Dolphin Fans,

I can hardly believe its October. We have had a busy start to the 2018-19 school year! I am truly proud of the accomplishments we’ve achieved as a school community. I want to take a moment and highlight some of our successes thus far...

- All students have logged in to their JCPS Digital Backpacks and have started the process of uploading their best work into their skills and dispositions folders
- Incorporated Project Based learning activities in ALL of our classrooms
- Integrated Google Classroom to ALL students
- Introduced the Dunn Graduate Profile
- Focused professional development for our staff around assimilating deeper learning experiences in their classrooms
- School wide Google Infrastructure
- Our school community raised enough money from FUNdfest to purchase 2 additional Chromebook carts for teachers to use in their classrooms

We still have so many great changes to come! The school digital backpack team will be working with teachers and students as we select exemplary artifacts throughout this school year to add to their folders. You may be wondering, what is a digital backpack? It is similar to a digital portfolio where a student can file (upload) pieces of work as evidence to support their mastery of learning in the following categories of our Dunn Graduate Profile.

1. Literacy
2. Numeracy
3. Effective Communicator
4. Prepared & Resilient Learner
5. Productive Collaborator
6. Emerging Innovator
7. Globally & Culturally Competent Citizen

We are also moving in the direction of student led conferences. These types of conferences give students the opportunity to guide their families through their portfolios, they provide evidence of their learning, and their progress towards standards and habits of scholarship. It affirms to parents, the teacher and the student the level of skill and understanding on identified essential standards. In order to make student led conferences successful, we are asking parents to please bring their child with them to the scheduled conference on October 9th. Since it will be our first attempt at this type of conference, we will conduct a hybrid model where students will lead half of the time and the teacher will lead the other half of the conference. If you are unable to bring your child to the conference with you due to scheduling conflicts, please let their teacher know as soon as possible. Teachers are starting to prepare and practice presentations with their students in support of the effective communicator skill.

Lastly, in the sake of transparency, I wanted to communicate some of the staffing issues we have been experiencing. After two postings for the Art and Music position, we have been unable to find a candidate that would be the right fit for our school. The interview committee decided to post the position again and hope to have a permanent teacher by mid-October. The STEAM lab has been another teaching position that we have attempted to fill and after multiple interviews, were unable to find a strong candidate with experience in both technology and instruction. Therefore, Mrs. Tegge, a current second grade teacher at Dunn, will be the new...
Have you ever wondered how your children find books in the Dunn Library? There are over 10,000 books, so it’s not an easy task! Mrs. Wallace has made two videos showing you how to look up a book using the online catalog system (the 2018 version of a card catalog) and how to use signs in the library to locate the proper shelf of the book you are hoping to check out. Be sure to watch the videos at home to become a distinguished library patron! The videos can also be accessed from the Dunn Library website. As always, be sure to see the exciting things happening by following @DunnLibrary on Instagram and Twitter.

Click on the following link to get to the Dunn Library website. Scroll down until you see a section called “Library World Tutorials” where you will find two videos.

website: http://jcpsky.libguides.com/dunnlibrary

Look at all the fun our students are having at the Teacher Experiences!!!!

STEAM lab teacher and will start as soon as we have hired a new teacher to replace her. My tentative timeline for that placement is October 15th. Mrs. Tegge is excited to begin in her new position and has so many wonderfully engaging ideas for your child’s experiences in the STEAM lab.

Stay tuned for more information to come about future Parent Symposiums on the Digital Backpacks, Graduate Profile, Deeper Learning Exhibitions, Project Based Learning, and 5th grade Graduate Defenses of Learning! It’s a great day to be a Dunn Dolphin, we are blazing the trail in JCPS on ALL of these research-based initiatives that are best for kids!

Fervently,

Tracy Barber, Ed.D.

*** Friendly Reminder ***

We love to have visitors come eat with our students during lunch. When a visitor comes to the cafeteria, you will need to sit at the overflow table (table 8) with your child and ONE guest/friend. If you are bringing outside food, please remember the importance of bringing in healthy lunches (no fast food or sodas). We look forward to seeing you at lunch time!

Not getting the Dolphin Splash?
If a loved one or friend is not signed up, have them contact Laura Witt at 485-8240 and provide an email address.

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schools.jefferson.kyschools.us/Elementary/dunn/
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We aim to incorporate school-wide news, achievements, and challenges. Please email PTA Secretary, Jennifer Swan at jenngower@yahoo.com with updates, news, events, and pictures. Submissions should be made by 4 p.m. Thursday for inclusion in the next issue.