

Good evening Jamerson families, this is your principal, Mrs. Peters, with updates for the week of October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Tomorrow we start quarter 2. This week teachers will enter grades, and report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Along with the report card, you will receive a letter explain the MAP or Measures of Academic Progress assessment that all 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students took in September as well as a copy of your child's results.

Many of our students are accessing the social media platform TikTok. If you aren't aware, TikTok is a free social media app that lets you watch, create and share videos. TikTok can be a fun and creative outlet for students when used safely and responsibly. But did you know that TikTok is also a place where negative things are shared, and children are told to recreate disrespectful challenges? The September TikTok challenge was for students to mess up a toilet or vandalize a bathroom at school. Unfortunately, we had a student who did just that. October's TikTok challenge is to slap a school staff member. Please have a conversation with your child regarding social media and any challenges they may see. This can be a powerful conversation to have with your child regarding social media and doing what we know is right. These TikTok challenges will not be tolerated on campus and severe consequences will be applied to anyone attempting them. I appreciate your support as we work together to help our children grow into not just good citizens but kind and thoughtful adults.

With our 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who have one to one devices, we have also seen them taking pictures and creating TikTok type videos on their computers. Please remind your child that an agreement was signed between parents and the school saying the device would be used for school purposes only. I would also recommend that you check the computer often and go into their pictures and videos.

On another note if your child raised enough money to earn the limo ride prize, the experience will take place on Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. A permission slip will be coming home tomorrow and needs to be signed and returned on Tuesday morning so please watch for it. The animal show experience will take place on Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> for those students who earned it.

On Friday we will be hosting an All Pro Families event in the morning from 7:30 – 8:15. If your child doesn't currently have a schoolbucks account with money in it, please bring \$2.25 with you to pay for breakfast.

Don't forget to act now if you want to attend the Tampa Bay Rowdies spirit night this Friday, October 15th. They are offering discounted tickets to Pinellas County employees, students and their families. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets can use the link <https://bit.ly/TBRPCS21>.

Please remember that masks are strongly recommended. As always, we ask everyone to monitor themselves for any sign of illness. If there is anyone in your household with COVID related symptoms or a pending or positive Covid test, please contact the school so we can advise you of next steps as the directives have now changed. If your child shows symptoms of any illness please call your pediatrician or family physician. The physician may determine that a Covid-19 test is necessary. Please do not send your child to school if they are feeling ill. We all need to continue to do our part to keep our school family as healthy and safe as possible.

For all the latest information you can view our website at <https://www.pcsb.org/jamerson-es> or find us on Facebook.

Thank you for partnering with us to ensure your child receives the best possible education. Have a wonderful rest of your evening! We know it will be another amazing week at Jamerson Elementary.