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## Letter from the Interim Principal

Hello!

I can't believe we are near the end of the first trimester! Our first family event, Harvest Fest, hosted by the Black House was a huge success! It was a joy to see so many of our families come together to celebrate fall. As a reminder, daily attendance is critical for our students' success and overall growth. If you need support or resources for your child to attend school everyday, please let us know.

We have launched a few initiatives this school year including a literacy initiative and attendance initiative. Details regarding both will be shared with you in the month of November. We are actively reviewing and revamping several schoolwide policies as well. These policies will support in meeting our school wide goals in addition to improving our climate and culture.

Below are a few reminders for our continued partnership to be sure our students are set for success!

- Read daily with your scholar.
- Please bring your student to school daily, attendance is key.
- Don't forget to sign up for parent- teacher conferences with your scholar(s) teacher!

As always, I can be reached by phone at 815-316-009s and by email at ewrenn@jacksoncharterschool.org.

In partnership, Dr. Ebony Wrenn Interim Principal

#### **Important Dates**

5th	No School - Election Day
20th	Parent Teacher Conferences
21st	Parent Teacher Conferences
21st	Turkey Bingo Family Event
25th thru 29th	No School - Fall Break





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### We Are All About Literacy!

This month we have been focused on literacy! Our school is focusing on enhancing our leveled libraries to better support each student's unique reading journey. Leveled libraries provide a range of books carefully selected to match different reading abilities, allowing students to build confidence and make steady progress in their literacy skills. By offering books that meet students where they are, we aim to foster a love for reading and encourage growth at each student's own pace. We also hope that you have been participating at home in the reading initiative with United Way of Rock River Valley and Rockford Rivets to earn prizes for reading and completing the reading log, which is due by November 15th.

### Jackson Charter CHAMPS

We are thrilled to provide you with an update on our Champs Behavioral Initiative, which is designed to foster a positive school environment and enhance student behavior throughout our community. The Champs initiative focuses on creating a supportive and structured environment where students learn the importance of respect, responsibility, and teamwork. Through this program, we aim to encourage positive behavior and reduce disruptions, allowing everyone to thrive academically and socially.

1. Behavior Expectations: Students are taught clear expectations for behavior across all areas of the school, including classrooms, hallways, and playgrounds.

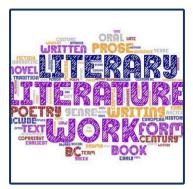
2. Recognition and Rewards: We celebrate students who exemplify positive behavior through a variety of recognition programs, including monthly awards and shout-outs during school assemblies.

3. Parent Involvement: We believe that collaboration with families is essential. We encourage parents to reinforce these values at home and participate in discussions about behavior expectations.

4. Support Systems: Our staff is dedicated to providing support and guidance to students who may need additional help in meeting behavior expectations.

As we continue to implement the Champs Behavioral Initiative, we appreciate your support in reinforcing these principles at home. Together, we can cultivate a respectful and productive learning environment for all students.

Thank you for being a vital part of our school community!











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## Why Attendance Matters

Regular attendance is not just about being present; it's about being engaged in the learning process. Every day in school contributes to your child's academic success. We urge all families to prioritize school attendance and support our initiative.

We are excited to announce our new schoolwide Attendance Initiative Program aimed at improving student attendance and ensuring academic success for all our students. Regular attendance is crucial, as it directly impacts learning and achievement. To encourage consistent attendance, we will be implementing several rewards and recognition strategies.

- 1. **Monthly Reporting:** At the end of each month, we will recognize students who achieve 91% attendance or higher.
- 2. **Incentives for Students:** 100% Attendance: Students with perfect attendance will be rewarded with free dress days and pizza parties.
- 3. **Bragging Rights:** The class with the highest attendance will receive the coveted "Trophy of the Month."
- 4. **Family Engagement:** We believe that family involvement is essential for student success. Therefore, we will hold parent drawings to reward participation in the attendance initiative with food or gas gift cards for lucky winners!

Thank you for your commitment to improving attendance at Jackson Charter School. Together, we can make a significant difference in our students' educational experience!

### Family Survey is Live!

Our Family Survey is live, and we want to hear from you! **Please scan the QR code** to the right to submit your response.

- Parent Bootcamp: EVERY THURSDAY 10:30 am via Zoom or in person Join Zoom Meeting <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5152252486</u> Meeting ID: 515 225 2486 +13092053325,,5152252486# US +13126266799,,5152252486# US (Chicago)
- Parents Taking Action (PTA): Planning meeting EVERY Thursday 10:30 am Room119 or join via Zoom <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5152252486</u> Meeting ID: 515 225 2486 +13092053325,5152252486# US +13126266799,5152252486# US (Chicago)











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## Parent Resources

Illinois Food Bank has partnered with Jackson Charter School. If you desire a backpack filled with nutritious ingredients for healthy meals, please email scopeland@jacksoncharterschool.org or zhoover@jacksoncharterschool.org to sign up.

#### **Employment Resources**

Name	Website	Phone	Address
Illinois Department of Employment Security	IllinoisJobLink.com	877-342-7533	
Workforce Connection	theworkforceconnection.org	815-847-7574	303 N Main Street, Rockford
Illinois workNet	illinoisworknet.com		

#### **Government Resources**

Name	Website	Phone	Address
Illinois Department of Children & Family Services	dcfs.illinois.gov	815-987-7640	175 Executive Pkwy Suite 113, Rockford
Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services	hfs.illinois.gov		
Illinois Department of Human Services	abe.illinois.gov	815-987-7620	171 Executive Pkwy, Suite 101, Rockford
Winnebago County Health Department	wchd.org	815-720-4000	555 N Court St, Rockford





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## **Parent Resources Continued**

#### **Community Resources**

Name	Website	Phone	Address	
Children's Home & Aid	brightpoint.org	815-962-1043	424 7th St, Rockford	
Gro Community	grocommunity.org	815-860-3043	308 W. State Street Unit 96, Rockford	
MENtality Unchained –Mental Health Services	mentalityunchained.com	815-566-7138		
New Zion Legal Clinic	administerjustice.org	855-818-4554	4747 W. Riverside Blvd., Rockford	
Youth Services Network	ysnkids.com	815-986-1947	107 N 3rd St, Rockford	
YWCA Child Care Solutions		815-484-9442	4990 East State Street, Rockford	
MELD		815-633-6353	3703 N. Main St. #107 Rockford II 61103	
R3- Restore, Reinvest, Renew	nyap.org	708-295-1095		
Youth Trauma Clinic (YTC)		815-986-1947		
National Youth Advocate Program Mobile Crisis Response & Stabilization		833-827-4747	crisisinfo@nyap.org	

#### **Educational Resources**

Name	Website	Phone	Address
YWCA Literacy Council	ywcanwil.org/litcouncil	815-968-9681	982 N Main St, Rockford
Rockford Public Library	rockfordpubliclibrary.org/digital- resources-for-kids/	815-965-7606	214 N. Church Street, Rockford

