



## May 2023 THE PRIMARY SOURCE

(for all the Primary News)

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School starts on **Wednesday, August 9<sup>TH</sup>**. Meet & Greet is on **Monday, August 7<sup>TH</sup>**. **CLASS LISTS** will be posted at the Primary School by mid-July. Check our website for further information.

[www.thatcherud.org](http://www.thatcherud.org). Only students who have finished verification online will be posted on that date.

**A Note from the Principal ...** I would like to express my Thanks and Gratitude to the parents, teachers, and the community for the time and effort put into the education of our children this past school year. We all know it takes a team effort to educate and help our precious children grow into awesome young people. I wish to thank retiring teachers Mrs. Conrad, Ms. Claridge, and Mrs. Cooper for their dedicated service to JDPS students. We wish these wonderful ladies the very best in their retirement. I also want to thank Mrs. Valerie Wasson for this year of service to our Primary school music teacher, and Mrs. Vanessa Rubalcava for many years of service teaching 1st grade at JDPS. We wish her the very best as she moves into Title 1 at the Elementary School. We welcome into our school family Mrs. Brittany Gerber Kindergarten, Mrs. Brenda Ayers and Raynee Norton as Second grade teachers, Mrs. Melinda Lamoreaux First grade and Mrs. Carley Angle Music Teacher. I also wish to give a shout out to all the great subs we have had this year along with our instructional, and inclusion aides. I would like to give a special thanks to all those parents that put volunteer hours in at our school. JDPS clocked over 2500+ hours of volunteer time this past year. Your service to our students is so appreciated. We are blessed to live in a community that values education and is willing to support its children through the giving of your time. Last but not least thanks to our very supportive PTO as they are always been here for the students and teachers. We know how hard you work to help us out and we just want you to know how much we love and appreciate you. Mr. Gifford will be in the Principals office starting this summer and can be reached by email at [gifford.lin@thatcherud.org](mailto:gifford.lin@thatcherud.org) or at 928-348-7242. It has been such a Great and Awesome pleasure to serve the children, parents, teachers, and community for the past 40 years the last 18.5 as JDPS Principal. My life has been all about my Family and Thatcher Unified Schools. As a student for 13 years and a Teacher, Coach, and Administrator I have been entering the doors of Thatcher schools for 53 years so it is a bittersweet feeling for me as I retire this year. I express my love to all I have been involved with this past 40 years. You, your children, and my Colleagues have touched and influenced my life in more ways than you will know. I Bleed Green and Forever will be a Thatcher Eagle! Love you All! Thanks, Mr. Allred

### From the office...

Please remember this Thursday is an *Early, Early Release Day*. We will let out at **10:00 am**. All students who currently attend JDPS will need to register/verify online starting sometime in July. Please check our website and Thatcher Schools Facebook to see when it opens. This will help us have the correct and updated information in our system for the new year. Reminder to all students, if you are not caught up on immunizations, you will not be able to attend school. If you have any questions, please call the school. The secretaries will be out of the school office after May 31<sup>st</sup>. We will return in August. Thank you for all the support you give to the students and teachers!  
*Have a Great Summer!*

