

JESUP COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



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Dear Jesup Community School Parents and Families,

Happy Friday! The great start to the school year continues! Next week is Homecoming Week which always brings some extra excitement throughout the school. The high school will be having a number of dress up days and other activities throughout the week. We invite the middle school and elementary to join in celebrating on Friday with Blue and Orange Day. The sea of J-hawk pride is always impressive as we wrap up Homecoming festivities with the parade, pep rally, and coronation.

Below I am sharing the current COVID numbers as of today. We have seen a recent uptick in positive cases, especially in our early elementary. The good news is that the cases are mostly mild with the students rebounding very quickly. The other population where we are seeing an increase is in our staff members (both vaccinated and unvaccinated). At times this does cause some issues in staffing these absences. I appreciate the flexibility and all hands on deck attitude of our staff in covering these positions, but it is challenging nonetheless. If you know of anyone who is interested in joining our substitute lists (teachers, paras, or any position), I would please encourage them to fill out paperwork.

We will continue to report the number of COVID-19 cases we have each week as well as the county 7-day positivity rates. Currently as of today, we have **14** positive cases or individuals with symptoms awaiting test results to report. The 7-day positivity rate is **7%** for Buchanan County and **9%** for Black Hawk County.

We appreciate your continued support and patience with us as your school district. We are here to meet your children's needs both academically and in regards to their health and well-being. If at any time you have questions or concerns, please reach out through email, phone, or stopping by my office. Have a great weekend! #jhawkproud

Thank you and take care,

Nathan