

# Jonesboro International Studies Magnet School



## Parent Packet 2022-2023

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Josh Byard, Principal  
Paige Vick, Assistant Principal

## 2022-2023 School Staff

### First Grade

Stacy Sales  
Misty Byrd  
Kayla Durham  
Tiffany Wynn

### Second Grade

Lori Adams  
Jillian Mote  
Natalie Hulett  
Rebekah Craft

### Third Grade

Tena McPhail  
Amanda Webb  
Rachel Klasky  
Abby Wilson

### Fourth Grade

Caitlyn Schluter  
Elisabeth White  
Becky Hufstedler  
April Miller

### Fifth Grade

Lilian Cousins  
Abbeigh George  
Halie Hunt  
Hebatallah Messallam

### Sixth Grade

Erica Emison  
Krista Cartwright  
Theresa Walls  
Carol Neves

### Nurse

Hannah Johns

### Rotation Teachers

Hollie Huckabee, P.E.  
Georgia Summitt, Art  
Shannon Johnson, Music  
Emily Boves, Spanish  
Katie Beth Lovell, Library

### Additional Staff

Jeresa Markin, Administrative Assistant  
Caitlin Stimach, Attendance Clerk  
Claudia Bennett, Teacher Clerk  
Judy Mace, ISS  
Sarah Crawford, Self-contained  
D'Montrea Taylor, Self-contained  
Brittney Knight, Self-contained  
Cheyenne Hughes, Self-contained  
Leigh Cranfield, Resource  
Christina West, Resource  
Karen Lewis, Interventionist  
Debra Jenkins, Interventionist  
Sara Bryant, Interventionist  
Bailey Bridges, Interventionist  
Kristy Crews, Interventionist  
Traci Vance, Speech Pathologist  
Melissa Gammill, Instructional Facilitator  
Beth Couch, Instructional Facilitator  
Paula Brown, Counselor  
Lasha Thomas, Counselor  
Brennon Dickson, Therapist  
Astrid Stringfellow, Therapist  
Sarah Lipsky, Therapist  
Mary Clayton, ACE  
Haley Jones, ACE  
Carman Owens, EAST  
Lynzee Heller, P.E. Monitor  
Ashleigh Rainwater, P.E. Monitor  
Lesley Decker, Paraprofessional  
Sylvia Tansil, Paraprofessional  
Monica Stimach, ELL Coordinator  
Darryl Howerton, Technology

Dear Parent / Guardian,

I need you to help our school be as safe as possible. Please keep me safe during loading and unloading by following the procedures listed below:

- I need to use the front entrance when I am dropped off and picked up.
- **NO CELL PHONE** use while picking up or dropping off. Our staff will enforce this rule by politely reminding you to discontinue use during loading and unloading.
- Escort me into the building **ONLY WHEN NO OTHER ADULT IS SUPERVISING**, and tell Mrs. Jeresa of my attendance.
- I need to be in the school by **7:55** A.M. This is when our day begins. There will be announcements for us on the intercom every morning.
- If you are bringing me to school after 8:10, you must sign me in at the front office.
- Upon arriving at school, keep a safe distance from the sidewalk where my friends are walking. **REMEMBER: DO NOT** pass other cars in the drive.
- Park in the extra parking lot if you need to enter the school.
- Do not have conversations with the teachers or other parents while picking me up. This slows down the release process and frustrates other parents.

Thank you for helping to keep me safe!

Visitor Policy: PLEASE READ

Parents and visitors are always welcome here at I.S. and we encourage you to come eat lunch with your child.

However, in an effort to increase security, we have a new procedure for our visitors during student lunch times. Visitors are permitted to have lunch with ONLY THEIR CHILD. The visitor and child may enjoy their lunch in our courtyard.

Our hope is that it will increase our level of security here at I.S. and will allow the parent and child to have an enjoyable lunch together.

I want to thank you in advance for supporting and following our new lunch visiting procedure.

Sincerely,

Mr. Byard, Principal

# P.A.T.H.S. MEMBERSHIP FORM 2022-2023

## Parents And Teachers Helping Students

PATHS is our parent/guardian support group at International Studies. We encourage you to join by filling out and submitting the form below. There are many projects throughout the school year that would not happen without the assistance of this important group. Some of the projects our PATHS group have been responsible for are: providing funds for the courtyard amphitheater, student prizes for various events, new playground equipment, book club materials, and planning and organizing many of the extra events we are able to have at I.S.

PATHS meetings occur on the second Tuesday of every month at 12:00 p.m. and alternately at 6 p.m. Many parents that are involved are working parents that use their lunch breaks to attend the meetings.

We encourage all parents to get involved at International Studies. Even if you are unable to volunteer at this time, please consider joining PATHS; you may return this form/\$5 fee in an envelope marked "PATHS" to your child's teacher.

Membership dues are \$5.00 per family. Your membership is very important to show your support of your child's education and learning environment. Thank you!

-----please detach and return WITH \$5.00 MEMBERSHIP FEE-----

YOUR NAME(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name	Grade	Teacher

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred way to be contacted:  text  email  phone

May we include your information in the PATHS directory? Y / N

\$5.00 Membership fee: Cash  Check

Please circle any items you are willing to help with:

Classroom teacher assistance	hospitality	publicity	fundraisers
Reading to student	Event day activities	Book fair	Shelving books for library
parties	yearbook	International festival	Guest speaker
Read aloud to class	Social events	End of the year activity	Leading a book club

MID-SOUTH HEALTH SYSTEMS  
CHILDREN'S SERVICES  
SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

School Based Mental Health (SBMH) programs provide services to children/adolescents who have been identified as having behavioral and/or emotional problems that impact their ability to function optimally in the classroom. Brennon Dickson, Astrid Stringfellow, and Sarah Lipsky are the SBMH therapists on our campus. Our SBMH programs are a true collaborative effort between a school district and Mid-South Health Systems. All our school based programs in Craighead County are backed by the SBMH Network, which is under the auspices of the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE). The development of the SBMH Network is supported by the ADE's willingness to promote mental health services with professionalism, quality, and accountability. Most services are funded through the Arkansas Medicaid Program including the ArKids First Program. However, a unique aspect of our collaboration with the SBMH Network is that services are provided regardless of student or family Medicaid or third-party enrollment.

**REFERRAL PROCESS/ADMISSION CRITERIA**

Many of our partnering schools have what are called Family Service Meetings once a week which allows a school based team to communicate about the needs of students and their families. The school based team includes the principal, school counselor, school nurse, therapist(s), case manager(s), and other child-serving agencies such as Juvenile Justice and the Division of Children and Family Services. Most referrals for school based mental health are generated through this process; however, when a school is not actively practicing Family Service Meetings the referral can come directly from the school counselor or principal. Generally in every school, the school counselor is the central contact person for all referrals. Once a child is referred, the parent or legal guardian is notified by the school counselor to explain the reason for the referral and to inform the family that they will be contacted by the therapist to set up the initial assessment. Based upon a thorough assessment conducted with the therapist and the family, a level of care and appropriate services are determined. Criteria for admission includes a diagnosis of an emotional and/or behavioral condition as listed in the DSM-V and parental consent for treatment.

Jonesboro International Studies  
Magnet School

General Information



COLORS: Black & Gold MASCOT: Hurricane

**WEBSITE:** You can access the International Studies Magnet School (I.S.) website through the Jonesboro Public School website at [www.jonesboroschools.net](http://www.jonesboroschools.net). The IS website is a wonderful resource for parents and students. It provides a list of staff and email access for each staff member, classroom assignments and homework, lunch menu, early dismissal announcements, educational and community links of interest, and a current calendar of events. Pictures are taken throughout the year and are posted in the scrapbook section, which is a favorite for students.

**JOIN US:** Guests are welcome to come and eat lunch at IS. This is a great way to get to know your child's friends, and your child will love it! If you are planning to have lunch with your child, please send a note in the morning or call the office at 933-5825 by 9 a.m. so that we can plan for an accurate food count. Parents are allowed to eat with their child only (friends of the child are not invited). Please wait for your child in the courtyard, not at his/her room. This is a real treat for students. We ask that parents say good-bye to the student and not accompany the children to recess after lunch. For safety reasons, **PARENTS AND VISITORS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO GO TO THE PLAYGROUND.** This assists us in ensuring a safe environment for our students. Hope to see you soon!

PARENT CENTER  
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAGNET SCHOOL  
Resources for families are available for check out in the Parent Center,  
located in the library.

## ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL PARENTS FOR CHECKOUT

The Parent Center has the following materials available:

- ChromeBooks for home usage
- Informational pamphlets
- Spanish DVD's to help children learn Spanish at home
- "We Both Read" set of easy readers to help children with reading skills
- Reading Comprehension Cards (getting the main idea, noting and recalling details, drawing conclusions and prediction outcomes, using context clues, finding the sequence and finding cause and effect, making inferences)
- Fluency and Comprehension Reading Kit for Grades 1 and 2
- Math resources such as: Racing Around the Clock game; Beginning Fraction Math Game; Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, and Division flash cards
- "Active Parenting for Step Families" DVD
- "Autism: Passport to Friendship" DVD
- A variety of literacy flash cards
- Picture books on C.D.
- Individual C.D. players
- New writing and reading comprehension flashcards
- Sentence structure games
- Elapsed time clocks
- Fraction games

If you cannot personally visit our parent center, simply write a note and send it with your child about what items you would like for them to check out. Teachers may also request items for children to check out in order to practice concepts at home. Please allow up to 24 hours for your order to be filled.



## Recess and Lunch Information

All students in the Jonesboro School District receive **FREE** breakfast and lunch. Breakfast will be delivered to them in their classrooms.

### Recess:

8:20-8:40 First Grade  
8:50-9:10 Sixth Grade  
9:20-9:40 Second Grade  
10:00-10:25 Third Grade  
2:05-2:25 Fifth Grade  
2:35-2:55 Fourth Grade

### Lunch / Recess:

1st Grade 10:45-11:05, 11:05-11:25  
2nd Grade 11:15-11:35, 11:35-11:55  
3rd Grade 11:45-12:05, 12:05-12:25  
4th Grade 12:15-12:35, 12:35-12:55  
5th Grade 12:45-1:05, 1:05-1:25  
6th Grade 1:15-1:35, 1:35-1:55

## Student Email Accounts

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Jonesboro Public Schools provides all students with a web-based email address for school-related purposes only. All JPS email addresses are hosted through Google Apps for Education. These email addresses remain active while students are enrolled at JPS, unless revoked due to a violation of the District's acceptable use policy detailed in the JPS Student/Parent Handbook.

For the 2022-2023 school year, students at International Studies will use the internet and email addresses to:

- Email assignments to the teacher.
- Communicate with the teacher concerning assignments and other school related items.
- Use the calendar to keep up with assignments.
- Collaborate on assignments with Google Drive (formerly Google Docs).

Technology changes daily and we may find new resources to help your children learn. You will be notified in writing if we add other resources to this list during the year. Students will be made aware that there is no assumption of privacy when using a school email address. If used inappropriately, they will have computer privileges revoked.

**If you do not want your child to use his/her school issued email address for the above resources, please contact us at 933-5825 or the respective teacher's email address. Students will be trained to use email addresses.**

Thank you,

4th, 5th, and 6th grade teachers

# International Studies Library

2022-2023

## A Resource for your child

Dear families,

Hello! My name is Katie Beth Lovell (Mrs. Lovell), and I am the Librarian at International Studies. Some of you may be familiar with me because I taught your student in first grade! Every student at I.S. has a 40 minute library class per week. In the past, class time consisted of a brief lesson or story, followed by students selecting their own library materials, and then having quiet reading time at the end. This year we will still have lessons, stories, and time to read, but I will also be implementing use of our "Lightbulb Lab." In this lab students will be able to think, draw, build, design, create, write, and share. This will be a creative and collaborative opportunity embedded into their library curriculum.

Lesson plans and other sites and resources will be posted and linked on my webpage, [islib.weebly.com](http://islib.weebly.com). Students may access our library catalog (Destiny) from that site by clicking on the icon for Destiny on my page. A detailed guide on how to use the library program is posted on their library google classroom page.

Your student will begin checking out library books immediately. **Please encourage them to be responsible in keeping up with and taking care of their library books.** They will be able to take the books home, as long as they are returned in time for class the next week. They are free to re-check books if they want to finish them, or simply love the book, but they must still bring the book to class so I can document that it has not been lost. We do not charge fines for late materials, but a replacement cost must be paid if a book is LOST or DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR.

Each student needs to know their gmail log-in information in order to access the Destiny library program. If they are uncertain about this, they can email me at [katiebeth.lovell@jonesboroschools.net](mailto:katiebeth.lovell@jonesboroschools.net).

The Jonesboro School District provides a library software program called Destiny. With this software, students may search their library catalog anywhere they have internet access. Individual students have a log-in name and password, enabling them to have their own account to create lists, do safe online research, save research files, and search many different databases .

Students may access Destiny by going to the following web address: [library.jonesboroschools.net](http://library.jonesboroschools.net), then choosing their correct campus. Students may

select the tab "Catalog" to search for books, OR log in to their account which launches Destiny Discover, a more student-friendly version, allowing the student to have many resources at their fingertips. If they are looking for materials on a certain topic, Destiny shows them books available in the library with the ability to reserve them or put them in their list, safe articles on the web, and One Search databases with the related information. They may also access Destiny from Mrs. Lovell's web page, which is [islib.weebly.com](http://islib.weebly.com).

The Destiny Quest app may be put on any electronic device (smart phone, tablet, ipad, etc.) with web access. After loading the app, connect with the URL portal [library.jonesboroschools.net](http://library.jonesboroschools.net). After connecting, log in with the individual username and password. The student will stay logged in every time they open the app unless they sign out manually.

With an increase in digital technology, such as electronic books (ebooks), students may also want to install the app for Follett Digital Reader on their tablet or smartphone. From the app store, install the app entitled "Destiny Discover." The **guest log-in** is username: **hurricane**, password: **flags** OR the student may log in to their own account with their normal Destiny log-in. You should be able to access all of the ebooks we have available through our library program with this app, as well as download your own copy of the ebook. If you have any problem accessing this material, please see Mrs. Lovell in the library.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDIES TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

1. **Safety first!** PLEASE observe ALL traffic regulations! They will be enforced by the Jonesboro Police Department. **NO CELL PHONE USAGE WHILE IN CIRCLE DRIVE!!**
2. ALL students who meet their ride on campus are subject to the following rules and regulations:
  - a. Grades 1-6 car riders are picked up on Cobb Street using the Front Door Exit.
  - b. **Exceptions must be submitted in writing to the principal for approval.**
  - c. Day Care Van riders are picked up at the Back Door Exit.
  - d. Back Door Exit will be used by BUS riders and DayCare Vans ONLY.
3. Please observe all traffic signs:
  - a. ALL students are **REQUIRED** to cross at **CROSSWALKS**.
  - b. Cobb Street is One Way to the North.
  - c. Rains is One Way to the South
4. Be considerate of others:
  - a. This is not a good time for visiting—get'em and go!
  - b. In circle drive, stay in the middle, no passing, and **DO NOT** pull on the curb.
  - c. Pull as far forward as possible in circle drive in the morning and afternoon.
  - d. Have your children ready to exit the vehicle in the morning when you pull up to the curb.
  - e. Come to a complete stop before your child opens the door.
5. **IMPORTANT** things to remember:
  - a. **DO NOT** leave vehicles unattended.
  - b. Please wait in line to load. PLEASE do NOT “leapfrog” other vehicles and pull to the curb.
  - c. Please **display the card** with your child’s name and grade in your vehicle window.
  - d. When exiting circle drive, please do not turn left.
  - e. **NO CELL PHONE USAGE IN CIRCLE DRIVE.**
6. Students who leave campus without an adult are considered “walkers”. A note **MUST** be on file with the homeroom teacher. All walkers are dismissed after the traffic has cleared.

Your cooperation in this endeavor is greatly appreciated. The success of our traffic plan depends on the voluntary cooperation of ALL involved. Please share these guidelines with **everyone** who picks up and drops off your child.

**REMEMBER:** Our children learn more by watching what we do than by hearing what we say!

Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production, but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store. You can still clip them and send them to school.

Every valid Box Tops clip is worth 10¢ for your school. Make sure each one has a clearly visible product acronym and expiration date.

If you shop for anything online – clothes, shoes, even plane tickets – check to see if the store you're shopping at is part of the Box Tops Marketplace®. Over 300 stores have partnered with Box Tops so you can automatically earn eBoxTops® for our school with qualified purchases. All you have to do is start at [BTFE.com/marketplace](http://BTFE.com/marketplace) before you shop.

Make sure you sign up to support our school at [BTFE.com](http://BTFE.com). It's totally free and once you do, you'll be able to track our school's earnings and enter for chances to win extra cash for our school.

- BUY your favorite Box Tops products.
- CUT out the Box Top from each package.
- SEND your Box Tops to school with your child.
- YOUR SCHOOL GETS CASH for every Box Top collected to help buy the things it needs most. All those Box Tops really add up!

### THE NEW BOX TOPS LABELS



Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital-only. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label.

If you see this label, use the [new Box Tops app](#) to scan your receipt. Box Tops are still worth 10¢ for your school. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online.