsening weather conditions may force the early closing of schools. Should this happen, radio and television stations will carry this information. In both cases, our district will also send an automated announcement to the primary number on file addressing the situation. Please do not call the school. This interferes with obtaining information and instructions from the district office and/or emergency personnel. Please devise a parent-child contingency plan so that your child will know what they should do in the event that school is forced to dismiss early. Please provide your child with the proper rain gear for given days. Students will walk unless it is lightning or a heavy downpour is occurring.

Lost and Found

Articles found in and around the school should be turned in to the lost and found area where the owners may claim their property by properly identifying the lost item. Please consider labeling jackets, coats, lunch boxes, and other items with your child's name so they may be returned to the owner. Unclaimed items will be donated, at Winter Break, Spring Break and the end of the year, to local charities.

Medication/Nurse

Nurse: Angel Harvey

Medication:

Written permission from a student's parent or guardian must be on file in the school office before school personnel are permitted to administer medication. Specific permission forms are located in the nurse's office. Forms should include the name of the medication, the amount to be given, and the time to be given. Medication will not be given unless it is in an original container. Students are not allowed to transport medication on the bus or to have it in class, this includes ALL over the counter medication.

Allergies/Illness:

Please inform the nurse of any significant allergies and/or diagnosis. Depending on the severity a Health Care Plan might be warranted.

Parent Center

A Parent Center has been established for parents to use, in the back of the office. It will contain books, videos, and other pertinent resources on a variety of parenting topics. These will be available to parents at no cost. Feel free to browse through this information and check out any item(s) that may be of interest to you. Information regarding free parenting classes and workshops offered in the area will be made available to parents who express interest. Please contact Kimberly Tillman, school counselor, for assistance or more information.

Parents as Partners

Working together, as partners, in the education of our children is vital for their success. When all stakeholders are involved, schools and students are more successful. In an effort to provide our students with the highest quality education possible, the following roles are vital for parents, students, teachers and administrators.

TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS WILL:

- Welcome parents/guardians into the school, and seek their support and assistance
- Include parents as full partners in the decisions that affect children and families
- Provide a high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment based on the standards set forth by the State of Arkansas.
- Encourage parent involvement in their child's school experience.
- Offer regular, two-way communication between home and school (daily/weekly folders, phone calls, notes, emails, conferences)
- Provide frequent reports to parents/guardians on proficiency levels that children are expected to meet and their child's progress toward meeting those State standards.
- Provide timely responses to parents' questions or recommendations.

THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS WILL:

- See that children are punctual and attend school regularly.
- Support the school discipline policy.
- Ensure that homework is completed in a neat and acceptable way.
- Provide a quiet place to study.
- Encourage the efforts of your children and be available for questions.

- Monitor screen time
- Check folder/backpack regularly

THE STUDENTS WILL:

- Attend school regularly.
- Come to school each day with the necessary supplies and a positive attitude.
- Complete and return class and homework assignments.
- Abide by the school discipline policy.

Parent-Teacher Conferences and Curriculum Support

- Regular Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled twice yearly in the fall and spring. The teacher will arrange an appointment with you. If your child’s teacher believes that additional conferences are necessary, he/she will contact you.
- At least once per year, parents will have the opportunity to meet with teachers and staff to learn curriculum strategies and activities to help their child at home. The strategies provided will be specific and will support academic achievement in the school environment.

Parents and Visitors

Please make prior arrangements with your child’s teacher/principal before planning to visit or volunteer in the classroom/building. Visitors will only be allowed for official school business. Visitors to the building will be asked to sign in. Make sure you have your ID when you visit the first time in order to get you scanned into our visitor management system.

Personal Items

Toys are not allowed at school. The following is a partial list of other items that should not be brought to school:

- Cell Phones and Smart Watches- will be turned off and stored in students backpacks during school hours (We assume no responsibility to any lost, damaged, or stolen items on school property)
- Trading cards of any kind
- Laser pointers or any unapproved electronic devices
- Weapons of any kind (Guns (real or toy), knives, B.B. shot, ammunition)
- Pets
- Firecrackers, matches, lighters
- Hard balls, footballs, bats
- Skateboards
- Gum
- **Party invitations, unless EVERY child in the class receives an invitation**

Resolving Conflicts

It is our goal at Janie Darr Elementary to provide an educational service that we can be proud of that is child centered. If at any time you have a problem or a concern, you are encouraged to visit with your child’s teacher first. If the issue can’t be resolved, you are encouraged to seek counsel with the principal. Any conflict that can’t be resolved at the building with the principal may be brought to the district Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Curriculum for resolution.

Recess

All students will go out for recess if the weather permits. Recess provides social learning, and physical activity. Please make sure your child dresses appropriately for recess.

School Meals

Breakfast in the Classroom

Jaguar students participate in the Breakfast in the Classroom program, all students enjoy breakfast as a class family at the beginning of the day.

Why: Research shows that eating together for meals has a positive effect on students in the school environment. Some benefits include but are not limited to: Better academic performance, Higher self-esteem, and Greater sense of resilience.

What does this mean?

- Students will be provided breakfast Monday-Friday in the classroom.
- The cafeteria will be closed in the morning.
- Students will not be allowed to bring in any outside breakfast items to eat, they will need to eat at home or eat the school breakfast. .
- All classes will be eating as a classroom family unit from 7:35-7:55, including staff. This will give students and staff the opportunity to build a positive culture in the classroom.
- If your child gets to school late, they will not get the opportunity to participate.
- Breakfast items provided will be peanut free.

Lunch Time Lunch is served daily free to students. Students may bring their lunch. No carbonated beverages are to be included in a student's lunch. **Parents may bring in food for their child's lunch, but per state law, you may not provide food to any other students.**

Specials Classes

All students at Janie Darr Elementary will attend Specials Classes each day. These classes are Art, PE, Music, Library, and Computer Lab. Students will go to each of the Specials classes once per week. For the safety of your child, appropriate shoes and clothing should be worn on PE days.

Standardized Assessments

Rogers Public School District students in kindergarten through fifth grades take the State standardized tests each year. Because these test results are used in various aspects of your child's educational program, we appreciate you avoiding any trips or absences during the testing dates. The required State assessments and dates for the 2021-2022 school year are:

- IREADY, Grades Kindergarten-5th : Administered in early to mid-September, end of November to early December, and early to mid-April
- ACT Aspire, Grades 3-5: Testing window April 6 - May 8th.
- ELPA 21 Assessment for ESOL students: Testing window is January 25-March 5
- Specific dates will be included in class communication.

Student Dress Code

A student's appearance (clothing, cleanliness, and accessories) should not disrupt the educational environment by disturbing or distracting other students. **Make-up and excessive jewelry are not appropriate for elementary school students.** Students should not wear the following to school:

- Clothing that advertises tobacco, alcohol, or illegal products
- Clothing that exhibits sexually suggestive language and/or symbols
- Hats, scarves, or bandanas (Anything that promotes gang affiliation)
- See-through clothing
- Shirts/tops that do not cover the midriff
- Halter and spaghetti strap tops or tube tops
- Sunglasses
- Shorts or skirts that are shorter than mid-thigh
- Clothing that is too tight or too loose

- Cleats, tap, high heels, or skate shoes
- Shorts that do not come to the middle finger tip when standing

Walkers

We have 3 zones that students are dismissed from if they are walking or riding their bike to school. Zone 1 is managed by our crossing guard and one staff member. Students exit through the east doors of the building with an adult, and are walked through the playground and across the crosswalk located at Cross Creek Boulevard. Zone 2 is for students that live in the south part of Lakewood Crossing. They will be exiting across the car rider line with a staff member and across the field. Zone 3 is for students that live in Grand Pointe. Students will be entering school at the front doors in the morning. In the afternoon a staff member will walk students across the crosswalk between the main parking lot, and the gym parking lot. Parents will need to pick up students at that location. If there is lightning or heavy downpour students will not be released from the building. In this case, walkers will be kept at the school until safe to be released or parents/guardians pick up students. Students are expected to show respect for other people's property and go straight home.

2021-2022 Calendar

School Begins (First Day For Students)	August 16
Labor Day Holiday	September 6
Conference Days (after school)	Sept. 27-28
First Quarter Ends	October 13
Vacation & Teacher Professional Development (No School)	October 14 & 15
Thanksgiving Holiday	November 22-26
Second Quarter Ends	December 21
Winter Vacation	December 22-January 5
Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday	January 17
Teacher Professional Development (No School)	January 31
Teacher Professional Development (No School)	February 21

Conference Days (after school)	February 14-25
Third Quarter Ends	March 11
Spring Break	March 21-25
Fourth Quarter Ends (Possible Last Day For Students*)	May 26

Online Resources

Janie Darr Elementary: <https://www.rogersschools.net/darr>
Rogers Public School: <https://www.rogersschools.net/>
State Department of Education: <https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/>
AR Kids First (health insurance): <https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/divisions-shared-services/medical-services/healthcare-programs/arkids/>
AR Department of Human Services: <https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/>
Janie Darr School Counseling on Facebook: Janie Darr Elementary's Counselor's Corner
Janie Darr PTO on Facebook: Janie Darr Elementary PTO
Janie Darr Elementary School on Facebook: Janie Darr Elementary

Janie Darr Elementary 2021-2022 Volunteer Opportunities

Janie Darr Elementary offers a variety of choices for your involvement in your child's school environment. Listed below are the committees in which you may become involved. Thank you for your interest. Parental support helps make Janie Darr Elem. a great place to be!

Please place a check next to each volunteer opportunity you would like to serve.

PLEASE RETURN THIS SHEET TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

- PTO Volunteer
- Homeroom Parent
- I would like to assist the Homeroom Parent
- I would like to help with classroom parties/specials events
- I can supply refreshments for classroom parties/activities (treats, treat bags, drinks, paper products)
- Available as needed to make copies, cut out items, etc. for classroom
- I can accompany students on classroom field trips
- I have a special talent or interest that I can share with the class
If "yes" please specify : _____
- Boosterthon Volunteer
- Homecoming (assist 5th graders in float

Assembly and parade participation)

_____ Volunteer at the Book Fair (Work with library staff during
The Fall & Spring book fair)

_____ Volunteer for Breakfast with Santa

_____ Volunteer for Sweetheart Event

_____ Volunteer for Mother/Son Event

_____ Field Day (assist PE staff to hold a fun-filled day in May for students)

Child's Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

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Student: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

PARENT AND STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

I, the parent of (student name) _____ hereby confirm that I have access to or have received a copy of the 2021-2022 Janie Darr Elementary Student/Parent Handbook, and further understand the responsibilities expected of Janie Darr Elementary parents and students; the policies, procedures, rules, regulations and practices as stated in this document; and, that all students will be held accountable for their behavior and may be subject to disciplinary actions listed in the handbook.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that I have received, read, and agree with the contents listed in the 2021-2022 Janie Darr Elementary School Student/Parent Handbook.

Student Printed Name: _____

Parent Printed Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Photo Release Permission Slip

As a parent or guardian of this student, I hereby consent to the use of photographs/videotape taken during the course of the school year for publicity, promotional and/or educational purposes (including publications, presentation or broadcast via newspaper, internet or other media sources). I do this with full knowledge and consent and waive all claims for compensation for use, or for damages.

Only sign below if you do not consent to the above statement.

No, I do not authorize Janie Darr Elementary to photograph or video my child.

Yes, I do authorize Janie Darr Elementary to photograph or video my child.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Dr. Marlin Berry, Superintendent

Dear Parent:

In December 2015, former President Barack Obama signed the Every Student Succeeds Act into law. Parents continue to have the same rights as they did under “No Child Left Behind”.

Under ESSA, parents have a right to know the professional qualifications of their children’s teachers(s). This letter is to inform you of your right to ask for the following information about each of your child’s classroom teachers:

- Whether the state of Arkansas has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches (Note: We are also required to send a notice to parents affected if the teacher is not fully licensed, so if you haven’t received such notice, your child’s teacher(s) is/are fully licensed.)
- Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency permit or other provisional status through which state licensing criteria have been waived.
- The teacher’s college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
- If any time your student has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher(s) that is not highly qualified, then you will be notified by the school.

You also have the right to request information regarding the qualifications of the paraprofessional(s) assisting your child’s teacher(s). If your child is receiving Title I, Part A services from a paraprofessional, then our district or school is able to provide you with the following information:

1. Whether the paraprofessional has completed at least two years of study at an institution of higher education.
2. Whether the paraprofessional has completed an associate’s degree (or higher).
3. Whether the paraprofessional has met a rigorous standard of quality through our state’s certification procedure for determining the quality of paraprofessional staff.
4. Whether the paraprofessional has: (a) the knowledge of and ability to assist in instructing reading, writing, and mathematics or (b) the knowledge of and the ability to assist in learning activities, such as homework, reading readiness, writing, mathematics, and other support as appropriate.

If you would like to receive specific information about your child’s teacher or paraprofessional, please visit our office at 500 West Walnut Street to fill out a Parent Request Form. A response will be mailed to you within ten working days from the date of the request. Our office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Our district is fully committed to the success of your child. We appreciate your partnership in our efforts.

Sincerely,
Dr. Roger Hill
Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources